

Minutes of a Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 26 July 2022 at 7:00pm
in the Council Chamber at the Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Williams, N Mees, F Purdue-Horan, A Shelton, V Leach, J Best, R Bird, J Lewis, T Birch, M Stockwood, J Stockwood and W Stapleton

Officer/s: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 0

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors P Moskwa and T Wallace.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors A Shelton, J Stockwood and F Purdue-Horan declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8 as members of the Twinning Association.

Councillor N Mees declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 15, legal advice and confirmed that he would not be present for the item.

Councillor G Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8 as a committee member of the Twinning Association and would not take part the discussion or vote for that item.

Councillors J Lewis, J Stockwood, M Stockwood, F Purdue-Horan, G Williams all confirmed that they were approaching item 15, legal advice, with an open mind and without pre-determination.

3. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No public were present.

4. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor confirmed that he had attended the Mayor of Rushcliffe Civic Service on 17 July 2022.

5. MINUTES

- (a) **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2022 (Folios 9934 to 9937), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and were signed by the Mayor as an accurate record.

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- (a) HR Committee, 12 July 2022

RESOLVED: that the committee recommendations be approved.

- (b) Finance, Policy & Resources Committee, 12 July 2022

RESOLVED: that the committee recommendations be approved.

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(c) Planning Committee, 12 July 2022

RESOLVED: that the decisions of the meeting be noted.

7. HEALTH & SAFETY EMPLOYEES HANDBOOK AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

A query was raised over the capacity to implement the management system, the Clerk confirmed that as the system was a lengthy document it would take time and the Council would receive updates on the progress of implementation.

RESOLVED: to adopt and implement the Health and Safety Management handbook and employee's handbook.

8. GRANT AID – BINGHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

RESOLVED: to grant £120 for a gift and hospitality for the Twinned Town of Wallenfels.

9. MERCHANT NAVY DAY

The Council noted that arrangements had been made for Thursday 01 September 2022 at 11am to fly the Red Ensign.

10. CIVIC SERVICE

The Council noted that the Civic Service would be held at the Methodist Centre on Sunday 23 October 2022.

11. MEETING CALENDAR

The meetings schedule for Sept and Oct 2022 was reviewed due to annual leave. Options were considered and it was agreed that Finance, Policy and Resources would now meet on 20 September 2022, Full Council on 04 October 2022 and Community, Recreation and Amenities on 18 October 2022. No alterations to Planning Meetings were required.

RESOLVED: to alter the meeting calendar for September and October 2022.

12. INSURANCE

The Council had previously agreed a 5-year insurance term with Zurich insurance. The renewal confirmation amount of £3590.99 was noted.

13. INVOICES OVER £5000

An invoice from Finding Fitness for equipment and staffing of the summer sports club was presented.

RESOLVED: to make payment of £5940 inc Vat to Finding Fitness

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Conservation Area Review – this was requested to be discussed at the next meeting of the Community, Recreation and Environment Committee
- (b) Barratt David Wilson – Poppy Circles - this was requested to be discussed at the next meeting of the Community, Recreation and Environment Committee

Councillor R Bird updated the Council that the Police Priority Setting meeting had identified the next priorities as the use of electric scooters, speeding vehicles including electric scooters, rural crime and anti-social behaviour.

15. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960
PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEXT BUSINESS, THE FOLLOWING
RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED, SECONDED AND CARRIED:

“That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw”

- Confidential notes from the meeting held on 28 June 2022

RESOLVED: that the notes be approved.

- Confidential notes from the HR Committee meeting held on 12 July 2022

RESOLVED: that the recommendation be approved.

- Confidential notes from the Finance, Policy & Resources Meeting held on 12 July 2022

RESOLVED: that the recommendation be approved.

- Legal advice

RESOLVED: the Clerk be given delegated authority to progress the decision with the Council’s legal advisor.

- Staffing Matters

RESOLVED: to approve the emergency expenditure of £840 for contractor assistance.

RESOLVED: to approve continued contractor assistance within the budgets set for open space/play area maintenance and cemetery maintenance.

Public meeting closed at 7.38pm
Confidential Meeting closed at 8.48pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

Date.....