

Minutes of a meeting of the Community, Recreation and Amenities Committee of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham on Tuesday 13 December 2022 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Lewis, W Stapleton, V Leach, F Purdue-Horan, J Stockwood and G Williams

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 1 Including Cllr N Mees

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors M Stockwood and P Moskwa. Councillor F Purdue-Horan was noted as a substitute for Councillor M Stockwood.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 18 October 2022, Folios 9974 to 9978, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING DECISIONS

The updated report was noted.

5. BUDGET TO ACTUALS TO 30 NOVEMBER 2022

The budgets presented were noted.

6. 2023/2024 EVENTS BUDGETS AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

The report was considered by the committee of the partnership working and it was noted that financial support for the programme of events that Bingham Community Events wish to deliver in 2023 will be presented to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee in January.

RECOMMEND: acceptance of the partnership working arrangements for the 2023 Summer Fair and Christmas Market.

RECOMMEND: re-allocation of the £500 Tree budget to the Christmas Market budget to assist with the impact of expected increased costs.

7. 2023/2024 COMMITTEE BUDGET REQUIREMENT

The committee noted that to deliver on the income required, a focus on the cemetery charges was required and that consideration to the allotment rents was also required as the costs had increased significantly.

It was also considered that the committee should look to place earmarked funds aside for replacement of owned lighting for the Christmas displays and events costs as in the previous year.

8. THREE YEAR RESERVES PLAN

The reserves plan was reviewed and any committee projects not complete would move to 2023/2024.

9. BINGHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS CHRISTMAS 2021 AND SUMMER 2022 ACCOUNTS

The committee noted the accounts provided.

10. FEEDBACK ON THE 2022 CHRISTMAS MARKET

The committee noted that the fair had been a busy night and it was testament to the promotion of the event by Bingham Community Events (BCE) and changes that have made. The food outlets and retailers in the town had also benefitted from the additional visitors to the event and the event was supported by them remaining open for the evening.

The Clerk and BCE were considering signage prior to the day for road closures and some alteration to the management of traffic at set up and during the event.

11. CIVIC AWARDS ARRANGEMENTS

The committee confirmed that allowing nominees to speak at the event, under a structured time had previously been successful and that a Sunday afternoon would allow greater attendance for those with work commitments during the week. The Mayor would work with the Clerk to confirm a date for the event.

12. 2022/2023 GRANT FUND FOR THE LINEAR PARK

The committee received a report on the grant fund expenditure for the Linear Park for the 2022/2023 financial year. The Committee also noted that the work was agreed with the Friends of Bingham Linear Park and that Rushcliffe Borough Council had received confirmation of the plans for the expenditure, as per the grant conditions.

13. UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR BORE HOLES ACROSS THREE SITES

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The committee received a report on the meetings held with the Council's tenants and Severn Trent Water. The committee noted the update and the tenants' approvals, subject to information being received. It was also agreed to

RECOMMEND: that the Clerk continue to work with Severn Trent Water to arrange the bore holes at Butt Field, Wynhill and the Old Allotment site.

14. POPPY BRICKS MEMORIAL

The Clerk confirmed that the poppy bricks had not yet been delivered to the Council and the committee confirmed that on delivery the bricks would need to be checked and work undertaken to see if the remaining designs on them could be protected. The cemetery had several locations where trees had failed to survive, so a suitable location would need to be identified. The Clerk was asked to work with the British Legion to progress potential options for a memorial.

15. FINDING FITNESS SUMMER FITNESS CAMP PROPOSAL

The previous summer camp was noted as providing free sports opportunities for families in the town, supported by successful lottery grant funding. The proposal for paid opportunities was considered and the committee agreed that they needed further understanding of what services were missing for the young people of the town. The committee agreed that the Council should avoid duplicating services already on offer and further work to ascertain the needs of the town was required.

RECOMMEND: that the proposal was not accepted at this time.

It was agreed to change the order and move to agenda item 17 prior to 16 at this point. The minutes have been recorded in agenda order.

16. REQUEST FOR CUTTING BACK OF VEGETATION

The request for cutting back for the resident was considered and the history of the site shared. The committee noted that the bushes had been placed to prevent unauthorised access across resident's land from the Linear Park. The committee considered that once the hedges were cut, the resident could then more easily maintain the boundary.

RECOMMEND: that as gesture of good will, a cut back of the vegetation would be authorised to allow future maintenance by the resident.

17. GATEWAY SIGNS TO THE FOUR TOWN ENTRANCES

County Councillor F Purdue-Horan confirmed that he had received comments regarding the gateway entrances to Bingham from residents and Bingham Heritage Trails Association at a recent event. A project to upgrade the entrances to Bingham with additional gateway signs that show the heritage of the town was noted by the committee, in addition to, rather than replacement of, the large signs already at the sites. The committee confirmed support for a

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potential project to add additional gateway signs and asked that the Clerk investigate options with County Councillor F Purdue-Horan.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence was received:

- (a) Friends of Bingham Linear Park Minutes
- (b) Long Acre Traffic Concerns
- (c) Playing Pitch Strategy Mid-Term Review
- (d) Community Speed Watch
- (e) Low Carbon Energy Planning Policy Consultation

The committee agreed to extend the meeting time.

19. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

- Minutes from 18 October 2022

RECOMMEND: approval of the confidential minutes.

The meeting closed at 10.08 pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date:
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Acceptance of the partnership working arrangements with Bingham Community Events for the 2023 Summer Fair and Christmas Market
- Re-allocation of the £500 Tree budget to the Christmas Market budget to assist with the impact of expected increased costs
- The Clerk continue to work with Severn Trent Water to arrange the bore holes at Butt Field, Wynhill and the Old Allotment site
- The proposal from finding fitness was not accepted at this time
- As a gesture of good will, a cut back of the vegetation would be authorised to allow future maintenance by the resident.