

Minutes of a Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 15 November 2022 at 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber at the Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT:

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

Officer/s: S Ellis (Locum Clerk)

Public: 4

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors P Moskwa due to work commitments, J Best and V Leach due to ill health.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Birch declared an interest in item 9 as an interested tenant for a room in the Old Court House.

Councillor J Stockwood confirmed that he was approaching item 16 with an open mind and without pre-determination.

3. PUBLIC SESSION

A resident enquired as to whether the Town Council were going to inform Bingham residents know about the devolution deal as the consultation was now open.

Mayor advised that the Town Council have had no involvement with this, but would put an update on the website, pointing members of the public in the right direction.

Cllr. Purdue-Horan advised that at the Full Nott's County Council meeting it was agreed that this information should be passed down to all Town & Parish Councils

A representative from the Rugby Club requested that another meeting arranged of the Wynhill Re-Development Committee, so it remains prominent.

The Mayor advised that he would speak to the clerk to arrange another meeting.

Standing Orders were suspended at 19.10pm for prayers and standing orders were re-instated at 19.12pm.

4. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor confirmed that since the last meeting he had attended:

- A meeting with two Toot Hill students to thank them for their hard work & commitment with litter picking
- Civic Service at the Methodist Church
- Was invited to speak to a local cubs group as they are learning about parliament

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- Attended Armistice Day and a service of dedication at Romans Quarter, where seven trees were planted
- Attended Remembrance Sunday and laid a wreath on behalf of the Town Council

5. MINUTES

- (a) **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 04 October 2022 (Folios 9969 to 9973), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and were signed by the Mayor as an accurate record.
- (b) **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held on 19 October 2022 (Folio 9979), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and were signed by the Mayor as an accurate record
- (c) **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held on 01 November 2022 (Folio 9980), 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) Community, Recreation & Amenities, 18 October 2022
RESOLVED: that the committee recommendations be approved.
- (b) Finance, Policy & Resources Committee, 01 November 2022
RESOLVED: that the committee recommendations be approved.
- (c) Planning Committee, 04 October 2022
The decisions of the meeting were noted.
- (d) Planning Committee, 01 November 2022
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7. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The draft updated model financial regulations were reviewed.

RESOLVED: to adopt the updated model financial regulations.

8. CIVILITY AND RESPECT

The Civility and Respect model Councillor Officer protocol was received.

RESOLVED: to adopt the model Councillor Officer protocol

9. WARM SPACES

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The Town Council considered how they could help to facilitate warm spaces through providing grant aid to local organisations and if required consider providing a space in the Old Court House.

The Methodist was noted as being better equipped and a more suitable location. The pressure that it may put on the staff capacity was also considered, if the Old Court House was used as warm space. The library was also noted as a warm space to be accessed.

RESOLVED To give delegated authority to the Clerk to award community grant aid to those who apply for costs towards providing for a warm space, in consultation with all Councillors.

Councillor T Birch participated in the discussion for item 9 but abstained from voting.

Standing Orders were suspended at 19.45pm to allow a member of public to comment on item 12. Standing Orders were re-instated at 19.50pm. The order of business was changed to take item 12 after item 9, but the minutes are recorded in agenda order.

A representative of the Rugby Club requested that any site visits arranged involved the clubs. Concerns over the length of time the areas could be lost for were also raised.

10. GROWTH BOARD

The Council received a report on the history of the Growth Board and the terms of reference. The current representation for Bingham Town Council was confirmed as the Mayor and Clerk. Councillors considered that there should be more representation from the Town Council as the elected members. It was requested that if the agenda was shared with all councillors prior to the meeting, it would give members the opportunity to ask the Council's representative to raise points for other members.

RESOLVED that the agenda is shared with all councillors on receipt and a request be made for more representation from Bingham Town Council to be considered. It was also agreed to request that all elected members of the Town Council be permitted to attend and listen to the meeting and that more detailed minutes or a further report from the Mayor or Clerk regarding the meeting be provided.

Standing Orders were suspended at 20.09pm for a member of public to comment on item 10. Standing Orders were re-instated at 20.10pm.

The member of public advised that she has previously attended the Growth Board, and comments were noted that the resident felt the board is more of a fact-finding group.

11. MARKET STALLS

RESOLVED: to hire the stalls to Rushcliffe Borough Council at a cost of £20 per stall.

12. BORE HOLES

RESOLVED: that a response to Severn Trent Water is sent to confirm that site visits have been requested by both tenants prior to agreement for bore holes.

13. INVOICES

RESOLVED: to approve payment of £9484.93 to Rushcliffe Borough Council for by election costs.

14. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a) Cllr Bird reported that he had attended the Police Priority Group whose priorities were as follows: Traffic- speeding- hare coursing and Christmas issues (in particular burglary).

15. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

16. 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”

A representative of Bingham Community Events remained for the first item relating to their project.

- Bingham Community Events Project

RESOLVED funds can be carried forward to 2023-2024

- Confidential notes, Full Council meeting held on 04 October 2022

The notes were accepted as an accurate record.

- Confidential notes, Extra Ordinary Full Council meeting on 19 October 2022

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- Confidential notes, Extra Ordinary Full Council meeting on 01 November 2022

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- Confidential notes, Community, Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting on 18 October 2022

RESOLVED: that the recommendation be accepted.

- Legal Matters

The Council noted the update.

- Staff Matters

RESOLVED: that the Mayor or in his absence, the Deputy Mayor, the chair of the HR Committee, or in his absence, the vice-chair, and the chair of the Finance, Policy & Resources Committee, or in his absence, the vice-chair shall conduct a review of the performance and annual appraisal of the work of the Proper Officer/Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED: to proceed with Locum Support for the work of the Council whilst recruitment is progressed.

The Meeting closed at 8.59pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

Date.....