

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance, Policy & Resources Committee of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 04 March 2025 at 7.15pm
held in the Councill Chamber of The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT:

Councillors: R Bird, T Wallace, E Georgiou, N Jejna, F Purdue-Horan and N Mees.

Officer: J Riddle (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public: 2 including Councillor W Stapleton.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor M Stockwood.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor N Mees declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 16 as a family member volunteers for the events group.

Councillors E Georgiou, F Purdue-Horan and R Bird declared an interest in item 14 as each had donated to the group through their Borough and County Council grant funds and confirmed they would not take part in consideration of that item.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of 07 January 2025, Folios 10252 to 10255 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. **OUTSTANDING DECISIONS AND AGREE FURTHER ACTIONS**

The committee noted the updated decisions and actions report.

5. **ACCOUNTS PAID REPORT TO 31 JANUARY 2025**

RESOLVED: to approve the accounts paid report of £53,525.21 to 31 January 2025.

6. **BANK RECONCILIATIONS**

RESOLVED: to approve the reconciliation reports to 31 December 2024 and 31 January 2025.

7. **BUDGET TO ACTUALS TO 31 JANUARY 2025**

RESOLVED: to approve the budget to actuals report to 31 January 2025.

8. **BINGHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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The committee received the constitution, mission statement and updated account from Bingham Community Events and reviewed the partnership working.

Standing orders were suspended at 7.34pm to allow a representative of the group to answer queries and standing orders were re-instated at 7.46pm.

RESOLVED: to confirm acceptance of the partnership review and confirm continuation of the annual accounts review. Thanks to be passed on to the events group for their continued work in delivering events for the Bingham Community.

9. **DEVELOPED CONCEPT FOR THE WYNHILL SITE**

The update that stage 1 was nearing completion, and a review of next steps would be considered at the Full Council was noted by the committee.

10. **CHAPEL LANE COMMUNITY LAND**

RESOLVED: to reaffirm the Town Council's interest in the community land at Chapel Lane and a continuation of planning consultant assistance with agreeing the section 106 arrangements.

11. **POLICY REVIEWS**

(a) **GENERAL RESERVES**

RESOLVED: to approve the updated General Reserves Policy.

(b) **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

RESOLVED: to approve the updated Health and Safety Policy.

12. **INTERNAL CONTROLS**

RESOLVED: to approve the internal controls to 31 March 2025.

13. **SOLAR PANEL LEASE LICENCE FOR BUTT FIELD PAVILLION**

RESOLVED: to agree a second lease licence for the new proposed solar works and accept legal fees in the region of £1000 plus VAT to be allocated from the three year reserve plan.

RESOLVED: to write a letter reaffirming the Council's position for future projects to be issued to Butt Field Sports Club.

14. **COMMUNITY GRAND APPLICATIONS**

(a) Bingham and District Audio Magazine

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RESOLVED: to grant an award of £400 to Bingham and District Audio Magazine to support website design costs.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was received.

16. **CONFIDENTIAL**

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”

The following matters were discussed:

- Confidential notes from the meeting held on 07 January 2025.

RESOLVED: to approve the confidential notes.

- Cogley Lane Land

RESOLVED: to confirm interest in the play area land at Cogley Lane.

The meeting closed at: 8.43pm

.....CHAIRMAN

.....DATE

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RECOMMENDATIONS: (None)

RESOLUTIONS:

- to approve the accounts paid report of £53,525.21 to 31 January 2025.
- to approve the reconciliation reports to 31 December 2024 and 31 January 2025.
- to approve the budget to actuals report to 31 January 2025.
- to confirm acceptance of the partnership review with Bingham Community Events and confirm continuation of the annual accounts review. Thanks to be passed on to the events group for their continued work in delivering events for the Bingham Community.
- to reaffirm the Town Council's interest in the community land at Chapel Lane and a continuation of planning consultant assistance with agreeing the section 106 arrangements.
- to approve the updated General Reserves Policy.
- to approve the updated Health and Safety policy.
- to approve the internal controls to 31 March 2025.
- to agree a second lease licence for the new proposed solar works and accept legal fees in the region of £1000 plus VAT to be allocated from the three year reserve plan.
- to send a letter reaffirming the Council's position for future projects to be issued to Butt Field Sports Club.
- to grant an award of £400 to Bingham and District Audio Magazine to support website design costs.
- approval of the confidential notes from the meeting held on 07 January 2025.
- to confirm interest in the play area land at Cogley Lane.