

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 29th January, 2008, at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood – Chairman
 " A. Hall
 " Mrs. S. Hull
 " Mrs. J. Marshall
 " F. Purdue-Horan

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor G. Davidson.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th November, 2007, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and approved.

2.00 COMMUNITY ISSUES:

01 Outstanding Issues

The Town Clerk reported on current outstanding matters and the Committee agreed actions as appropriate. A copy of the Outstanding Matters Schedule is attached at Appendix A.

02 Community Speedwatch

The Town Clerk reported on the current situation in respect of Community Speedwatch, in particular in relation to the possible inclusion of Aslockton and Whatton-in-the-Vale within any purchasing arrangements for a monitoring device. It was also noted that Whatton-in-the-Vale may be interested in forming a Speed Watch Group and the Town Clerk was due to arrange a meeting between the Co-ordinator of Community Speedwatch and representatives from Whatton. It was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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2.00 COMMUNITY ISSUES continued.....

03 Review of Polling Areas

The Town Clerk reported that further to F5682/5.01, Rushcliffe Borough Council had determined that the use of the Methodist Centre as a polling station for the West Ward was unsatisfactory and had recommended use of the Town Pavilion for the Ward with the situation to be monitored. The Committee expressed some reservations on the proposal but

RESOLVED to note the report.

04 Report of the Community Building Working Group

Report attached at Appendix B.

In considering the notes, the Chairman reported that the Group had requested that the potential of a purchase or long-term lease of the former Pioneer shop at Eaton Place be further pursued. The Group had previously visited the site and considered that it would be suitable for use as a Community Centre. It was considered that the use of the premises would represent best value for the town. It was also possible that the Town Council offices could be moved to the same site. The Committee expressed disappointment that no response had been received from Rushcliffe Borough Council further to recent requests to assist the Town Council in pursuing this option.

The Committee also gave detailed consideration to the use of Moorlands by the County Council and whether such use represented benefit to Bingham residents. The Day Centre had been built under a bequest from a local resident, but it was unclear whether any monies remained from the bequest or whether the building was largely utilised by local residents.

3.00 PROMOTION ISSUES:

01 Matters Arising (for information)

There were no Matters Arising for information to report.

02 Report of the Promotions Working Group

Report attached at Appendix C.

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4.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Rector of St. Mary & All Saints Parish Church, inviting the Town Mayor to perform the opening ceremony of the Christmas Tree Festival. In considering the letter, the Committee agreed to exhibit in the display.

5.00 **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS:**

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 item was discussed:

UPDATE FROM LIFTCO

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE AS AT 22.1.08

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Folio</u>	<u>Date of Report</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Partnership Groups	Groups to be listed	Database being compiled to go on to Town Council website.		22.1.08	
Precinct Clock	Building Better Communities requested to consider grant for Eaton Place clock.	Building Better Communities refused grant as clock is in private ownership. Town Clerk to pursue direct with site agents.		22.1.08	
C.C.T.V. – Town Centre	New quotations to be obtained for camera, subject to location being identified.	Police had identified site and Clerk was awaiting landowner’s permission. If not possible, then Highways Authority to be approached re. erecting suitable post.		22.1.08	
Review of Polling Areas	Awaiting Rushcliffe’s report.	Report of Town Clerk – R.B.C. review had now taken place.		22.1.08	Remove from list

Notes of the Meeting of the **Community Building Working Group** held on **Monday, 12th November, 2007.**

Councillors Mrs. M. Stockwood, G. Davidson and F. Purdue-Horan in attendance.

The following items were discussed:-

Methodist Centre Proposals

It was noted that the talks were on-going. Grantham has a shared situation with the Methodists there, and we would ask the Town Clerk to make enquiries as to how this works. We would also like to know how the lottery bid for funding was progressing.

Action by Town Clerk.

Pioneer Shop

It was agreed that we still need to apply pressure to stop it being left empty. We need to talk to Rushcliffe Borough Council further with regard to possible compulsory purchase. A letter should be sent from Bingham Town Council to Rushcliffe Borough Council, indicating that we would like this item on the Agenda for the meeting on the 6th December, 2007, with the Chief Executive and his senior management team. They could then come prepared with possible answers.

Letter by Town Clerk.

Crown Estate Representatives

It was noted that there has been a lack of meaningful dialogue and continuing delays in holding talks. When we have spoken over the past year, they have gone away saying they will answer queries raised but have not got back to us.

Town Clerk to arrange meeting urgently.

Moorlands Day Centre

The point was raised that this facility is not being used for the benefit of the whole local community. A copy of the document with the bequest details would be beneficial.

Town Clerk to contact County Councillor Suthers for copy.

Toot Hill

To be left for the moment.

Warner's Field

There was nothing further to report at present. We are awaiting the outcome of the P.C.T. decision.

Town Clerk to get Minutes of its latest meeting.

Telephone Exchange

This is not a large enough site and has no scope for expansion.

Newgate Street Property

It was noted that this is most likely to be sold for residential development. It had been suggested that this property was listed but this is not so. The paddock to the rear is also in private hands.

Derry Lane

Members of the public had suggested developing this area and this would form part of the dialogue with the Crown Estate.

Additionally, a proposal would be brought to the next Community Committee for land around the Newgate Street car park.

Promotion Working Group Report

The Working Group reported on its meeting on the 15th November as follows:-

(a) **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

- ❖ It was agreed that R.B.C. should be approached regarding the lack of electricity supply to the Buttercross. A supply is needed for all activities using the Buttercross – it is not known why there was no provision made as part of the original design.
- ❖ Regarding the layout of the stalls and activities, 30 stalls could be accommodated in the square, together with an extra 9m square marquee at the western end to accommodate an extra 10 stalls.
- ❖ Father Christmas would be located in the precinct outside the carpet shop, and volunteers from Serendipitys had agreed to be his ‘helpers’. Gifts had been sponsored by Isobel and Henry children’s’ clothes shop.
- ❖ A jazz orchestra and a puppet show would be performing under the Buttercross as part of the evening’s activities, together with the Joker’s animal characters. Childrens’ fairground rides would also be available.
- ❖ The cost of the flyer had been sponsored by Lovejoys Solicitors, and was being printed in time to be included in December’s Buttercross magazine.

(b) **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

- ❖ The Nottinghamshire County Council licence has now been granted and the lights and Christmas trees will be installed by the beginning of December.

(c) **TOWN GUIDE**

- ❖ The new Guide is currently being printed. A copy will be distributed to all households in Bingham by the end of the second week in January. The remaining copies will be distributed around local villages and in Tourist Information Centres around the county.
- ❖ It was agreed that the Town Council would exercise editorial control over the advertising in future editions of the Guide.
- ❖ It was also agreed that all clubs and societies need to be contacted individually prior to the collation of next issue to ensure they update their contact details in time.

