

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 21st January, 2014, at 7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor	A. Harvey - Chairman
"	M. Barham
"	G. Davidson
"	Mrs. S. Hull
"	Mrs. J. Marshall

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor	F. Purdue-Horan
"	J. Stockwood
"	Mrs. M. Stockwood
	Mr. M. Clifford, Positive Futures
	1 Member of the Public
	1 Press

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

An apology for Absence and Acceptance was received from Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th November, 2013, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

01 Matters Arising, including Action Points (Appendix 'A')

The Chairman confirmed that there had been twenty-four entries for the Christmas competition run in conjunction with the Newark Advertiser. The winners had received vouchers to be used in local shops.

4.00 POSITIVE FUTURES - PRESENTATION BY MARK CLIFFORD

Mr. Clifford gave a presentation, confirming the remit and scope of Positive Futures. The Trent Bridge Community Trust Scheme is aimed at ten to nineteen years old under-achievers. However, it also takes on board nineteen to twenty-four years old 'Not in Education, Employment or Training' (NEETS). It is a two and a half year social inclusive project working with young people and will be working in Bingham over the next year. It targets young people in Year 6/7, plus NEETS, to raise aspirations and encourage under-achievers.

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4.00 **POSITIVE FUTURES - PRESENTATION BY MARK CLIFFORD**
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An Evening of Celebration is scheduled for the 22nd August, 2014, to mark the scheme and achievements, and is being organised by the young people for young people, including parents, carers, workers and partnership agencies etc. The scheme may be looking for presentation on its Management Board for Bingham.

5.00 **PROMOTION ISSUES:**

01 **Christmas Fair – Debrief, including Income & Expenditure Statement to Date**

The Clerk presented a statement of income and expenditure which showed an under-spend of approximately £500.00. However, a few costs were still outstanding, i.e. power, first-aid marshalling and hire charges. It had, generally, been a successful event and the police confirmed that no negative reports were made to them.

02 **Christmas Fair 2014 – Confirmation of Date**

Following the public consultation both before the event and on the evening, the preference was for the Fair to continue to be held on a Friday evening.

It was

UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED that the agreed date of the Christmas Fair 2014 be Friday, 5th December.

03 **Town Guide – Update, including Amendment to Copy on Website**

The Town Guides had now been distributed. Unfortunately an error in relation to Bingham Rotary Club had been highlighted but this had now been amended on the website copy and also the correct information highlighted in the Town News. For future reference prior to printing, all Town Councillors to be issued a draft copy to check entries with which they are familiar.

04 **700th Anniversary of the Granting of a Market Charter**

The Chairman reported on the Promotions Working Group meeting held on the 11th December, 2013, (attached Appendix 'A'), and confirmed the position to date in respect of booking Serpentyne Medieval Band. Contact had been made with a brewer regarding medieval-themed ales, two logos had been drawn by local people and an article had appeared in the Town News.

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5.00 PROMOTION ISSUES continued.....

04 700th Anniversary of the Granting of a Market Charter continued....

It was agreed to arrange a Promotions Working Group meeting to discuss arrangements in more detail. Councillor Mrs. Stockwood reported on the Toothill Young Enterprise Bookmark project which promoted the anniversary, and Councillor Davidson reported that an idea re. a musical event was being investigated.

05 Review of Website

Positive feedback had been received in relation to the website. The Clerk reported a query as to whether or not some of the news items on the right-hand side of the website were relevant to Bingham. It was agreed that there be no changes to the website at the moment but that it would be reviewed in the future.

06 Best Kept Village Competition

Following a discussion considering entry in the above competition, and regarding some disproportionate feedback from the 2013 competition, Councillors agreed to enter the Best Kept Village Competition in 2014 and considered developing the idea to encourage local communities to take a more active role.

6.00 COMMEMORATION OF 1914 – 2014 'REMEMBER THE PAST PLANT FOR THE FUTURE'

It was agreed to forward this to the Promotions Working Group for a more detailed discussion.

7.00 COMMUNITY ISSUES

01 Policing

The Chairman reported on a Priority-Setting meeting held on the 16th January, 2014, (attached Appendix 'B'). The notes referred to speeding on Grantham Road, and this may support an interactive speed sign for that location

7.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no items of correspondence received for consideration.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.09 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date.....

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PROMOTIONS WORKING GROUP

DATE: 11 December 2013

VENUE: Council Chamber, Council House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT: Councillor A R Harvey (Chair), Councillor G Davidson, Councillor S Hull, Mr R Aldworth (BHTA) and Mr Nick Berry (RBC).

APOLOGIES: Councillor T Kerry and Councillor J Marshall.

700TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARKET CHARTER

The Chairman explained that the main purpose of this meeting was to brainstorm ideas to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the granting of a market charter to Bingham Market. The Town Council was aware that the BHTA was considering events to celebrate this event and the it was hoped that areas of combined organisation between the Town Council and the BHTA would help to improve the possibility of a successful event(s).

Following discussion the Group agreed the following as a an outline programme to be worked up for further consideration:

- The celebrations would take the form of a serious of events starting with the summer fair and continuing into the following week (ending with derigging on Monday 21st June); A medieval band "Serepentyne" had been sourced and agreed to book them for Town Fair.
- Local groups would be encouraged to participate either directly into an event, or by helping with the holding of an event; article to go in Town News.
- Decoration of Buttercross. Quotes already received. Matter to be progressed;
- Risk assessments would be required for all events;
- From an insurance perspective, the Town Council would look at utilising its liability cover for the events;
- Being a medieval building, it was agreed that St Marys Church should feature in the events;
- A lecture on the history of the charter would be put together by BHTA;
- Marquee costs were to be investigated;
- Local schools should be involved (artistic competitions being a popular suggestion);
- Seating arrangements for the events required investigation and costing where appropriate (local churches to be approached);
- A qualitative PA system would be needed;
- Town Council to promote week and look for events and helpers through its usual sources;
- Actual date of signing of market charter is 15 August (Friday) and suggested that this could be celebrated with a hogroast/music etc.

Way Forward

Agreed that the above outline concepts would be developed into a programme of events throughout January/February and in the meantime volunteers sought from local groups to help at the events.

A further meeting of the Promotions working Group to move this event forward and discuss other issues would be held in mid January.

Alan R Harvey

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Nottinghamshire Police
Rushcliffe South (Northern Cluster) Priority Setting Meeting

▶ **Chairman: PC Steve Mathias** ◀
Notes taken by Bob Clarke, Orston NHW

NOTES OF MEETING HELD on 16th JANUARY 2014, at EAST BRIDGFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Item 1 - Introduction/ Inspector Berry

PC Steve Mathias passed on Neighbourhood Policing Inspector Craig Berry's apologies as he was unable to attend this meeting.

Item 2 - Recent police activity

PC Steve Mathias (SM) reported that generally crime levels were still low. For example, in November there were 14 reported incidents in Bingham and surrounding villages and a similar number in the Radcliffe area with no particular 'spikes' in the figures. SM also confirmed there were fewer priority survey forms coming through which he felt indicated less problems.

SM then proceeded to explain police activity relating to the priorities set at the October meeting.

- **ASB Eaton Place, Bingham** – SM and PC Caroline Voce (CV) informed the meeting that since 22nd November there had been no complaints to the police. This is believed to be a direct result of high visibility policing, including working closely with the library staff; support from Costa Coffee issuing banning orders; identifying offenders and notifying parents and schools. Groups of youths still gather but behaviour is much improved.
- **ASB Leisure Centre Bingham** – Currently this is under control but there is the possibility the youth club may close as part of budget cuts. Francis Purdue-Horan has confirmed the budget setting full Council meeting for Notts. County Council, which may have significant impact in this area, is set for Thursday, 27th February 2014 and Thursday, 6th March 2014 for Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Relating to this SM/ CV reported that the "**Positive Futures**" scheme is finishing in Cotgrave, where it has had significant success but is moving to Radcliffe and Bingham. Schools identify and recommend the participants. *(The scheme is led by the Trent Bridge Community Trust, the charitable arm of Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, and offers free activities and support services for all young people.)*

- **ASB general** – SM stated that ASB was usually a 'moving feast' but at the moment there was no evidence this
- **Oil Theft** – SM confirmed there had been no reported incidents in the last 3 months

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- **Speeding** – CV reported this has been a key target for the police as part of the 'Fatal Four' campaign. Officers have been pulling over drivers spotted using mobile phones, not wearing seatbelts, speeding or drink/ drug-driving. Also, the police use on-board cameras when patrolling.

A question was raised regarding the Tithby Lane junction on the A52 by-pass at Bingham. With increased numbers of cars using this junction there have been representations for a reduced speed limit on this section. There are 'average speed' cameras but are tickets issued? SM was asked if he would check this and report back.

- **Burglary** – This is a Force priority and heavily resourced. SM said there had been a spate of burglaries in Bingham prior to Christmas followed by arrests. CV said that if a burglary was reported as in progress, under Code Blue all available resources would attend immediately. Also, when a burglary occurs the police will patrol that area as usually one break-in is soon followed by another in the same district
- **Metal theft** - SM reported that there were now much fewer calls to the police regarding scrap vehicles or metal theft. Recent police initiatives and Government legislation seem to have been effective in curtailing criminal activity

Item 3 - Police view of current priorities

1. **ASB** – Now under control at Eaton Place and Bingham Leisure Centre. Police to keep a watching brief regarding possible closure of the youth club at Bingham Leisure centre. However SM/ CV believe containing ASB at these locations should remain a priority
2. **Oil Theft** - It is felt this can now be removed from the priorities as prevention advice has been distributed and there have been no reported incidents
3. **Speeding** – The police consider this to be a continuing priority

Item - 4 Priorities for next 3 months

These were agreed as:

1. **ASB** - Eaton Place and Bingham Leisure Centre to be retained as a priority to ensure recent improvements in behaviour continue
2. **Speeding** – Specifically Cliff Hill Lane, Aslockton (commuter times and week-ends when sports field being used) and Grantham Road, Bingham to be targeted
3. **Burglary** – to reinforce police' proactivity particularly immediately after a break-in has occurred to avoid repeat offences in a locality

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Item 5 - AOB

1. **Chairman** – SM requested the meeting agree on a chairman for future meetings now that Bill Sylvester had stood down. As there were no volunteers Bob Clarke said that he would be prepared to record and issue notes of the proceedings and suggested PC Steve Mathias continued to chair proceedings. As this had worked well for the last 2 meetings this proposal was agreed on the understanding non-police representatives had control of the content and discussion.
2. **Allotment holders** - There is a flyer giving security advice to allotment holders. PC Steve Mathias is to make this available to PSM members
3. **Wider PSM representation** - SM would like to see wider input from the sector with more representatives attending this quarterly meeting. It was suggested a letter be drafted encouraging attendance by promoting the benefits and emailed to those contacts who receive the monthly crime figures.

The next meeting will be held at The Grange, Radcliffe-on-Trent, at 7.00 pm. Date to be advised.

Note Ends