

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 20th January, 2015, at 7.26 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Harvey - Chairman
 " M. Barham
 " Mrs. S. Hull
 " Mrs. T. Kerry

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor F. Purdue-Horan
 " J. Stockwood
 2 Members of the Public
 1 Press

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received and accepted from the Mayor, Councillor G. Davidson

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th November, 2014, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

01 Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising out of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th November, 2014.

4.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PROMOTION ISSUES:

01 Christmas Fair, 5th December, 2014 – Update

(a) Christmas Trees

The Clerk reported that there had been a problem with the small trees which had to be replaced, thus resulting in them not being erected until the last minute. A credit had been negotiated. The Clerk raised the possibility of purchasing artificial trees, and it was agreed to investigate this after alterations to the market place have been undertaken by Rushcliffe Borough Council due to the fact that the whole of the Christmas lighting project will have to be revisited.

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4.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PROMOTION ISSUES continued.....

01 Christmas Fair, 5th December, 2014 – Update continued.....

(b) Statement of Income & Expenditure

The Clerk presented an Income & Expenditure statement showing, to date, that the Christmas Fair and lights had come within budget.

02 Results of Christmas Competition in Conjunction with the Newark Advertiser

There had been eighteen entries and the winners had been presented with their prizes.

03 Results of Festive Window Competition

The winners were:-

Retail Category

Daisy Chain	Winner
Pods Petals & Presents	Highly Commended
Thomas Bond	Highly Commended

Service Industry Category

Bingham Day Nursery	Winner
Ash Accounting	Highly Commended

04 Preparation of 2015 Summer Fair – 13th June, 2015

It was agreed to keep charges in line with last year. The Chairman to discuss idea of a theme with local schools.

05 Preparation of Town Guide

A quotation has been requested for setting, design and printing, and preparation will begin shortly.

5.00 REQUEST FOR PUBLIC DEFIBRILLATORS IN AND AROUND BINGHAM:

It was agreed to invite Community Heart Beat Secretary, Martin Fagin, to a future meeting as soon as possible. It was generally felt that a donation should be made to an Organisation rather than Bingham Town Council installing a defibrillator due to the strict rules and regulations governing installation and maintenance.

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6.00 MATTERS RELATING TO POLICING ISSUES:

01 Police Priority Setting Group – Update

The Chairman reported that attendance at the previous meeting had been disappointing. The next meeting was scheduled for March. Priorities had been set as burglaries, thefts from cars and speeding.

Concern was expressed by Councillor Purdue-Horan who stated that Rushcliffe would not have emergency service cover based in the area in the foreseeable future. Clerk to ask Police Commissioner for his comments.

7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO COMMUNITY ISSUES:

01 Positive Futures – Update

Report of meeting held on 9th December, 2014, refers. (Appendix 'A').

02 N.C.C. Broadband Session – Feedback

The Chairman reported a disappointing and frustrating meeting for the parish representatives attending. Phase 2 of the implementation of the broadband project would not be implemented until 2017 but, once again, not all areas would be covered. Further development is awaited. It was noted that County Councillor Suthers was pursuing improvements in this area.

8.00 REPORT ON WEBSITE ACTIVITY AND COMMUNICATIONS QUESTIONNAIRE:

Councillors viewed the latest report for December and also noted that no-one had completed the Communications Questionnaire which the website provider had put on the website.

9.00 GIFT OF LACE FOR TWIN TOWN WALLENFELS:

Enquiries were on-going as it was proving difficult to find anyone who was prepared to undertake such a task given the detail required.. The Clerk had a personal contact who may be able to assist but she was also asked to contact another firm which had a website and had been suggested by a member of the public. Another suggestion of a gift was engraved lead crystal.

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10.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Nottinghamshire County Council Tobacco Control Services Consultation, 5th January, 2015, to 31st March, 2015. Noted.

02 Music Festival on Butt Field

There was a brief discussion following on from receipt of an e-mail confirming that Butt Field Sports Clubs were holding a Music Festival, and it was agreed that this matter should be referred to the next meeting of the Recreational & Cemetery Committee.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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REPORT ON THE POSITIVE FUTURES MEETING 9TH DECEMBER 2014

Mark Clifford, Jermaine Shread and Emma Bradley are the Positive Futures (PF) team for Bingham.

Their focus is currently with 24 students at Toot Hill School. Emma works Mon-Thurs, Jermaine works Tuesday and Thursdays. The students are offered sports session - football, tennis, table tennis or less strenuous activities such as table tennis and Xbox.

Monday nights were not well subscribed because the school runs an after school club and that takes away their students.

There are no students currently involved from the original intended target of Robert Miles Junior School. The team started working at (RMJS) with a group of 20 transition students who have been identified by the school. However during the summer holidays there was very little take up of the activities planned, owing to either poor marketing or lack of engagement with the initiative. It was felt that Emma should visit the school during the PE session on either a Wednesday or Friday to get to know the students.

It was decided that Mark will approach the Leisure Centre to ask if they could hold a Gym/Boxing session on a Friday night for the students. If agreed a boxing coach will need to be employed and funded.

At half term there were 11 students attending the programme of activities.

Parental engagement was making slow progress.

There are vacancies for Peer Mentors which are not currently being taken up.

As regards the young people hanging round the Market Square, it was suggested that the BTC should ask the NCC to provide the Youth bus a couple of evenings in March. As Bingham currently has no youth provision at all, it was felt that the youth bus would provided a small distraction for the young people who hang around the precinct.

It was suggested that Mark contact the Bingham Advertiser and carry out a profile of the students hanging around in the evenings in an effort to prove to the general public that they are normal people and wish no-one any harm. They just have nowhere else to go.

One good story to report. Owing to a double booking, the students were playing table tennis when another group turned up expecting to play. So with a little persuasion, they agreed to share. The difference was that the other group were all over 60. A great time was had by all even though the older generation turned out to be better at it than the younger ones.

The conclusion is that Bingham students are proving to be very much harder to work with than Cotgrave and Keyworth. There is not the engagement from the Bingham students that they had anticipated.

Proposal

The Community Committee propose a request is put into the NCC to provide the Youth Bus for several sessions on the Market Square in March 2015.

Sue Hull

9 December 2014