

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 15th July, 2008, at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor F. Purdue-Horan - Chairman
 " G. Davidson
 " Mrs. J. Marshall
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

IN ATTENDANCE:

Carolyn Perry - Rushcliffe Community & Voluntary Services.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors A. Hall and Mrs. S. Hull.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May, 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

PRESENTATION RE: 'RUSHCLIFFE SUPPORTS' UPDATE:

The Chairman welcomed Carolyn Perry of Rushcliffe Council for Voluntary Services to the meeting who told the Committee that a report was being finalised, based on work which had been undertaken by Jessica Molineaux. re. update on the 'Rushcliffe Supports' project.

One of the key areas which had been identified was that information aimed at older people was inaccessible. Whilst there was a reasonable amount of services on offer, the older people did not know how to access them or find out information on them. Transport and shopping was also another area where the elderly struggle. Rushcliffe Council for Voluntary Service was having a meeting (probably in September) with key partners to find a way forward. It was felt that all partners from both the public and private sectors should be involved. The private sector had not been represented at previous meetings. R.C.V.S. produces a leaflet which shows the opportunities available. Councillor Mrs. Stockwood suggested that Bingham Town Council produces such a leaflet, via the Promotions Group, for people within the Bingham Town Council area. Rushcliffe Support is piloting, via Local Strategic Partnership, and, on looking at the demographics and facilities in the area, it was felt that there was a general lack of cover.

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PRESENTATION RE: 'RUSHCLIFFE SUPPORTS' UPDATE continued.....

Councillors were concerned that the main Organisations were not communicating with each other effectively. It was agreed that all partner organisations should be brought together.

Concerns were also expressed about the funding of the leaflet. Bingham Town Guide already includes some of the information, but residents may not realise this.

Councillor Mrs. Stockwood suggested the possibility of Bingham Town Council making a donation towards the cost of the leaflet, and it was agreed to bring a report to the next meeting.

2.00 COMMUNITY ISSUES:

01 Matters Arising (For information)

(a) Best Kept Village Competition

Bingham, together with three other places, had been put through to the next round of the competition.

(b) Post Box

The post box on Meadowsweet Hill was now in place.

02 Report of the Community Building Working Group

Notes on meeting held on the 29th May and 26th June, 2008, were presented. The Primary Care Trust had been making enquiries for a possible site for a new health centre. At the Full Council meeting, it had been confirmed that old Pioneer store site had proved far too expensive (lease £40,000.00 + subject to inflation from a few years ago). Rushcliffe Borough Council had compulsory purchase powers but could only use them if no other option was available. A letter had been sent to LiftCo, exploring options, and a joint meeting with Bingham Town Council and Primary Care Trust had been arranged. Miss Sue Harley from Rushcliffe Borough Council could not comment without any firm proposals being put forward and was also struggling to confirm the assistance (if any) given to Radcliffe-on-Trent – it may be that they had just been offered a peppercorn rent. It was agreed that better communications between all parties should be developed.

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2.00 **COMMUNITY ISSUES** continued.....

03 Moorlands

It was proving difficult to identify groups that may be able to use the day centre in the evening. It was agreed to target Organisations in the Bingham Town Guide, asking if they had any need for the building in evening, to put an article in the Town News and also to obtain general information of the booking terms, etc. in order to be in a position to answer public enquiries.

3.00 **PROMOTION ISSUES:**

01 Matters Arising (For information)

There were no further matters for information to report.

02 Garden Competition

Seven entries had been received, three for the flower garden and four for the low maintenance. Judging is to be done next week, with the allotments being judged separately.

03 Christmas Lights

The quotation supplied by REMCO was considered, Councillors were informed that a further quotation had been requested from a different Company but had not yet been received. It was

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Town Clerk would agree on satisfactory arrangements for lighting up to a maximum of £8,500.00, possibly replacing the existing damaged lights with LED lights and a probable spotlight on the tree opposite the Crown Public House, subject to ratification at the next Full Council meeting.

Nottinghamshire County Council had issued a quotation for compulsory upgrade work to be undertaken re. Christmas lights up to maximum of £1,902.00; this could be reduced to £1,116.00 by omitting a tree near Frank Innes. It was

RESOLVED to omit the tree near Frank Innes and accept Nottinghamshire County Council's quotation of £1,116.00 for electrical upgrade of Christmas lights.

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4.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Letter referred by Environment Committee re. Matters Raised at Annual Town Meeting

It was agreed to write to Local Authorities and other Organisations, and also to Mr. P. Bacon, confirming the matter of a Town Plan is being addressed.

02 Parish Plan Seminar, 17th September, 2008

It was agreed to book two places.

03 St. Mary & All Saints Parish Church

A letter had been received in connection with the Christmas Tree Festival, and the Town Council had agreed to supply a tree.

04 Micro Glass Recycling Sites

Problems were being encountered with bins not big enough to accept large bottles which get stuck in the mouth of the bin. Councillor Davidson reported that he felt the micro sites were less intrusive, both on noise and appearance. Councillor Purdue-Horan went on to express his disappointment on the fact that it would appear only Bingham Town Council was consulting with the public, and he felt that Rushcliffe should have done more on a consultation front from the beginning. It was agreed to confirm with Rushcliffe Borough Council which micro sites were operational and request feedback on success of the sites.

05 Building Better Communities

It had been notified that this scheme had been extended for further years.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9.28 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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