

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 12th July, 2016, at 7.25 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs. A. Langford - Chairman
 R. Bird
 " A. Harvey
 " J. Stockwood

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Mrs. E. Hutchison

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received and accepted from Councillors A. Shelton and Mrs. C. Williams.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor A. Harvey as Chair of R.C.V.S., declared an interest in Folio 8358, Item 10.00, Community-Led Plan.

Councillor Mrs. A. Langford declared an interest in Folio 8357, Item 4.00, Christmas Fair, due to being a stallholder.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May, 2016, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

01 Matters Arising

Due to another meeting being arranged for 6.00 p.m. on the 12th July, 2016, the communications meeting had yet to take place.

4.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PROMOTION ISSUES:

01 Summer Fair - Update

The Clerk confirmed the following as at the 30th June, 2016

Expenditure	£5,383.00
Income	<u>£2,303.00</u>
Net cost	£3,080.00 against budget of £4,500.00

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02 Christmas Fair Working Group - Update

Refer to notes attached (supplied by the Working Group) Appendix 'A'.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Confirmed that with effect from 2017, the Christmas Fair to be held on the last Friday in November.
- Clerk to investigate road closure in line with notes.
- Fairground rides to go in Co-op car park.
- Reduction in number of charity stalls.
- All stalls to be charged £35.00, i.e. no difference between community and commercial.

5.00 MATTERS RELATING TO POLICING ISSUES

Police Priority Setting Group – Update on Meeting Held on the 7th July, 2016.

Refer to notes attached Appendix 'B'. Clerk to write to Inspector Berry requesting that Priority Setting meetings continue.

6.00 RESPONSE FROM NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TEAM:

Nottinghamshire County Council Community Resilience team confirmed that all water companies maintain a list of customers who may require extra support in the event of an interruption to the water supply. Other Organisations may be asked to complement this list with the information they hold on vulnerable people. Individuals could register themselves using the following link: www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/about-youraccount-and-bill/accessibility-and-individual-circumstances/access-online-registration-form

The above link to be included in the Town News and the Clerk to confirm with Severn Trent Water if this information is included on the bills it issues.

7.00 COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP MEETING - UPDATE:

Date for this meeting is the 19th July, 2016. Clerk to confirm if media company can attend.

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8.00 LETTER RE. REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE:

A letter had been received from the Bingham Branch of the Royal British Legion, requesting consideration regarding organising Sunday Remembrance Day Parade in November. Clerk to add article in the Town News and refer to the resident requesting a war memorial (next Agenda item).

9.00 REQUEST FOR A WAR MEMORIAL ON THE MARKET PLACE:

A request had been received from a resident regarding a war memorial on the Market Place. The Clerk confirmed that under the War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923, s1:as extended by Local Government Act 1948, s.133, Town/Parish Councils only have powers to maintain, repair, protect and adapt war memorials and the Market Place is owned by Rushcliffe Borough Council, not Bingham Town Council. It was agreed to refer to Rushcliffe Borough Council, Borough Councillors and inform the resident.

10.00 COMMUNITY-LED PLAN - CONSIDERATION OF RESULTS:

Following a brief discussion agreed Cllr. ARH to summarise points raised in a report.

01 Health & Social Care

Opening hours of Health Centre,
Quality of care
Vulnerable young people with special needs
Children who are carers
Local Support Groups
Access to transport

02 Education

Adult Education needs

03 Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour

Level of Policing
Anti-social behaviour
Street-lighting

11.00 WEBSITE STATISTICS:

June statistics were noted.

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12.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Royal Bank of Scotland

A letter had been received, giving reassurances that night safe facilities are available at the branch. Clerk to inform Bingham Business Club.

02 Best Kept Village Competition

Notification received that Bingham has been unsuccessful in the first round; the judges' comments have yet to be received.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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Christmas Fair Working Group Minutes Meeting held 11th July 2016

Present: Cllr John Stockwood, Cllr Elizabeth Hutchison, Cllr Alison Langford.

Apologies: Rowan Bird, Andrew Shelton. Alan Harvey.

Action

1. We discussed the need for road closures for the Christmas Fair, and agreed that this would also set in place the procedure for future events. Is there a cost to this?

Lynn

We would like to close the road from Church Street by Frank Innes all the way to Sainsbury's on Market Street – still allowing access to the top of Market Street from Union Street, and from Hammond Property Services to Rex Gooding on Market Street. Access only for residents on Station Street

2. The Fun Fair could be sited on the COOP car park, they have agreed to allow us to use it.
3. Santas Grotto is in need of redecoration. Elizabeth has agreed to source a sponsor to cover the costs of this. The fine detail for the redecoration is still to be discussed, it will be cost dependent. We have a number of ideas.

The Grotto is to be re-sited outside the COOP carpark by the railings.

4. The Christmas Tree – Do we pay for this or is it donated?

Lynn

We would like to have a smaller tree under the Buttercross. We could ask Soal Glass to sponsor the area and provide some sort of screening to protect the tree. This could sit just inside the Buttercross.

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5. We would like to have a covered stage sited in the car park bay nearest the Picture Café.

We would like to have a candle procession of children from one year group from one of the local schools, who could then open the event by performing a Nativity play or singing. This would encourage parents/carers to attend.

We would need a major sponsor to sponsor the stage and sound system at a cost of £*****.

6. We need to see how the current budget is spent.

Lynn

7. We also need to change the layout of the fair. See map.

Stalls to be situated back to back down the centre of the Market Place, with a horseshoe of stalls at the end near Frank Innes.

The local shops around the market place can participate by using the pavement outside their shops to make this a fully engaged community event.

The electricity cables could either be taken up overhead, or on the ground covered to avoid a trip hazard.

8. We need to limit the number of charity stalls at the Christmas fair. We need to make a decision how many to allow.

Instead of having so many charity stalls at the Christmas fair, we could have a Charity Day in the Spring or Summer and maybe re-instate the "It's a Knockout" competition if someone from the community would take on the organization of it. It has been mentioned on social media recently.

9. It would also be more helpful to our local business' if the date was moved to the end of November.

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Nottinghamshire Police

Rushcliffe South (Northern Cluster) Priority Setting Meeting

▶ Chairpersons: Rowan Bird (Bingham Town Council)
 Police representative: PCSO Sally Charles ◀
 Notes taken by Bob Clarke (Orston NHW)

Minutes of Meeting – 7th July 2016 at The Grange, Radcliffe-on-Trent

Attendees; PCSO Sally Charles, Winifred Pell (Flawborough), Julie Brown (Aslockton PC), Anne Crowley (Aslockton PC), David Griffin (ROT NHW), Alan R Harvey (Saxondale PM), Rowan Bird (Bingham TC), Mike Pring (Kneeton Parish Meeting), Denis Redhead (Bingham NHW), Graham Leigh-Brown (ROT PC), Francis Purdue-Horan (Rushcliffe BC), Bob Clarke (Orston NHW)

Apologies: Susan Barker (Shelton PM), Karen Griffin ((ROT NHW), Mary Mackie (Clerk for the Elton Parish Meeting) & Tim Powell, Bev Bingham (Shelford Parish Council), Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts, Anthony Gee (ROT NHW), David Cartledge (Flintham), Robert Jenrick (MP for Newark & Bingham)

Town & Parish Engagement with Notts. Police, 10th June 2016

The chairman opened by referring to remarks made by Inspector Craig Berry in a speech to representative at the above meeting. Inspector Berry is district commander for Rushcliffe and in charge of Neighbourhood Policing. His remarks seemed to suggest that Priority Setting Groups would be disbanded on the basis they are too parochial. PCSO Sally Charles was unable to verify this.

In view of the comments made at our April in support of continuing the PSMs, it was agreed Bob Clarke would draft an email to Inspector Berry seeking clarification and also pointing out our views.

Local Crime Level and Trends

Incidence of crime in the area is still low. Sally ran through the figures for the 3 months since our April meeting. There have been a number of thefts of large and expensive garden ornaments. This led to a discussion on the use of Smartwater, not only inside but also outside the home. Apparently Smartwater is still available but only by applying directly to Smartwater. The cost is £25. John Lennard who was a police volunteer dealing with Smartwater has left this role.

The use of CRE-Mark for outside ornaments, tools and equipment was also discussed. CRE-Mark is a visible security coding which uses your Postcode and the house number or first two letters of your house name making the item identifiable and traceable. This marking is then made permanent by coating with CRE-MARK's specially formulated protective lacquer. The web link is: <http://www.creproducts.co.uk/shop/default.asp>

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There have been a number of purse thefts in shops in Bingham and R-O-T. Sally mentioned some common sense security tips:

- Carry your bag across your chest and keep your hand over the fastening
- Be aware of your surroundings and stay alert to what's going on around you
- Only take your purse out when you need to
- Never leave your bag unattended
- Consider attaching a “cat-bell” or purse alarm

A delegate mentioned that cloning of credit cards seems to be a growing problem since introduction of “contactless” cards. Devices can be brushed against your purse or wallet and details cloned (Radio-frequency identification (RFID)). You can request your bank to replace your card with a non-contactless one. RFID wallets and purses can be purchased to protect your cards costing from £3 upwards.

It was requested that we have better feedback from the police on successes in catching culprits. Sally said she would endeavour to include more of this information in future “alerts”.

Progress with priorities agreed at April meeting

1. **Anti-social behaviour** – Radcliffe-on-Trent. Sally advised that two Community Protection Notices had been issued. Another youth is on the police “radar”. It was mentioned that Kneeton has a problem but Sally confirmed this is being handled as a distinct issue.

Mention was made of the Positive Future Group supported by Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club and Rushcliffe Borough Council. The Project concentrates on youths needing support and has received high praise from schools and parents for the beneficial impact it has made supporting young people to remain in school and improve their behaviour. It covers Bingham, Cotgrave and Radcliffe. The project has been extended for a further 4 years until December 2020. The Chairman stated that the project is always on the lookout for new initiatives; so any ideas to Rowan please.

2. **Spring/ summer crime/ Bicycle security** - Police and NHW teams have issued “alerts” providing security advice.
3. **Speeding** – Nottingham Road and Grantham Road Bingham. An ongoing initiative.

Priorities for the next three months

In deciding priorities the following issues were discussed.

- a. Off-road bikes (“noisy wasps”) in Saxondale. Police require more feedback on days and times
- b. Hare coursing around Shelton and Flawborough. The feeling is the police have not been wholly supportive. Sally Charles to check and advise whether or not there is a specific response unit to handle these types of rural incidents

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- c. Speeding. Shelford Road, Bingham Road and Cropwell Road were cited as problem areas. ROT parish council is researching accident history on Shelford Road as councillors are looking to install pedestrian crossings on the approach to the town centre. Also, Aslockton Parish Council is considering purchase of interactive speed signs following success using a borrowed temporary sign. Sally confirmed further speed camera training is available on request.
- d. Parking on pavements – This was raised as a problem in ROT (April meeting raised the same issue for Bingham – see April minutes). The legalities and policing of this issue were discussed. This remains a grey area
- e. Cyclists, specifically cycling clubs travelling in groups – There was discussion regarding the apparent lack of understanding of the Highway Code and road etiquette of both cyclists and car drivers leading to friction. This is particularly important for villages in The Vale of Belvoir as these roads are used for triathlon events and many bikers use the route. Education is required.

It was agreed the following should be the priorities for the next 3 months::

1. **Summer crime** – Ongoing education process
2. **Road safety** – Speeding, specifically Shelford Road, Bingham Road and Cropwell Road in Radcliffe-on-Trent and also Aslockton. Cyclist /car driver road etiquette education
3. **Reporting of crime** – two way communication

Any Other Business

The issues raised in this part of the meeting have been dealt with under the previous heading, "Priorities".

Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place at **on Thursday 13th October 2016 at 7pm.** The venue is likely to be **The Old Court House, Bingham** but this is to be confirmed.