

Minutes of a meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday 13th June 2017** at **7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor A R Harvey, Mayor (Chair)
 " Mrs T Kerry
 " R Bird
 " Mrs S Hull
 " Mrs E Hutchison
 " Mrs A Langford
 " F Purdue-Horan
 " A Shelton
 " J Stockwood
 " Mrs K Vallance

In attendance: 8 Members of the public, 1 Member of Press and 3 Trent Barton Employees

1.00 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since being appointed as Mayor, Councillor Harvey updated that he had:

- Attended AGM for Bingham & District Audio Magazine
- Held a meeting with Chief Executive and new Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council
- Presented a Civic Award Dhiran Raval of Bingham Pharmacy, who was unable to attend the Civic Awards
- Opened the Summer Fair and presented certificates to winners of the Bingham Bake Off. The Events Working Group were to look at any issues and take these on board for future events.
- Been on the interviewing panel for the new Town Clerk
- Met with the Poacher Line Business Group
- Met with the Chair of the Community Parks Project
- Chosen Vale First Responders as his charity for the year 2017/2018

Also, on behalf of the town, the Mayor had:

- Written to RBS regarding their proposals for the Bingham Nat West Bank and their response is included for consideration under the correspondence part of the agenda
- Contacted NCC and other parishes expressing concerns in respect of proposed changes to 3 bus services
- Attended and inputted into the final meeting of the Poacher Line Business case group (more later in the agenda)
- Met with RBC officers and Bingham Business reps and the markets staff to discuss potential uses for the Market Place – again more of this later.
- Met with the Chair of the Community Parks Project.

The Mayor had also attended meetings of the Personnel, Resources and Planning Committees and the Events Working Group.

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2.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from County Councillor N Clarke, Councillor K Hayes-Heath, Councillor G Davidson, Councillor Mrs J Costello and Councillor Mrs S Orr.

3.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hutchison declared an interest relating to any item relating to Butt Field.

4.00 CHANGES TO V1, V2 and MAINLINE SERVICES BY TRENT BARTON

Mr T Morgan, Director of Services at Trent Barton, advised from 23rd July changes to the timetable would see the V1 service no longer include Wychwood Road and Carnarvon Place and the Mainline Bingham service no longer serve Bottesford. The V2 will cease to operate. Mr Morgan stated this decision was made as the route had been operating at a loss for a long period and funding from the County Council was no longer available.

Councillor Mrs S Hull queried the level of consultation before deciding not to stop at Wychwood Road and Carnarvon Place. Many elderly residents relied on this hourly service and are not mobile enough to walk to the main road. Rushcliffe has the highest population of over 83 years olds in the County.

Mr Morgan explained Trent Barton had been in talks with Nottinghamshire County Council since before Christmas to try to resolve the issues. The changes had been made as the buses would not be able to run on schedule if they had to detour to Carnarvon Place and Wychwood Road and it would be too overbearing financially to add another bus to this route.

Councillor A Shelton asked where would the V1 be stopping in Nottingham due to the imminent closure of the Broadmarsh bus station.

Mr Morgan confirmed the V1 would not go to Friar Lane and would terminate at Collin Street from 23rd July.

Councillor F Purdue-Horan was not aware of any consultation with the County Council but had heard that the County Council were putting the V1 route out to tender. He said County Councillors John Cottee and Neil Clark were seeking to provide a replacement service to cover Wychwood Road areas. Councillor Purdue-Horan said he had been advised that parent's inconsiderate parking outside the side entrance to Robert Miles Infants School had made it very difficult for buses to pass and therefore caused delays to the service.

Mr Morgan agreed it was a good idea to put the route out to tender but was disappointed Trent Barton were not able to reach a solution with the County Council before having to make the decision to withdraw the service.

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5.00 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS AND MAKE OBSERVATIONS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

The Mayor suspended Standing Orders to allow public comment

Mr Harry Burrows a resident of Cotgrave explained that residents would be affected by the withdrawal of the V2 service. 20 months ago changes were made to the old 22 service replacing it with the V2 which involved extending the service to the outlying villages surrounding Cotgrave and Mr Burrows felt this was part of the downfall of the V2 and he felt Trent Barton should revert to the old 22 service.

Mr Morgan responded the route 22 was not profitable and when the subsidy from Notts County Council was stopped then the route had to be terminated. The V2 was borne from a smaller subsidy and provided was a way of keeping the service going. The Council requested a service to reach other villages.

Mr John Rainbow, Councillor for Sutton cum Granby felt Trent Barton should consider a smaller service.

Mr John Greenwood, Councillor for Cropwell Bishop Parish Council said he felt from day one it was not the right route and conveyed this to the County Council on several occasions. He felt a villager service to Cotgrave, Cropwell Bishop, Cropwell Butler and then to Radcliffe on Trent would be a better route and wondered why this had never been discussed.

Mr Chewings, Councillor for Cotgrave Town Council said there had been no dialogue with the community and the responsibility lay with Trent Barton not solely with the County Council to do this.

Councillor F Purdue-Horan stated a lot of good points had been raised and he would ask questions of officers why parishes were not consulted, if talks had been taking place since before Christmas.

The Mayor commented at the lack of consultation and had written to NCC about the changes but had not received a response. He considered it completely unacceptable not to offer a service and that the County Council needed to undertake consultation with villagers and members of the public for their views before putting routes out to tender. The Mayor also requested Trent Barton to let BTC know of any future changes before announcing publicly.

Mr Morgan explained Trent Barton did not like to consult too early and worry the public unnecessarily. He was sorry if people felt decisions were made behind closed doors, but the company had put as many options as possible forward, including all their commercial data, and felt Trent Barton want the same as BTC but ultimately it is County Council decision.

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Standing orders were re-instated

It was agreed that Councillor A R Harvey to write to NCC and Councillor F Purdue-Horan will pass on discussions raised to fellow NCC Councillors

6.00 MINUTES

The Minutes of the of the Full Council meeting held on the 9TH May 2017 Folios 8625/8648 and 23rd May Folio 8649, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor as a true record subject to the following alteration:

- Folio 8632, Item 13, Correction of spelling of Councillor Shelton.

7.00 MATTERS ARISING

Members noted that the exhumation referred to at Folio 8637 had not yet taken place.

8.00 COMMITTEE MINUTES

- (a) Personnel Committee – 23rd May 2017, Folios 8650/8652

Councillor Mrs T Kerry presented her report and it was:-

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

- (b) Planning Committee – 30th May 2017, Folios 8653/8655

Councillor A Shelton presented his report and it was:-

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

- (c) Resources Committee – 30th May 2017, Folios 8656/8666

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted and that the recommendations in the following reports be accepted and approved:-

Folio 8657/8 Accounts for payment, Report 'A'

Folio 8657/9 Accounts Paid, Report 'B'

Folio 8657/10 Bankline Payments, Report 'C'

Folio 8658/12 Grant Aid Application for Bingham U3A Croquet Club

Folio 8659/20 Temporary Ground Staff retention

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It was also:-

RESOLVED to amend Folio 8658/16a to offer Grant Aid of 1 years usage of the Council Chamber for use of the Diabetes Group monthly meeting.

9.00 EVENTS WORKING GROUP UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Councillor Langford gave her report on the meeting of the Events Working Group and it was:-

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted and that the recommendations be accepted and approved:-

- a) Apply for a temporary events notice for a pop up restaurant on the Market Place, 29th July 2017; and
- b) A budget of £250 be allocated toward expenses toward the pop up restaurant event from the current Events budgets.

10.00 GROWTH BOARD ISSUES

- a) Poacher Line
The Mayor said that the business case for franchisees of the Poacher Line had been completed. The business case aimed to increase rail travel over car travel, with various business benefits to Bingham, including improved car parking, station facilities and a more accessible access across the line. The Mayor would be seeking support by writing to local businesses, the local MP and others asking them if they would support the case.
- b) Market Square
The Mayor had met with RBC Officer to look at various possibilities to utilise the Market Square. He will also be meeting staff from Derby University who are experts in pop up events.

11.00 REPORTS FROM NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

01 Nottinghamshire County Councillor F Purdue-Horan

The potholes on Wychwood Road had been highlighted in yellow paint to be filled in. The weeds are still an issue but pot holes take priority. He also advised a £1m had been officially confirmed for roads in the County. He had arranged a meeting with County Councillor Neil Clarke and Kendra Hourd, Via East Midlands to discuss their divisions.

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Councillor Purdue-Horan advised there was a new administration in charge and feels the next couple of years should be good for Bingham. The Mayor stated that Bingham had suffered in recent years and hoped funding would be more equitably managed by the new County administration. Councillor Mrs A Langford commented that she had seen an item on road re-laying in Leicestershire and felt Nottinghamshire County Council should look into this further.

11.00 REPORTS FROM NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS cont....

02 Rushcliffe Borough Councillor S Hull

Councillor Mrs S Hull advised that Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Barry Cooper is the new Mayor of Rushcliffe Borough Council. She also advised members that the Development Control Committee was changing its name to the Planning Committee. Many changes had been proposed to the Planning Committee and the way it functions, these changes arise largely from recommendations of the Planning Peer Challenge Review. Councillor Mrs Hull confirmed that she would no longer sit on the committee but is a substitute. She confirmed that one of the changes to be debated at Rushcliffe Borough Council was the proposed change to ward members being permitted to speak, but will no longer be able to vote.

Members of the public will be permitted to speak, including the applicant and any objectors.

The Peer Report is available on the Rushcliffe Borough Council website and the Office were asked to send the link to all Councillors.

03 Rushcliffe Borough Councillor J Stockwood

Councillor Stockwood informed members that the proposed changes to the Planning Committee at Rushcliffe Borough Council had were as a result of the Peer Review noting that some ward councillors may have predetermined their vote before the committee meetings. Councillor Mrs A Langford was concerned that Councillors could not vote on items that affected their ward.

12.00 ANY OTHER REPORTS

01 Councillor Bird (Lead Councillor – Cycling)

Councillor Bird confirmed that he had arranged a meeting on 20th June at 6pm to discuss cycling in Bingham. He asked Councillor F Purdue-Horan to confirm who should be invited on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council.

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02 Councillor Bird (Chair of Communications Working Group)

Councillor Bird updated members that he had visited Robert Miles Infants School to discuss the art competition to produce a cover for the new Bingham Town Guide and that he had received a positive reaction from the students and staff.

03 Councillor Bird

Councillor Bird was arranging another Heart Start Course for CPR, anyone interested in attending was to contact him directly.

04 Councillor Mrs Vallance (Lead Councillor – Car Parking)

Councillor Mrs Vallance updated that she had been contacted by Paul Hillier, at Nottinghamshire County Council, regarding the one way system on Union Street approved previously. VIA had surveyed and they had advised that a build out was not possible on the side next to Richard Watkinson's and that to build out on the Sainsbury's side would mean a loss of two disabled spaces. Councillor Mrs Vallance asked for confirmation that Council were still happy to proceed with the plans, with no right turn, but exclude the build outs and at a later date come back to review.

RESOLVED to proceed with the plans as detailed above with exception of the build outs.

05.Councillor Mrs Vallance (Lead Councillor – Car Parking)

Councillor Mrs Vallance advised that of the 3 possible sites previously suggested for cycle racks in Bingham, one outside Costa has been discounted and also one outside Boyes is too small. Preferred site would still be at the side of Specsavers.

06.Councillor Shelton (Council Rep – Linear Park Working Group)

Councillor Shelton advised the bridge on Linear Walk has a crack and had graffiti over the mural. The Office Manager confirmed that the Groundstaff had visited site and members would be updated of the outcome. The Office Manager would contact the previous mural designers to discuss the options of re-painting.

13.00 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Closure of Natwest Bank

Members noted the letter sent from Bingham Town Council and the response received from RBS. The Mayor confirmed that he would respond to RBS and their comments. Councillor Mrs Vallance noted their suggestion of the post office as an alternative, she would be interested if the post office had received any consultation with reference to this and queues always seemed large.

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(b) Arts & Craft Fair 16th/17th June 2017

Members noted that application received from Rushcliffe Borough Council and noted how late notice was given. Councillor Vallance commented that Rushcliffe Borough Council needed to consult with Bingham Town Council before accepting bookings for events. It was noted the fair this year is the weekend of Father's Day and the last one was on Mother's Day weekend, which has an effect on trade for local gift shops.

The office were asked to pass on the comments to Rushcliffe Borough Council.

14.00 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEXT BUSINESS, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

The following matters were discussed:-

- 01 PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES 115, 116, 117 & 118
- 02 RECRUITMENT UPDATE
- 03 LAND ISSUES
- 04 WEBSITE

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CHAIRMAN.

Date: