

Minutes of a meeting of the Community, Recreation and Amenities Committee of Bingham Town Council held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham on Tuesday 13 August 2024 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Williams, V Leach, S Perkins, N Jejna, W Stapleton, A Shelton.

Officers: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 10 including Councillors M Baulcombe, N Mees, T Wallace and P Walters.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor R Bird.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 18 June 2024, Folios 10192 to 10195, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING DECISIONS

The committee noted the update actions and completion of the CCTV installation as part of the Safer Streets 5 project.

5. BUDGET TO ACTUAL TO 31 JULY 2024

The report was noted and the committee continued to note the expected overspend on the cemetery maintenance and open spaces budgets for contractor support. The committee also noted the Gator repairs required identified in the recent service at a cost of £890 plus vat. The Clerk would seek options for a replacement vehicle with trade in options as the Gator was purchased in 2017.

6. CHAPEL LANE AND WYNHILL FEASIBILITY

The committee noted the completed phase 2 feasibility study produced by Welham Architects. The report had identified a potential site share at Wynhill for the Rugby Club, Scouts and Guides and initial comments from 2 of the groups had been received. As there seemed to be a desire to progress a potential site share, the committee agreed that further work to look at how the site at Wynhill would be shared to accommodate the groups was required. Chapel Lane would be considered further after the work to investigate a site share at Wynhill had been progressed.

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RECOMMEND: that a quote be obtained for consideration by the Finance, Policy and Resources to progress a developed concept for a site share at Wynhill.

7. HILL DRIVE ALLOTMENTS

(a) Draft tenancy agreement

RESOLVED: to accept the draft tenancy agreement and to consult with Allotment holders during September.

(b) Annual rent review

The committee noted the Allotments were operating at a net loss and therefore a cost to residents. The committee noted that water charges are changeable and that a yearly review would enable the council to continue to monitor any changes in costs. The committee also noted that ground staff time for cutting the site and office staff time to administer the allotments including queries had not been included in the costs. The committee considered that raising the rental costs over a two year period would assist in tenants in planning for the increase and that plots would still be a lower costs than two of the local sites considered in comparison.

RESOLVED: to increase the annual rent over a two year period and perform annual reviews:

Bingham	Jan 25
Small - 50-150 m ²	£33.26 (£7.38 increase)
Medium - 150 – 200m ²	£49.87 (£11.06 increase)
Large - Over 200m ²	£66.49 (£14.75 increase)
Total Income	£1463.15

Bingham	Jan 26
Small - 50-150 m ²	£40.64 (£7.38 increase)
Medium - 150 – 200m ²	£60.93 (£11.06 increase)
Large - Over 200m ²	£81.24 (£14.75 increase)
Total Income	£1797.74

(c) Request for a trail camera to be sited on an individual plot

The committee considered the request and legislation around a camera and concerns were noted relating to GDPR and data protection.

RESOLVED: to refuse the request for a trial camera.

(d) Allotment Waiting List Policy

RECOMMEND: that the allotment waiting list policy be approved.

8. COGLEY LANE LAND

The committee agreed that a consultation meeting regarding plans for Cogley Lane should be held in late September to ensure that the Council considers residents views at the earliest opportunity. Carnarvon School would also be contacted for their views.

It was agreed that Bingham Heritage Trails Association and Friends of Bingham Linear Park would be invited along to help field questions and concerns.

RESOLVED: to progress a consultation meeting regarding the land surrounding Cogley Lane play area.

9. WALLENFELS CIVIC RECEPTION

The committee noted that the Jubilee Hall had been confirmed for Thursday 05 September for the Civic Reception to mark 40 years. A buffet was to be provided and a licenced bar would be ran by the staff at Bingham Arena.

10. PLAY AREAS

The repairs and ongoing monitoring tasks were noted and the committee considered a residents request for removal of a bench at Cogley Lane after reports of recent antisocial behaviour at the site. No reports has been made or received by the police and therefore the committee asked that the resident reports future issues to the police so that a record of incidents and evidence can be considered if the issue persisted. Without evidence of the issue the committee felt unable to take any action to remove the bench. The committee noted that the local police team had been asked to make site visits on their patrols and that crown lifting would be completed at the front of the site to increase passive surveillance.

11. TREE WORKS

RECOMMEND: the quote of £4930 plus VAT be accepted to complete the remaining items identified in the tree survey including one day at Bingham Linear Park.

12. LINEAR PARK – TITHBY ROAD STEPS

The committee noted that the retaining wall along the centre section was starting to show signs of failure and many temporary repairs to steps had taken place. The committee agreed that the steps should urgently be considered for replacement and a system to replace the retaining wall investigated. The committee agreed that no further amounts of the Linear Park budget be allocated until costs for the project had been identified.

RESOLVED: to investigate options for the replacement of the steps and retaining walls.

13. OPEN SPACE SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

The committee considered the work identify to replace areas of fencing and gates at Town Council owned sites and areas of accessibility that had been identified as a risk to the security of sites. Larger projects and items that were not like for like replacement would be considered by the committee prior to work commencing.

The committee noted that there were reports of electric bikes accessing Wynhill and a representative of the Rugby Club was asked to report and record any incidents to gather evidence of the incidents.

RESOLVED: to accept the work identified and priority list.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Long Acre – the committee noted the traffic consultation for a bus stop on Long Acre had been received and asked that it be considered by the Finance, Policy & Resources Committee due to meet the date of request for comments
- (b) Community Tree Scheme – the committee noted that Rushcliffe Borough Council had sent an application for the 2024 tree planting scheme. The committee were updated that no areas for additional or replacement trees had been identified.
- (c) CCTV – the committee noted that additional funding had been requested for camera locations as part of the safer streets 5 project and asked that it be placed on the Finance, Policy & Resources agenda for consideration.

15. CONFIDENTIAL

The following matters were discussed:

- Confidential Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2024

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

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CHAIRMAN

Date:
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A quote be obtained for consideration by the Finance, Policy and Resources to progress a developed concept for a site share at Wynhill.
- That the allotment waiting list policy be approved.
- The quote of £4930 plus VAT for tree work be accepted to complete the remaining items identified in the tree survey including one day at Bingham Linear Park.

RESOLUTIONS:

- To accept the draft allotment tenancy agreement and to consult with Allotment holders during September.
- To increase the annual rent over a two year period and perform annual reviews.
- To refuse the request for a trial camera at the allotments.
- To progress a consultation meeting regarding the land surrounding Cogley Lane play area.
- To investigate options for the replacement of the steps and retaining walls.
- To accept the work identified and priority list for open space security improvements.