

BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Cottingley Cornerstone, Littlelands, Cottingley, Bingley, BD16 1AL



ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE PARISH OF BINGLEY

Thursday 26th April 2018 6.30PM

Held at Mornington Road Methodist Church Hall, Herbert Street, Bingley BD16 4NU

Chaired by Councillor Ros Dawson, Chair of Bingley Town Council and minutes taken by the Administrative Officer, Laura Jowett.

Also present: Councillors Beckwith, Clough, Dearden, Goode, Hardman, O'Neill, Owen, Quarrie, Simpson, J Wheatley, M Wheatley and Winnard.
Ruth Batterley, Town Clerk
Thirty-four members of the public.

1. Welcome by Councillor Dawson

Councillor Dawson welcomed everyone to the Annual Town meeting for Bingley. She introduced herself and explained the format of the meeting.

Councillor Dawson explained that all the community groups attending have received grant funding from the Town Council and expressed thanks to all those who contribute so much to making Bingley and villages a great place to live.

Councillor Dawson noted that the aim of the meeting was to allow residents to share with councillors their concerns for the area and advised that questions would be taken after the speakers.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted from Phillip Davies MP and Councillor Mark Truelove.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2017. Proposed Councillor Winnard, seconded Councillor Quarrie and agreed.

4. Chair's remarks

Councillor Dawson gave a recap on the work of Bingley Town Council over the last year including the newsletter, the upcoming summer markets, increasing the grant scheme, progress on Priestthorpe Annex, responding to Bradford Council's decision to shut the public toilets, extending the planting scheme and the Christmas lights. She remarked that Bingley is looking smarter and gave information about the litter picks in the area and the new grit bins and gave thanks to Bingley Green Dog Walkers for their efforts to tackle dog fouling and Action Stations for their improvements to both Bingley and Crossflatts train stations.

Councillor Dawson reminded the meeting of the council's pro-active work such as the new flag and noticeboards, a Bingley prospectus and the neighbourhood plan. Councillor Dawson explained that the council advocates on behalf of Bingley and has taken action against raves and anti-social behaviour and worked with the police after the terrible events at Bijou nightclub that led to the death of James Etherington. Councillor Dawson gave special mention, and thanks, to Michelle Chapman, her daughter Lea-Dionne Short and Karen Pritchard who organised a celebration of James's life and also fund-raised.

Councillor Dawson expressed thanks to all those who get involved, volunteers, councillors, staff and all those individuals who go out of their way to be helpful and encouraging.

5. Presentations by guest speakers

Councillor Dawson introduced the guest speakers, firstly Chris Slaven from Bradford Council Emergency Planning Department, gave a talk about working with Bingley Town Council, the emergency plan and planning for events. Jag Picknett from Friends of Bingley Pool then provided an update on Bingley Pool, the feasibility study and the grant they received from Bingley Town Council. Jamie Illingworth from Bingley Chamber of Trade talked about the work of the chamber and positive developments which will contribute to making Bingley a better place economically.

6. To receive comments and questions from electors of the parish

Residents raised the following items:

1. One resident suggested that Bingley Chamber of Trade should revive their window dressing competition.
2. An elector asked Bingley Town Council for an update on the market place and suggested a farmer's market. Councillor Dawson responded and explained that markets are planned for June, July, August and October 2018.

The meeting closed at 7:15pm, Councillor Dawson thanked everyone for attending and encouraged them to help themselves to the light refreshments provided.