

BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL



Cottingley Community Centre, Littlelands, Cottingley, Bingley, BD16 1AL

ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE PARISH OF BINGLEY

Thursday 7th March 2019 6.30PM

Held at Cottingley Community Centre, Littlelands, Cottingley, Bingley BD16 1AL

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

Also present: Councillors Clough, Dearden, Gibbons, Goode, Hardman, O'Neill, Quarrie, Simpson, Truelove, J Wheatley, M Wheatley and Winnard.

Ruth Batterley, Town Clerk

Fifty-two members of the public.

1. Welcome by Councillor Dawson

Councillor Dawson welcomed everyone to the third Annual Town Meeting for Bingley.

She gave thanks to all those attending and those who had put up stalls showing the work of community groups within Bingley who have received grants from the Town Council's grant scheme and thanked them all for their effort.

She thanked stakeholders including the police, council officers, ward councillors and the MP Philip Davies and other people the council liaises with often.

Councillor Dawson explained that elections are being held in May and looked back over the last three years as a council. She gave thanks to councillor colleagues and residents who serve on the council's sub-committees and the Neighbourhood Plan working group.

Looking back Councillor Dawson outlined some of the council's achievements including the planting scheme, providing additional litter and grit bins, sponsoring the Christmas tree and purchasing extra lights, holding markets and campaigning on issues such as crime and derelict buildings.

Looking ahead Councillor Dawson highlighted some of the council's plans for the future, including rejuvenating the street furniture in Bingley (she encouraged those present to take part in a survey about the proposed new black colour), making progress with the Neighbourhood Plan and proceeding with the public toilets and office space project. She referred to the council's limited resources and thanked the Clerk and Administrative Officer for all their work.

Councillor Dawson encouraged anyone interested in standing in the upcoming elections in May to speak to a councillor or see the advice on both the NALC and the YLCA websites.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted from Phillip Davies MP, Councillor Helen Owen and Mr and Mrs Burrill.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2018 were approved.

4. Presentations by guest speakers

Councillor Dawson introduced the guest speakers who each represented groups that have received grants from the Town Council, firstly Jane Glendinning, the head teacher from Trinity All Saints Primary School gave a presentation about setting up Bingley Community Kitchen. Steve and Catherine Watkins then spoke about the success of the newly established Bingley Parkrun. Pam Lakin from the Friends of St Ives group spoke about the tree planting at Bettys Wood which had recently been completed by a large group of volunteers

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

Residents raised the following items:

1. One resident suggested using empty shops as a lending library for household and garden equipment and clothing exchange.
2. A number of electors raised their concerns about the state of the streets in Bingley on recent Sunday mornings, having witnessed an unacceptable amount of litter and other debris. Councillor Simpson thanked the electors for their feedback and explained the action taken and that issues need to be reported to Bradford Council's contact centre, she explained Bingley Town Council's recent decision to employ an Environmental Warden.
3. A resident advised that they have noticed an increase in graffiti, they were advised to report this to Bradford Council.
4. Another resident highlighted the massive reorganisation within Bradford Council
5. A representative of Friends of Bingley Pool invited attendees to speak with him after the meeting
6. Another resident gave his thanks to Bingley Town Council for all its achievements and said he finds it very uplifting to hear of all the improvements within the town.

The meeting closed at 7:30pm, Councillor Dawson thanked all those who campaigned for a Town Council in Bingley and all those who have supported the Council. She thanked everyone for attending the Annual Town Meeting and encouraged them to help themselves to the light refreshments provided.