

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HELD AT BRAUNSTONE CIVIC CENTRE

THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillor Anthea Ambrose (Chair) and Councillors Ajmer Basra, Nick Brown, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Amanda Hack, Sam Maxwell, Dipen Nathwani, Christiane Startin-Lorent and Marion Waterton.

Officers in attendance: Darren Tilley, Chief Executive & Town Clerk and Pauline Snow, Deputy Chief Executive & Community Services Manager

There were no members of the public present.

73. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Paul Kennedy and Tracey Shepherd.

74. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of any Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members.

75. Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Order 3.6, members of the public may attend the meeting for the purpose of making representations, giving evidence or answering questions in respect of any item of business included on the agenda.

There were no members of the public present.

76. Minutes of the Meeting held 1st December 2022

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st December 2022 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

77. Town Mayor's Report

The Committee received a report on the activities of the Town Mayor and any proposals for initiatives during the Civic Year (item 5 on the agenda).

It was noted that the Town Mayor would be attending the Ratby Band Barn Dance on 18th March 2023 and the St Crispin's Quiz on the 24th March 2023. The Town Mayor had organised a sponsored walk event and was encouraging the community to walk 10,000 steps in 30 days between February and April 2023. Sponsor forms were available from the community centres and online.

The Town Mayor was proposing hosting a fundraising event as part of the annual Awards of Merit event at the end of the Mayoral year. It is proposed to hold a Curry Night at Braunstone Civic Centre with tickets being available to buy for the event. Award recipients and Programme of Event groups receiving net proceeds from their events would not be required to purchase tickets.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

Reason for Decision

To monitor and review the effectiveness of the Town Council's community engagement activities.

78. Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing Update

The Chair welcomed PCSO Duane Wright to the meeting who presented an update from the Local Neighbourhood Police Beat team on local community safety and policing initiatives. PCSO Duane Wright circulated crime statistics for January 2023 along with priorities and personnel changes (filed with the minutes).

It was noted that the current four priorities for the police were Anti-social Behaviour, Road Safety, Noise Disturbance and Criminal Damage.

It was noted that the issue with youths and anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the Civic Centre had now largely disappeared.

Proactive work was due to start throughout February with Blaby District Council Environmental Health department regarding graffiti around Braunstone Town and Thorpe Astley. Property owners whose property had graffiti on would be contacted and asked to remove it.

Updates were received on two serious incidents in Thorpe Astley and Mossdale Meadows involving knives.

The police had been involved in covert road speed monitoring in the Town and suggested that the speed data collected by the Town Council be forwarded to the police as extra supporting data.

Parking on pavements was discussed and was noted that the police would become involved if cars were parked on pavements and causing an obstruction to pedestrians. The police have powers to talk to owner of these

vehicles and ask them to remove the car from the pavement, issue a ticket or tow the vehicle away.

Members expressed concern that some incidents reported to the Police were not being recorded or logged. It was noted that comments and complaints could be sent to the Police via their website.

It was noted that a meeting had been arranged on 7th February 2023 with the Chair of Community Development and two new police officers joining the beat team to discuss ongoing issues in the Town.

RESOLVED

1. that the update be noted; and
2. that speed sign data be forward to the Local Community Beat Team.

Reasons for Decisions

1. *To ensure that current community safety and policing updates were received; and*
2. *To assist the Police with identifying where speeding was a concern in order to consider enforcements.*

79. Speed Sign Data

The Committee considered the latest speed sign data from Braunstone Lane and Withers Way (item 7 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the speed activation signs be installed on Murby Way and Kingsway towards Narborough Road South.

Reason for decision

To ensure that any concerns of speeding on roads within the Town would be monitored and data collected.

80. Thorpe Astley By the Sea

The Committee received a report to approve initial arrangements for the Thorpe Astley By The Sea 2023.

It was noted that the planned date for the event was Saturday 1st July 2023.

RESOLVED

1. that the proposed fees for the pitch hire for the Thorpe Astley Gala be approved;
2. that the net proceeds from the event be used towards the cost of the event; and
3. that the activities arranged and proposed to date, be approved.

Reasons for Decisions

1. *To confirm the costs for external organisations to hire a pitch at the event.*
2. *To ensure that sufficient funding would be available to support the event.*
3. *To ensure that suitable activities would be arranged and in place for the event.*

81. Summer Fete

The Committee considered the pitch charges and attractions for the Summer Fete 2023 (item 9 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that the pitch fees for the Summer Fete be:
 - a) Community Stall £12.50 per 4m pitch
 - b) Private/Commercial Stall £20 per 4m pitch
 - c) Food/large attraction Stall £40 per 4m pitch;
2. that the proposal to pass 75% of net proceeds from the event to the Town Mayor's charity and 25% towards the cost of the event be approved;
3. that the activities arranged and proposed to date be approved;
4. that the summer fete would be an ideal opportunity to promote the new Walking & Cycling route from Thorpe Astley; and
5. that food outlets offering alternative food for residents with allergen concerns be encouraged to attend the event.

Reasons for decisions

1. *To confirm the costs for external organisations to hire a pitch at the event.*
2. *To ensure that the Town Mayor has an opportunity to raise funds for their charity but to also ensure that sufficient funding is available to support the event.*
3. *To ensure that suitable activities would be arranged and in place for the event.*
4. *To use the event to raise the profile of the route and how it connects the community.*
5. *To cater for all needs.*

82. Outside Body Report

The Committee noted that there was no further update on the activities at Braunstone West Social Centre.

83. Summary of Grant Applications

The Committee received a list of grants paid to date and applied for from external sources, along with acknowledgements for Town Council Grants (item 11 on the agenda).

It was noted that an application was due to be submitted to Blaby District Council in the sum of £500 for the installation of two defibrillators.

The application to the National Lottery for the Shakespeare Park playground project had now been approved to move to the next stage of the application process and that the grant amount requested had now been increased to £40,000.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Reason for Decision

To monitor progress with supporting community groups with identifying sources of funding and with the award of grants under the Council's Community Grants scheme.

84. Community Grant Applications

The Committee considered a Community Grant Application which had been received (item 12 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the following grant application be approved

a) Braunstone Parent & Toddler Group - £315.

Reason for Decision

The grant application met the scheme criteria.

85. Financial Comparisons

The Committee received Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st December 2022.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Reason for Decision

There were no issues identified with income and expenditure to date.

86. Approval of Accounts

The Committee considered payments from 23rd November 2022 until 24th January 2023.

RESOLVED that the list of Approved Expenditure Transactions, for the period 23rd November 2022 until 24th January 2023, be approved.

Reason for Decision

To authorise payments in accordance with the Accounts & Audit Regulations and the Council's Financial Regulations.

The Meeting closed at 9.25pm

NOTE:

*CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998 (SECTION 17) – The Council has an obligation to consider Crime and Disorder implications of all its activities and to do all that it can to prevent Crime and Disorder in its area.
EQUALITIES ACT 2010*

Braunstone Town Council has a duty in carrying out its functions to have due regard to:-

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;*
- advance equality of opportunity between different groups; and;*
- foster good relations between different groups*

To ensure that no person receives less favourable treatment on the basis of race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity.

These minutes are a draft and are subject to consideration for approval at the next meeting scheduled for 30th March 2023.

SIGNED:

DATED: