

**BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT BRAUNSTONE CIVIC CENTRE**

**THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Anthea Ambrose (Chair), Councillor Rebecca Lunn (Vice-chair) and Councillors Sevim Aslan, Nick Brown, Alex DeWinter, Andy Evans, Richard Forrest, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Christiane Startin-Lorent, Marion Waterton and Mark Widdop.

**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.

**72. Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Paul Kennedy.

**73. Disclosures of Interest**

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

**74. Public Participation**

In accordance with Standing Order 3.6, members of the public may attend the meeting for the purpose of submitting a petition and/or 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.

**75. Minutes of the Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

**76. 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 a provisional date of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 had been agreed for the Town Mayor's Awards Evening.

The Deputy Town Mayor had expressed his pleasure in attending the Pantomime and Band Concert in December 2023 on behalf of the Town Mayor.

**RESOLVED** that the update on the Town Mayor's Engagements be noted.

*Reason for Decision*

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

**77. Leicestershire Police Local Independent Advisory Group**

The Committee received details of the proposed Leicestershire Police Local Independent Advisory Group (LIAG) and considered whether to nominate a Councillor for consideration as a member (item 6 on the agenda).

The Chairperson welcomed Inspector Matthew Allingham, (Leicestershire Police Blaby Neighbourhood Policing Area Commander) to the meeting.

Inspector Allingham gave a brief outline of the Policing area for Blaby District and Hinckley & Bosworth. Copy of the presentation attached at Appendix 1, with these minutes. It was noted that there were now two inspectors for the area, one to cover Hinckley & Bosworth and one to cover Blaby District.

The Town Council had been invited to nominate a representative to serve on the Leicestershire Police Local Independent Advisory Group which would meet quarterly and provide a cross section of people from Blaby District to raise issues of concern with the Police.

**RESOLVED**

1. that the report be noted;
2. that members be invited to submit an expression of interest if they wished to become a member of the Leicestershire Police Local Independent Advisory group; and
3. that delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive & Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, to appoint a representative to the Leicestershire Police Local Independent Advisory Group.

*Reasons for Decision*

1. *To ensure that current community safety and policing updates were received.*
2. *To offer members the opportunity to express an interest in becoming a member of the Police Advisory Group.*
3. *To appoint a suitable representative for the Police Advisory Group.*

## **78. Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing Update**

The Committee received an update from Inspector Allingham on local community safety and policing initiatives.

Inspector Allingham commented on recent crime trends in the Town including incidents of violence in local children's homes and drug manufacture in Thorpe Astley.

Members noted that any unusual activities, smell of drugs etc. should be reported to the Police in order for evidence to be gathered and action taken. Problems with drug manufacture were not a specific issue with Thorpe Astley but a nationwide issue. It was noted that drug dealing was unlikely to be taking place at properties where drugs were being manufactured.

It was commented that since the departure of Sergeant Goldsmith, a number of sergeants had been recruited for the Beat Team but none had attended a Committee meeting to introduce themselves. Inspector Allingham agreed to look into this and encourage the current sergeant to attend a meeting of the Committee.

## **79. Speed Sign Data**

The Committee received recent speed sign data for:

- a) Murby Way
- b) Turnbull Drive
- c) Approved Lamp posts
- d) Recent locations

(Item 8 on the agenda)

Members noted that incidents of speeding on Murby Way had decreased but incidents of speeding on Turnbull Drive was slightly higher.

It was suggested that details of average speed data 30 – 35mph, on Murby Way, be compiled into a graph to assess if there had been a decrease in incidents of speeding over time.

### **RESOLVED**

1. that the speed activation signs be re-installed on Turnbull Drive and Murby Way;
2. that the speed activation reports for Murby Way and Turnbull Drive be forwarded to the Police Beat Team; and
3. that a graph detailing average speeds on Murby Way collected over recent years, be compiled.

#### *Reasons for Decision*

1. *To ensure that any concerns of speeding on roads within the Town would*

*be monitored and data collected.*

2. *To assist the Police with identifying where speeding was a concern in order to consider enforcements and identify particular areas of concern.*
3. *To assess if there had been an actual decrease in incidents of speeding on Murby Way due to the installation of the Speed Activation sign.*

**80. Outside Body Report**

Councillor Rebecca Lunn reported that there was no further update on the activities at Braunstone West Social Centre.

**81. Thorpe Astley on the Beach**

The Committee approved initial arrangements for the Thorpe Astley on the Beach 2024.

It was proposed that the event be organised in the same format as the previous year's event. Activities to be arranged included the sandpit, deckchairs, donkey rides, Punch & Judy, balloon modelling, children's rides, food outlets, hook a duck etc.

Members suggested a colouring competition for children and provision of music at the forthcoming event.

**RESOLVED** that the proposed arrangements for the Thorpe Astley on the Beach event be approved.

*Reason for Decision*

*To ensure that suitable activities be provided for this community event for residents to enjoy.*

**82. Apple Day**

The Committee considered rearranging the 2024 date for Apple Day.

The committee had been asked to consider moving the date of Apple Day from 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024 that had previously been agreed at the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023, to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024 due to operational capacity.

**RESOLVED** that Apple Day be moved from 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

*Reason for Decision*

*To ensure sufficient staff cover for the event to go ahead successfully.*

**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 12 on the agenda).

Members queried the recent drop in community grant applications received. It was noted that many community groups applied for funding at the beginning of the financial year and there was a general reduction in applications at the end of the financial year.

**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 noted that no Community Grant Applications had been received.

**85. Financial Comparisons**

The Committee received Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (Item 14 on the agenda).

**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 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 until 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 (Item 15 on the agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the list of Approved Expenditure Transactions, for the periods 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 until 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024, 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 9.05pm

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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.*

SIGNED: .....

DATE: .....