

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

24th MARCH 2022 at 8.00pm

PRESENT: Councillor Darshan Singh (Town Mayor), Councillor Satindra Sangha (Deputy Town Mayor) and Councillors Anthea Ambrose, Ajmer Basra, Nick Brown, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Paul Kennedy, Leanne Lee, Phil Moitt, Tracey Shepherd, Christiane Startin-Lorent, Marion Waterton and Robert Waterton.

Councillors Shabbir Aslam and Rebecca Lunn-Scoppie observed the meeting remotely through Zoom Video Conferencing.

Officer in Attendance: Mr Darren Tilley, Chief Executive & Town Clerk and Mrs Pauline Snow, Deputy Chief Executive and Community Services Manager.

There was one member of the public present at the meeting.

COUNCILLOR DARSHAN SINGH, TOWN MAYOR, IN THE CHAIR

6007 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Parminder Basra, Amanda Hack, Sohan Johal, Sam Maxwell and Dipen Nathwani.

6008 Disclosures of Interest

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

6009 Public Session

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 was one member of the public present.

6010 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of Braunstone Town Council held on 27th January 2022 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

It was proposed by the Town Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor and was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Braunstone Town Council held on 27th January 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

6011 Announcements

a) Town Mayor

The Town Mayor, Councillor Darshan Singh, announced that after a quiet January and February; he had attended Blaby District Council Chairman's Charity Curry Night in early March.

On Friday 25th March he would be attending the Community Quiz at the Civic Centre. Tickets were still available from Reception and all members were invited to attend.

On Saturday 26th March between ten o'clock and one o'clock there would be the Library Celebration Day. All members were invited to join the Town Mayor at the event.

On Saturday 9th April, between eleven o'clock and two o'clock there would be a Craft Fair at Thorpe Astley Community Centre. The Town Mayor would be holding a stall and all members were invited to attend.

b) Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Nick Brown reported that Braunstone Town Council, via Blaby District Council had been successful in a funding bid for a Changing Places Toilet to be provided at Braunstone Civic Centre.

c) Chief Executive & Town Clerk

No announcements.

6012 Questions from Councillors

No questions had been submitted.

6013 Reports of Standing Committees: Community Development Committee – 3rd February 2022

Council received the Report of the Community Development Committee meeting held on 3rd February 2022 (p7379 – p7384).

Page 7380, Minute 78 – Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing Update

Councillor Anthea Ambrose advised that the new police sergeant had been invited to attend a future meeting of the Community Development Committee.

It was noted that the Police had arranged regular Beat Surgeries for members of the community to attend. However, these took place during the day. A request had been made to the police to arrange occasional Beat

surgeries in the evening so that residents that work during the day could attend. It had been confirmed that the Police would be arranging evening Beat surgeries as from July 2022.

Councill Bob Waterton reported that issues with motorbikes riding on public footpaths at Thorpe Astley was still ongoing. The Police had set up a Sentinel Report for the ongoing issue.

It was moved by Councillor Anthea Ambrose and

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

6014 Reports of Standing Committees: Policy & Resources Committee – 24th February 2022

Council received the Report of the meeting of Policy & Resources Committee held on 24th February 2022 (p7385 – p7394).

It was moved by Councillor Nick Brown and

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

6015 Reports of Standing Committees: Planning & Environment Committee – 10th March 2022

Council received the Report of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 10th March 2022 (p7395 – p7405).

It was moved by Councillor Robert Waterton and

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

6016 Motions on Notice

The Council received and considered motions moved on notice in accordance with Standing Order 4.14, as set out below:

Ukraine

It was proposed by Councillor Nick Brown and seconded by Councillor Tracey Shepherd and was:

RESOLVED that the following Motion on Notice be approved:

Motion: Along with local and regional leaders across Europe, Braunstone Town Council strongly condemns the multiple attacks and violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine; we express our full support and solidarity to the Ukrainian people and our peers in local government.

Therefore, Braunstone Town Council:

- (a) fully supports the following statement issued on 24th February 2022 by the Council of European Municipalities and Regions;

"We, the political leadership of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, strongly condemn the multiple attacks and violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine. We express our full support and solidarity to the Ukrainian people and our peers in local and regional government. We will not accept that our European values and integrity be attacked again by the Russian Federation after the violation of Georgian territories by Russia in 2008. We are firmly opposed to the dismemberment of a free and democratic state in Europe. The escalation of violence, repeated bombings and attacks on Ukrainian cities and territories are a serious threat to the preservation of peace and democracy across Europe. We call on the Federation of Russia to cease its attack, to leave the national territory of Ukraine, to respect all international treaties and fundamental principles of international law and to recognise the full sovereignty of Ukraine over all its territories, including Donbas and Crimea. . Firmly convinced of local democracy and city diplomacy, based on the values of peace that unite our municipalities across Europe since 1951, we stand by the Ukrainian municipalities, cities, hromadas, districts, raions and their representative associations. They are in the front line to protect the population and provide basic services to offer them good quality living conditions and daily survival. The destruction of infrastructure by the belligerents jeopardises the efficient and safe maintenance of basic public services provided by Ukrainian local and regional governments to their citizens. As European local and regional governments, representing 60 national associations across 40 European countries, including Ukraine, we will continue to work to support them in their efforts. Not only are we ready to support our peers in the country with the materials and expertise they may need in the days and weeks to come. Municipalities and regions will probably have to face soon the human consequences of such a tragedy for Europe, probably resulting in a flow of humanitarian refugees. Coordination with our national governments will be essential. As the European section of UCLG, let us hope that city diplomacy will soon unite us all again"

(Agenda item 8 a) Motions on Notice, Appendix 1)

- (b) authorises the Town Mayor to sign the statement, referred to in (a) above, on behalf of Braunstone Town Council.

In addition, Council asks that Community Development Committee:

- (c) make arrangements to commemorate Ukrainian Independence Day on 24th August with an appropriate Ceremony hosted by the Town Mayor at the Civic Memorial Garden and Flag Pole; and
- (d) ensure support is provided to Ukrainian refugees who settle in Braunstone Town through local community groups and organisations, including any newly established group.

6017 Sealing of Documents

There were no documents for sealing.

6018 County and District Councillor Reports

- a) Leicestershire County Council

There was no report received from the Leicestershire County Councillors.

b) Blaby District Council

Councillor Nick Brown advised that Blaby District Council had now set the budget for 2022/2023.

Discounts for waste removal for schools and charities had now been discontinued.

The report of the first stage consultation of the Community Governance Review of the Parish of Braunstone undertaken by Blaby District Council was due to be published on 25th March 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

NOTE:

CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998 (SECTION 17) – The Council has an obligation to consider Crime & 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 issues were considered in connection with each of the above decisions. Unless otherwise stated under each item of this report, there were no implications.

These minutes are a draft and are subject to consideration for approval at the next meeting scheduled on 12th May 2022.

Signed:

Dated: