

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL



Cllr Nick Brown
Town Council
Leader

Despite the uncertainty faced by many Councils, the Town Council continues to work hard to improve the services it provides to people living and working in the area while ensuring that we invest in our infrastructure for future generations. In 2015 we invested in improvements to Holmfield Park Play Area and refurbished the Main Hall at the Civic Centre, which included replacing the 40 year old decaying roof. This involved a large capital outlay, however, the replacement roof will have a further 40 year lifespan. The forthcoming year presents further challenges and uncertainty, with this in mind the Town Council approved its Capital Plan and budget for 2017/2018 at its January meeting. The Capital Plan highlights areas where we need to invest for the future in our parks and community facilities and the budget provides for this investment along with funds to protect and enhance valued local services such as the Library. We recognise the importance of delivering services more effectively while saving money and to this extent we continue to invest in efficiency measures such as energy saving LED lighting at our Community Centres. This approach is in accordance with our financial strategy, which has been unanimously supported by successive Councils. More details about our future plans and priorities are available on our website and from the Town Council Offices (*details at the foot of this page*).

Narborough Road South Subway Project

Braunstone Town Council and Blaby District Council have received several complaints from local residents regarding the condition and appearance of Narborough Road South subways. The Town Council took on board the comments made by residents and agreed to consider a community art project involving local residents to enhance the subways and deter further graffiti.

In order to make sure that the project would meet resident's needs, the Council ran a consultation exercise for a period of three months. Within that time only fourteen responses were received and a further twenty replies from young people attending the BB19 Bus.

Unfortunately, despite of the long period of consultation, the number of local residents who engaged with the consultation was really small and from among those that did, there was limited support for the proposal. For that reason the Braunstone Town Council has decided that no further action would be taken as the cost and time involved in delivering the project would be disproportionate. On this occasion Braunstone Town Council would like to thank everyone who got involved in this initiative for their time and engagement.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Braunstone Town Council has organised the following events in the coming months

FASHION SHOW & CLOTHES SALE - Friday 26th February 2016, 7.00pm
Thorpe Astley Community Centre, Braunstone Town

If you enjoy clothes and want to grab a bargain then come along to our Sale & Fashion Show with the net proceeds going to the Town Mayor's chosen charity – Heart Link and South West Leicestershire Scouts Association. This fun evening includes a fashion show and a chance for you to get some real bargains from the major high street stores. There will be clothes for the Young & Trendy and the Mature & Elegant with sizes 8 – 26. Tickets £5.00

"AN EXPLOSION OF MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD"

Ratby Senior and Youth Band Massed Band Concert
Saturday 19th March 2016, 7.30pm

Braunstone Civic Centre

Ratby Youth section are joining forces with the world class senior band to provide an evening of entertaining music from around the world. Tickets are £5 with under 16 free and net proceeds to be donated to the Ratby Youth Band.

COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 8th April 2016, 7.30pm

Come along and join us for the very popular Community Quiz Night which includes a light supper and friendship with neighbours and friends. There will also be a Tombola run during the evening. Tickets £6.00 sell out quick so get your tickets early. Net proceeds to be donated to St Crispin's Church.

Tickets are available from Braunstone Civic Centre



THORPE ASTLEY MEDICAL ROOMS

The likely hood that GP services will be provided in Thorpe Astley is in doubt following a statement by East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group to the BBC. The statement reads "...with the increased demand on primary care due to demographic changes and people living longer, the consensus view is that it is more effective to provide care at scale in larger practices. The opportunity to use this facility has been available for the last 5 years, but has not happened because local GP surgeries have felt unable to do so given the space available, the scale of services that they could provide and the challenge both locally and nationally in recruiting health care professionals....". The full statement is available on our website and from the Town Council Offices (*details at the foot of this page*).



PANTO AT THE CIVIC CENTRE!!!



The annual pantomime at the Civic Centre took place on 9th January and was enjoyed by over 150 local residents. "Beauty & The Beast" was performed by the Fame Factory Spotlight Ltd" touring company. The Town Mayor met the cast and provided refreshments during the interval. Net profits from the show will be donated to her chosen charities for the year.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

POLICY AND RESOURCES	Thursday 11 th February 2016	7.30pm
PLANS AND ENVIRONMENT	Thursday 25 th February 2016	7.30pm
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY	Thursday 3 rd March 2016	7.30pm

All meetings are held at the Braunstone Civic Centre

Customer Service Shop, Braunstone Civic Centre

Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

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