

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT BRAUNSTONE CIVIC CENTRE

15TH MAY 2014 at 8.00PM

Present: Ms A Hack (In the Chair), Mr M S Aslam, Miss A Ambrose, Mr A S Basra, Mr R Berrington, Miss S Betts, Mr N Brown, Mr N Chamberlain, Mr T Chapman, Mrs S Fox-Kennedy, Mrs J Fox, Mr P Kennedy, Mrs S Maxwell, Mr S Maxwell, Mr P Moitt, Mr P Patel, Mr G Sanders, Mrs I Whailing, Mr W Wright.

Officers in Attendance: Mr I Laughton, Mr D Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk

There were 20 members of the public present at the meeting.

MS A HACK, TOWN MAYOR, IN THE CHAIR

5209 Appointment of Town Mayor

As retiring Town Mayor, Ms A Hack called for nominations for the office of Town Mayor for the year 2014/2015. It was unanimously:-

RESOLVED: that Mr M S Aslam be elected Town Mayor for 2014/2015.

Mr M S Aslam was thereupon invested with the Badge and Chain of office by his predecessor, Ms A Hack, and duly signed the formal Declaration of Acceptance. Mr M S Aslam then presented Ms A Hack with the Past Town Mayor's Medallion.

MR M S ASLAM, TOWN MAYOR, IN THE CHAIR

Mr Aslam thanked Members for giving him the opportunity to act as Town Mayor and reported that he would be supporting Charity Link, throughout the forthcoming year. His wife, Shaneella, would be acting as his consort throughout the year.

Members took opportunity to congratulate the outgoing Town Mayor, Ms A Hack, upon on her successful year representing the Town Council and also raising the profile of her charity, Wishes 4 Kids for which she raised over £4,160.

5210 Appointment of Deputy Town Mayor

The Town Mayor called for nominations for the office of Deputy Town Mayor 2014/2015. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously:-

RESOLVED that Miss S Betts be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for 2014/2015.

5211 Apologies for Absence

Mr D Joshi, Mr D Widdowson.

RESOLVED

That in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, that Councillor D Widdowson's failure to attend a meeting of the Local Authority for reasons of ill health be approved in order that he does not cease to be a member of the Authority on 15th May 2014.

That the absence period be approved for a period of six months from 15th May 2015.

5212 Disclosures of Interest

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

5213 Appointment of Committees, Sub-Committees, Advisory Panel, Blaby North Community Forum, Chairpersons 2014/2015

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously:-

RESOLVED: That the Committees for 2014/2015 and Chairpersons be constituted viz:-

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE (10)

Mr N Brown (Chair)
Mrs J Fox (Vice-Chair)
Miss A Ambrose
Miss A Hack
Mrs S Maxwell
Mr S Maxwell
Mr P Moitt
Mr G Sanders
Mr R Berrington
Mr W Wright

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE SUB COMMITTEE (4)

Mrs J Fox
Mr N Brown
Mr S Maxwell
Miss A Hack

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (10)

Miss A Hack (Chair)
Mrs S Maxwell (Vice Chair)
Mr A Basra
Mr N Brown
Mr N Chamberlain
Mr T Chapman
Mrs J Fox
Mrs S Fox-Kennedy
Mr P Kennedy
Mr P Patel

PLANS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (10)

Mr G Sanders (Chair)
Miss S Betts (Vice-Chair)
Miss A Ambrose
Mr R Berrington
Mr D Joshi
Mr S Maxwell
Mr P Moitt
Mrs I Whailing
Mr D Widdowson
Mr W Wright

BRAUNSTONE TOWN CITIZENS ADVISORY

PANEL (5 Members)
Mr N Brown (Chair)
Mrs J Fox (Vice-Chair)
Miss A Hack
Miss A Ambrose
Mr T Chapman

EMPLOYING COMMITTEE (3) AND APPEALS COMMITTEE (3)

Mr N Brown (Employing Committee)
Mrs S Maxwell (Employing Committee)
Mr P Moitt (Employing Committee)
Mr G Sanders (Appeals Committee)
Mr P Patel (Appeals Committee)
Mrs J Fox (Appeals Committee)

TOWN MAYOR – Mr M S Aslam
DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR - Miss S Betts
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – MR N BROWN
DEPUTY LEADER OF COUNCIL – MRS J FOX

(N.B. The Town Mayor is Ex Officio Member of each Committee)

5214 Appointment of Representatives of Outside Bodies

RESOLVED: That the following representation on outside bodies be approved.

Leicestershire Association of Local Councils (2 members)

Miss A Hack, Mr G Sanders

Braunstone West Social Centre (1 member)

Mr P Moitt

Braunstone Town Community Minibus (2 members)

Miss A Ambrose, Mr P Kennedy

Lubbethorpe Development Community Liaison Group

Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Chair of Plans & Environment Committee, Mr W Wright, Miss A Hack

Leicestershire & Rutland Crimestoppers

Mrs S Fox-Kennedy

5215 Minutes of the Meeting held 13th March 2014

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meetings held 13th March 2014 as previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

5216 Items Dealt With Required by Statute

a) Adoption of the Annual Report for 2013/2014

RESOLVED:- That the Annual Report & Budget 2013/2014 be adopted (copy filed with this report)

b) Adoption of the Cycle of Meetings for 2014/2015

RESOLVED:- That the Cycle of Meetings for 2014/2015 be approved (copy filed with this report).

5217 Town Mayor's Report

Mr M S Aslam, Town Mayor and Members took the opportunity to make a presentation to Mr I Laughton, who was retiring from his position as Executive Officer & Town Clerk after 27 years with the Council.

5218 Public Session

In accordance with Standing Orders 16f and 70 the meeting was adjourned to give an opportunity for members of the public present to raise matters of public interest for the purpose of making representations, giving evidence or answering questions.

Mr R Sherwin, Braunstone Life Correspondent, took the opportunity to congratulate Mr M S Aslam on his appointment as Town Mayor and the Braunstone Life looked forward to working with him during the year, along with his Deputy, Miss S Betts. He also took the opportunity to congratulate Mr I Laughton in his retirement from his post as Executive Officer & Town Clerk.

5219 Questions from Councillors

There were no questions raised by Councillors submitted in accordance with Standing Order 15.

5220 Plans & Environment Committee

The Report of the Plans & Environment Committee Meeting held on 20th March 2014 (p5616/p5619).

RESOLVED: That the Report be adopted.

5221 Community Development Committee

The Report of the Community Development Committee Meeting held on 20th March 2014 (p5620/5622).

It was noted that the Coalpit Lane Spinney Pals had extended an invitation to Members of the Council to visit the spinney to see the work that the group.

RESOLVED: That the Report be adopted.

5222 Policy & Resources Committee

The Report of the Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on 3rd April 2014 (p5623/5627)

Mr N Brown reported that a meeting hosted by the Town Council had been held with neighbouring parishes to discuss the proposals by Leicestershire County Council for the future of the Library service. It had been agreed to reconvene a further meeting when those parishes represented had considered any options for joint objection to the proposals and possible future joint working to ensure a continued library service.

RESOLVED: That the Report be adopted.

5223 Plans & Environment Committee

The Report of the Plans and Environment Committee Meeting held on 10th April 2014 (p5628/5630).

RESOLVED: That the Report be adopted.

5224 To Consider Resolutions or Recommendations

There were no Resolutions or Recommendations received.

5225 Authorisation of the Sealing of Documents

There were no documents received.

5226 Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies, District and County Councillors, LAPLC Representatives and School Governors Reports

District Councillors

The District Councillors spoke about the impact that the ongoing funding cuts and changes arising from the Welfare Reform were having on service users.

Leicestershire County Council

Mrs J Fox reported about how the services being provided by Leicestershire County Council were being impacted on by cuts to funding. She continued to be a representative on the Fire Authority and she reported that the Fire & Rescue Service had continued to provide a reduced cover of service during its recent strike action.

Braunstone West Social Centre

Mr P Moitt reported on the refurbishments to the Braunstone West Social Centre and was pleased to note that the number of room bookings was up.

Braunstone Town Community Minibus

Mr P Kennedy was disappointed to note that one of the Minibuses had been vandalised in the compound a few weeks ago. He was pleased to report, however, that the Minibus had been present at the Town Mayor's Awards Evening to receive a cheque for £433 being the proceeds raised from the Programme of Events.

5227 Termination of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.