

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
18th SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Ms A Hack (In the Chair), Miss A Ambrose (substituting for Mr N Brown), Mr A Basra, Mr P Kennedy, Mrs S Maxwell, Mr S Maxwell (substituting for Mrs J Fox)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Mrs P Hurd, Community Development & Centres Manager

APOLOGIES: Mr N Brown, Mr N Chamberlain, Mrs J Fox, Mrs S Fox-Kennedy

1. Disclosure of Interest

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

2. Public Participation

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.
There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

3. Report of the Meeting held on 10th July 2014

The Report of the last meeting held on 10th July 2014 was accepted as a true record of the meeting.

4. Community Development & Centres Manager's Report

a) Community Grants and External Funding Updates

A list of Community Grants and external funding received since 1st April 2014 was received.

b) Community Grant Applications

RESOLVED

That the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 1(1) of the Localism Act 2011 (General Power of Competence) should incur the following expenditure:-

- i) Braunstone Ivy Club - £200 – for hire of hall and minibus for club meetings
- ii) Women on Thursday - £200 – for cost of speakers and club outings

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Grant budget for 2014/2015 was £5,000. Following the approval of the grants listed above, the balance remaining was £547.

c) New Year's Eve Function 2014

It was noted that the availability of the function rooms for New Year's Eve parties subject to a donation to the Town Mayor's charity, had been advertised in the usual way.

RESOLVED

The free use of the Millfield Hall be granted to Ceroc subject to 25% of the net proceeds being donated to the Town Mayor's charity.

- d) Improvements to Parks & Open Spaces
Mr D Tilley reported that a contract had been issued for the demolition of the Holmfield Park Changing rooms. Following the demolition and clearance of the site, local residents and the Citizen's Advisory Panel would be consulted on proposed project for the redevelopment of the site. Recent Planning Applications had been received for various sites in the region of Holmfield Park and the Town Council had requested a contribution to the Holmfield Park project through Section 106 money from the developers.
- e) Community Development Projects
The Community Development & Centres Manager provided a progress report on community development initiatives since the last meeting.
- f) Town Mayor's Support and Initiatives
- i) A request had been received from Leicester Charity Link for Braunstone Civic Centre to be a drop off point for donations to their Food Bank Scheme. They had asked if a container could be left in the reception area for residents to make donations of non-perishable food. Any donations left would be collected on a weekly basis.

RESOLVED

That the initiative be supported and that the Council offer help with promoting the scheme.

- ii) Information regarding the flying of the Commonwealth Flag on 9th March 2015 and annually thereafter was received by members. The Town Mayor was happy to support the initiative.

RESOLVED

That a Commonwealth flag be purchased and flown on the appropriate day each year.

- g) Summer Fete 2014
Mrs Hurd reported that the Summer Fete 2014 was well attended with 62 stall holders, climbing wall, displays, dog show, food and refreshments, boxing ring, traction engine and sports activities. New events for this year included an animal roadshow and the vintage organ. The date this year was a week later than previous years and this appeared to have increased attendance to the event.
- h) Local Area Co-ordinator
Details of the Action Plan to date and promotion of the new initiative was received and noted. Mrs Hurd had compiled a list of Community Leaders in Braunstone Town and suitable dates for a Promotional event at Braunstone Civic Centre had been forwarded to Blaby District Council. The list of Community Leaders would be forwarded to Members and any further suggestions would be added to the list.

5. Crime Reduction Services

i) Neighbourhood Take Charge

The notes of the Neighbourhood Takes Charge Meeting held 27th August 2014 was received and an action plan update was received. It was noted that a group of residents was looking into forming into a constituted group that would open them up to more funding opportunities. A draft Constitution had been forwarded to the residents for their consideration.

ii) Speed Activation Sign

A summary of the data received from the Speed Activation Sign being in place on Kingsway was received and noted. It was noted that there had been a 1% reduction in speed of vehicles entering Braunstone Town via Kingsway and a 2.6% reduction in speed leaving Braunstone Town. Mrs Hurd advised that the Police were arranging follow up monitoring of speeds on Kingsway following the removal of the Speed Activation Sign which was now in place on Jewsbury Way in Thorpe Astley. Miss A Hack suggested it would be useful to receive figures of recorded accidents occurring on roads covered by the Speed Activation Sign.

6. Financial Comparisons

The Financial Comparisons were received and noted.

7. Termination of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.30pm