

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
10TH JULY 2014 AT 7.30PM

Present: Ms A Hack (In the Chair), Mr A S Basra, Mr N Brown, Mr N Chamberlain, Mrs J Fox, Mr P Kennedy, Mrs S Maxwell.

Officers in Attendance: Mr D Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Mrs P Hurd, Civic Centre Manager/Community Development Officer, Miss J Leech, Assistant Executive Officer – Admin.

Apologies: Mrs S Fox-Kennedy, Mr P Patel.

1. Disclosures 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 5th June 2014

The Report of the last meeting held on 5th June 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) Community Life - £290 – to organise a community picnic
- ii) Friends of Highway Spinney Group - £188 – towards hire of hall, guided walks
- iii) Leicester City Permanent Allotment Society - £300 – towards plants and shrubs to prevent flooding
- iv) Asian Elderly Group - £195 – general for use at group meetings
- v) Punjabi Cultural Society - £300

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Grant budget for 2014/2015 was £5,000. Following the approval of the grants listed above, the balance remaining was £947.

- c) Letters from Community Groups
The following letters were received from Community Groups regarding community grants:-
- i) A letter dated 23rd June 2014 from the Leicester Movie Makers thanking the Town Council for its grant
 - ii) An acknowledgement of the Council's patronage from the Braunstone Life Community Newspaper dated 22nd June 2014
 - iii) An acknowledgement from the Braunstone Heritage Group dated 24th June 2014 thanking the Town Council for its grant.
 - iv) A letter dated 25th June 2014 from Winstanley Wizards thanking the Council for its grant.
 - v) Thursday Over 60s Club dated 1st July 2014 acknowledging receipt of the grant.
- d) Improvements to Parks & Open Spaces
A progress report on the funding towards the 'Proposals & Priorities For Improvement to Our Open Spaces and Parks', was received. It was noted that four tenders for the demolition had been received and would be forwarded to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration. It was noted that Mr D Penman of Grove Park would be approached with regarding funding once further information on the improvement scheme was in place.
- e) Community Development Projects
- i) 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) Town Mayor's Report
It was noted that a Community Picnic to commemorate the outbreak of World War One had been organised at Winstanley Community College for 14th August 2014 from noon to 4pm.
- g) Youth Fund
An application form for young people's groups to make applications towards the Youth Fund was received and noted. The application form procedure would ensure that information on projects would be received through the Community Development Committee.
- RESOLVED
That the revised procedure be adopted and be promoted to young people's groups including via the Council's website.
- h) Summer Fete
To receive a progress report from the Community Development & Centres Manager on the Summer Fete. Anyone who would be able to help out on the day should contact the Community Development and Centres Manager.

5. Local Area Co-ordinator

A report on Blaby District Council's pilot scheme for a Local Area Co-ordinator to support vulnerable people in the community, was received. The scheme, funded by the Health Authority, had been trialled in other areas of the County and now there was an opportunity to run a pilot in the Braunstone Town area via the District Council. It was intended that an officer would be appointed to operate the scheme which would be able to help around 60 individuals.

The District Council was seeking support from the Town Council in the recruitment of the Local Area Co-ordinator post, in providing a base for the Officer and in promoting the Scheme.

RESOLVED

That it be confirmed with Blaby District Council that the Town Council considered that the Scheme should be targeted to the whole of the town, and that the Town Council would provide support by means of offering office space, and would assist in promoting the Scheme.

6. Blaby District Council Outstanding Achievement Awards 2014

Details of Blaby District Council's Outstanding Achievement Awards for 2014 were received, along with a request for nominations.

RESOLVED

That the following be nominated for Blaby District Council's Outstanding Achievement Awards:

- i) Mrs Netta Sutherland – Category A - Good Friend/Good Neighbour;
- ii) Mr John Dodd – Category B – Volunteer of the Year; and
- iii) Radford United – Category D – Best Community Group/Community Achievement.

7. Crime Reduction Services

- i) Neighbourhood Takes Charge
The notes of the Neighbourhood Takes Charge Meeting held 23rd June 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.

8. Financial Comparisons

The Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2014 to 30th June 2014 were received and noted.

9. Termination of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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.