

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE **20TH MARCH 2014 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Mr M S Aslam (In the Chair), Mr R Berrington, Mr N Brown, Mr N Chamberlain, Mr T Chapman, Mrs J Fox, Mrs S Fox-Kennedy, Mr P Kennedy, Mrs S Maxwell.

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

Apologies: Miss S Betts.

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 6th February 2014

The Report of the last meeting held on 6th February 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 2013 was received. It was noted that the applications for CAFFY by two of the groups were still pending.

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) Coalpit Lane Spinney Pals - £150.00 towards litter picking equipment.

c) Letters from Community Groups

There were no letters from Community Groups received.

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. The Executive Officer & Town Clerk reported that the District Council had secured £3,896.88 in developer funding from the land adjacent to 2 Fishpools and he had, as a consequence written to the District Council's Planning Obligations Officer on 4th March 2014 to request whether it could be used to support the cost of replacing the balance equipment on Franklin Park as part of the Council's Priorities for Improvement.

- e) Community Development Projects
 - i) The report covering from February 2014 from the Community Development & Centres Manager on Community Development Projects was received. It was noted that she had met with a representative from Blaby District Council with regard to providing Summer Activities for young people in Braunstone Town.

- f) Town Mayor's Support and Initiatives
 - i) Town Mayor's Report
It was noted that the Braunstone West Social Centre's Annual General Meeting was to be held 21st March at 7.30pm.

 - ii) 'Walk to Remember' Event
The reports of the 'Walk to Remember' event meetings held on 29th January and 13th February 2014 were received and noted. It was noted that the organising group would be producing leaflets to promote the event. It was noted that the earthworks as part of the installing of the bridge over the M1 were anticipated. The information had been forwarded to the group for their reference.

- g) Programme of Events
The draft Programme of Events for 2014/2015 was received. The Community Development & Centres Manager would liaise with the incoming Town Mayor, Mr M S Aslam, with regard to any events that he would like to see included as part of the programme.

5. Crime Reduction Services

- i) Neighbourhood Takes Charge
A progress report setting out the action plan list for key partners involved with the Neighbourhood Takes Charges Initiative was received and noted. It was noted that the residents who had attended the last meeting were keen to help by organising litter picking sessions. The Town Council had agreed for the group to hold their meetings at the Civic Centre free of charge and they would be able to store their litter picking equipment at the Centre.

- ii) Speed Activation Sign
The data for January and February 2014 from the Speed Activation Sign targeting vehicles travelling on Murby Way towards Meridian Way, was received and noted. It was noted that the sign had now been moved to Kingsway to target the vehicles travelling north from the Narborough Road South service road. The figures provided for the next meeting would provide the actual number of vehicles as well as the percentage figures.

- iii) Crime Updates
The Crime Updates for Braunstone Town and Thorpe Astley for January/February/March 2014 were received. It was noted that the figures for burglaries were down however there was an increase in theft of and from vehicles. The Crime Reduction Officer was currently completing a campaign to promote initiatives to help reduce car crime.

- iv) Blaby Local Policing Unit
It was noted that information events were being hosted by Blaby LPU and that representatives from the Town Council had been invited to attend. Councillors Mr W Wright and Mrs S Fox-Kennedy and the Crime Reduction Officer would be attending on 24th March.

6. Franklin Park Working Group

The report of the Franklin Park Working Group meeting held 24th February 2014 was received and noted. The report contained a schedule of events for the forthcoming year. It was noted that this year's Apple Day was scheduled for Saturday 4th October at which the site will be officially opened.

7. Community Libraries

A letter received 6th March 2014 from the County Council's Lead Cabinet Member for Heritage, Leisure and Arts inviting representatives from Parish Councils to attend a briefing meeting on 31st March 2014 regarding the future of Community Libraries was received and noted.

8. Financial Comparisons

The Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2013 to 28th February 2014 were received and noted.

9. Termination of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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.