

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT BRAUNSTONE CIVIC CENTRE

13TH MARCH 2014 at 8.00PM

Present: Miss A Hack (In the Chair), Miss A Ambrose, Mr R Berrington, Miss S Betts, Mr N Brown, Mr N Chamberlain, Mr T Chapman, Mr D Joshi, Mrs S Maxwell, Mr P Patel, Mr G Sanders, Mrs I Whailing, Mr W Wright.

Officers in Attendance: Mr. I Laughton, Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Miss J Leech, Assistant Executive Officer – Admin.

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

MISS A HACK, TOWN MAYOR, IN THE CHAIR

5193 Apologies for Absence

Mr M S Aslam, Mr A S Basra, Mrs J Fox, Mrs S Fox-Kennedy, Mr P Kennedy, Mr S Maxwell, Mr P Moitt, Mr D Widdowson.

5194 Disclosures of Interest

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

5195 Minutes of the Meeting held 30th January 2014

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meetings held 30th January 2014 as previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

5196 Items Dealt With Required by Statute

There were no items dealt with required by Statute.

5197 Town Mayor's Report

Miss A Hack reported on events she had attended in her capacity as Town Mayor since the last meeting. On 28th February 2014 she had hosted a Fashion Show which had raised over £200 for her charity. She thanked Mrs S Maxwell who had modelled at the show and for other Members who had attended. Miss Hack also reported that she had been invited to Asda to present cheques to three charities that it had selected to raise funds for over the past two months. She reported that Mr M S Aslam would be representing her at the District Council's Chairman's event that evening.

5198 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.

There were no representations from members of the public.

5199 Questions from Councillors

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

5200 Plans & Environment Committee

The Report of the Plans & Environment Committee Meeting held on 6th February 2014 (p5596/p5598).

Page 5597, Item 6 – 11/0100/1/OX Lubbesthorpe Development

Mr W Wright reported on the Judicial Review of the Lubbesthorpe Development issued by the Police and Crime Commissioner as he considers there to be a failure to provide s106 funding to meet the policing needs of the development. The review could impact on the pinch point funding for the provision of the bridge over the M1.

RESOLVED: That the Report be adopted.

5201 Community Development Committee

The Report of the Community Development Committee Meeting held on 6th February 2014 (p5599/5603).

Page 5602, Item 5g – ‘Walk to Remember’

Mrs S Maxwell had attended the previous meeting on the organising of the ‘Walk to Remember’ event to be held on 10th August 2014. The event marked the centenary of the beginning of WW1 and it was planned that the different parishes would meet up at a central point in Lubbesthorpe.

RESOLVED: That the Report be adopted.

5202 Policy & Resources Committee

The Report of the Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on 13th February 2014 (p5604/5606)

RESOLVED: That the Report be adopted.

5203 Plans & Environment Committee

The Report of the Plans and Environment Committee Meeting held on 27th February 2014 (p5607/5612).

Page 5608, Item 5 – 14/0090/1/PX and 14/0091/1/PX Radford Drive

Mr G Sanders reported that the above planning applications had been withdrawn by the applicant.

Page 5610, Item 5 – 13/0402/1/HPX – 4 Fernhurst Road

Mr W Wright reported that the above planning application had been called in response to the concerns raised by local residents on the use of the structure within the garden.

RESOLVED: That the Report be adopted.

5204 To Consider Resolutions or Recommendations

There were no Resolutions or Recommendations received.

5205 Authorisation of the Sealing of Documents

There were no documents received.

5206 Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies, District and County Councillors, LAPLC Representatives and School Governors Reports

District Councillors

Mr G Sanders and Mr W Wright had been involved in a review being carried out by the Scrutiny Panel to look at what it had achieved throughout the year and what improvements could be made for how the Panel operated. Particular items reviewed had been the BB19 Youth Bus service and teenage homelessness. Mr W Wright reported that the BB19 was currently not being used on a Wednesday evening and he had therefore asked the co-ordinators of the bus whether the bus could visit Braunstone Town.

Mr W Wright reported that he was a member of the Community Safety Partnership Working Group and he reported on a recent event at which the Group had received an update on the latest crime issues. He reported that the number of burglaries was down, however, there had been an increase in theft from vehicles. Mr Wright reported that a recent survey showed that people were concerned at the lack of feedback they received from the police when reporting incidents of crime.

Mrs S Maxwell reported that Blaby District Council had agreed to adopt the living wage as the minimum wage for its employees.

Mrs S Maxwell was pleased to note that the Planning Inspector had turned down the appeal by the applicant to the Evelyn Road development. This had been on similar grounds to the local residents' objection including an adverse effect on the quality of life for residents and out of keeping with the local area. The whole process had taken twelve months since the Development Control Committee had first received the application.

Leicestershire County Council

Mr N Brown reported that he would be attending a briefing meeting on 31st March hosted by Leicestershire County Council to update Parish Councils regarding the future plans for the Community Libraries. He would report back to a future meeting.

5207 Approval of Accounts from 1st October 2013 to 31st December 2013

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2003 the list of Approved Expenditure Transactions for the Period 1st January 2014 to 28th February 2014 (copy filed with Minutes).

5208 Termination of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.