

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 9th JULY 2015 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Councillor Amanda Hack (in the Chair), and Councillors Roger Berrington (substituting for Councillor David Di Palma), Nick Brown, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Paul Kennedy and Sam Maxwell.

Officers in attendance: Darren Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk, and Pauline Hurd, Community Development & Centres Manager.

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

17. Election of Chair for the Meeting

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair it was proposed by Councillor Sam Maxwell and seconded by Councillor Nick Brown and

RESOLVED that Councillor Amanda Hack be elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

18. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anthea Ambrose, Alex DeWinter and David Di Palma.

19. Disclosures of Interest

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

20. Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Order 3.6, members of the public may attend the meeting for the purpose of making representations, giving evidence or answering questions in respect of any item of business included on the agenda.

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

21. Minutes of the Meeting held 21st May 2015

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st May 2015 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

22. Town Mayor's Report

The Committee received a report from the Community Development & Centres Manager advising that the Town Mayor had attended the Blaby District Council Armed Forces Flag raising ceremony on 22nd June. A similar event had been hosted by the Town Mayor at Braunstone Civic Centre that had also been attended by the Vice Chair of Leicestershire County Council, Bill Liquorish and Deputy Lieutenant Peter Carr.

The Town Mayor had also attended the 82nd Leicester Scouts Summer Fete at Thorpe Astley Community Centre on Saturday 4th July on and the Braunstone Swimming Club Open Meet on Sunday 5th July.

Members were also advised that the Town Mayor was organising a sponsored Bike ride on Wednesday 5th August from Leicester to Hinckley to raise funds for her chosen charities.

23. Local Area Co-ordinator

Roo Peake, Local Area Co-ordinator attended the meeting and updated the Committee on the Local Area Coordination pilot scheme (item 6 on the agenda).

It was noted that referrals to the scheme from local GP surgeries was slow but work had been carried out to publicise the scheme and attend events and groups around Braunstone Town to encourage residents to participate or suggest residents that may need support.

Work had already been undertaken to successfully link several organisations and residents together to provide help and support. Future work would be extended to Thorpe Astley and an information board and suggestion box had been organised for a forthcoming community event that was taking place in Thorpe Astley Community Centre.

Members agreed that local GP Surgeries would need to be contacted to ensure they participate in the project as it was largely funded by the Health Service. It was also suggested that local pharmacies been contacted as they had regular contact with local residents that may benefit from the support of the project.

24. Town Watchers

Members were advised that a meeting had been held with the Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Community Development & Centres Manager, Crime Reduction Officer and Councillor Bill Wright to discuss the Town Watchers Community Group. It had been agreed that a letter be sent to all Co-ordinators informing them that unless a Secretary and Treasurer could be

recruited at the meeting in August then the Town Council would have to withdraw its administrative support to the group.

RESOLVED that if Town Watchers ceases to operate as a community group, then the Town Council consider alternative support to the co-ordinators that would be managed and operated by the Town Council.

Reason for Decision

To ensure that the work of individual Neighbourhood Watch schemes, in supporting the work of the Police and making the Town a safer place to live, would continue to be supported.

25. Crime Statistics and Part-Night Street Lighting

Location maps showing where crime's had been committed alongside the Part-Night Street Lighting Scheme were displayed at the meeting for consideration (filed with the agenda and minutes).

RESOLVED

1. that six areas in Braunstone Town that have the highest recorded crimes be investigated further and comparisons be obtained of crimes committed before the part-night lighting scheme was introduced alongside current crime rates; and
2. that the recently updated crime statistics comparing Braunstone Town with the Leicestershire Police Area be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

Reason for Decision

1. *To ascertain whether there had been an impact on the number of crimes being committed in the six highest rated areas as a result of the introduction of the part-night lighting scheme.*
2. *To monitor whether the crime reduction initiatives, identified by Sir Clive Loader, Sergeant P Colgate and PCSO Derek Bausor, aimed at reducing the levels of vehicle crime, had been effective.*

26. Speed Sign statistics

Statistics retrieved from the Speed Sign currently in place on Braunstone Close for the period 6th April – 9th May 2015 were received (item 9 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that although 2% of vehicles were travelling at excessive speed, the number of these incidents was not significantly high to warrant further action.

Reason for Decision

Members noted that 81% of vehicles recorded for this period were travelling at the regulation speed for the road. It was noted that 2% of vehicles were travelling at excessive speed. The Crime Reduction Officer had forwarded the data to the police for their comments.

27. Braunstone Life Patronage

A letter dated 20th May 2015 had been received from the Braunstone Life requesting if the Town Council would wish to renew its patronage (item 10 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. That the Braunstone Life Patronage be renewed with a gift of £300; and
2. that a copy of the Braunstone Life Accounts and Annual General Meeting papers and minutes be forwarded to the Town Council.

Reason for Decision

1. *To support the work of Braunstone Life as a community newspaper, which was operated by volunteers.*
2. *To continue to support long term financial stability of the Group.*

28. Summary of Grant Applications

The Committee received a list of grant applications made to external sources up to 23rd June 2015 and letters of thanks for Community grants which had been received from the Thursday Over 60's Club and Braunstone Heritage Archive Group (item 11 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the position be noted.

Reason for Decision

To monitor progress with supporting community groups with identifying sources of funding and with the awarding of grants under the Council's Community Grants Scheme.

29. Community Grant Applications

The Committee received applications requesting a Community Grant (item 12 on the agenda)

RESOLVED that Community Grants be awarded as follows:

- a) Asian Elderly Group - £195 to help toward the cost of refreshments and supplies for meetings
- b) Winstanley Wizards - £300 to help toward the cost of room hire, equipment and ongoing costs of the organisation

Reason for Decision

The applications had met the criteria of the grant scheme and had submitted the required information.

30. Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces

The Executive Officer & Town Clerk advised that the grant application made to Biffa for the Holmfield Park project had been rejected. To date, £8,500 in grant money had been received toward the project and it was noted that the next meeting of Policy and Resource Committee would consider further funding options for the project.

There had been no updates from “Shared Access” on their funding offer for Shakespeare Park since the previous meeting. However, Policy and Resources Committee had established a working group to consider options for improvements at Shakespeare Park and it was anticipated that this group would meet late summer/early autumn.

31. Summer Fete

The Community Development Officer & Centres Manager reported that plans for the Summer Fete on Saturday 25th July were complete and included the Dog Show, climbing wall, Wildlife Roadshow, tennis and archery, bouncy castles and children’s rides, food and refreshments, display area and over 60 stallholders.

32. Blaby District Outstanding Achievement Awards 2015

Details of the Blaby District Council Outstanding Achievement Awards 2015 scheme were circulated to Members (item 15 on the agenda).

Members were asked to consider any local residents that they wished to nominate for an award.

RESOLVED

1. that nominations on behalf of the Town Council be made for
 - a) Braunstone Heritage Archive Group – Best Community Group; and
 - b) Paul Matthews – St Crispin’s Church Lads & Church Girls Brigade – Volunteer of the Year; and
2. that subject to clarification on suitability and eligibility from Braunstone Life, Josh Stanley be nominated for Young Achiever of the Year.

Reasons for Decision

1. a) *Helping to preserve the history of Braunstone Town and ensuring that all generations of residents could enjoy and experience our heritage and history.*
b) *Due to the voluntary work undertaken with young people in Braunstone Town.*
2. *To ascertain the background to the Braunstone Life Award to Josh Stanley and to clarify whether he was a Braunstone Town resident.*

33. Termination of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.44pm



NOTE:

*CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998 (SECTION 17) – The Council has an obligation to consider Crime and 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.

SIGNED _____ (CHAIR)

DATED _____