

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Anthea Ambrose (Chair), Councillor Alex DeWinter (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Ajmer Basra, Nick Brown, David De Palma, Amanda Hack, Sam Maxwell

Officers in attendance: Darren Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Pauline Snow, Deputy Executive Officer & Community Services Manager

There was one member of the public present at the meeting.

50. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sam Fox-Kennedy and Paul Kennedy.

51. Disclosures of Interest

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

52. Public Participation

Members of the public may make representations, give evidence or answer questions in respect of any item of business included on the agenda. At the discretion of the Chairperson the meeting may be adjourned to give members of the public present an opportunity to raise other matters of public interest.

There was one member of the public present.

53. Minutes of the Meeting held 24th September 2015

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th September 2015 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

54. Update on Policing Initiatives

PC Leanne Dedmen-Ert provided an update from the Local Police Neighbourhood Beat Team of initiatives currently being undertaken by the Police.

It was noted that there had been an increase in anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Mossdale Meadows, Franklin Park and Henley Crescent/Hathaway

Avenue. Evidence of drug/substance misuse had been gathered and action taken. Letters had been sent out to several young people regarding anti-social behaviour. The BB19 bus had been in attendance once a week at Franklin Park and had been very well attended by young people. No problems had been reported on Halloween with local young people however, groups from other areas had come into the town but police had organised an immediate response to deal with the problems.

It was also reported that Vehicle crime had been reduced but is still an issue due to opportunist thieves targeting unlocked cars and vehicles with items left inside on view.

55. Speeding and Safety on Withers Way

- a) To consider the results of the speed sign at Withers Way and to receive an update from the Local Police Neighbourhood Beat Team on follow up actions following the gathering of speed Speeding on Withers Way – the Police will be organising a community speed check on Withers Way with community volunteers and Police officers will be trained in the use of the speed check equipment
- b) Fatal 4 – the Police will be arranging for the Fatal4 community initiative to take place on Withers Way. This is an initiative aimed at drivers and the local community that highlights the four key behaviours that cause fatal road accidents including driving whilst using a mobile, drink driving, speeding and not wearing a seatbelt.
- c) Sergeant Matt Turner has contacted Leicestershire County Council Highways to discuss the possibility of installing speed management measures.

It was noted that the Speed Sign would be relocated to Braunstone Lane following concerns of speeding on this road.

56. Town Mayor's Report

The Town Mayor, Councillor Sharon Betts, sent her apologies to the meeting.

The Committee received a report from the Deputy Executive Officer & Community Services Manager advising that the Town Mayor had attended the Remembrance Day Service at St Crispin's Church on Sunday 8th November and the Service of Remembrance held at Braunstone Civic Centre on Wednesday 11th November.

57. Local Area Co-ordinator

Roo Peake, Local Area Co-ordinator submitted a written report that was circulated at the meeting (item 8 on the agenda)

Examples of positive work with individuals and groups were noted within the report and work with over 52 local residents had taken place.

Councillors were pleased to note the progress and success of the pilot project but asked for clarification on the remit of the work of the Local Area Co-ordinator.

58. Town Watchers

The Chair of Town Watchers, Councillor Bill Wright, sent his apologies to the meeting.

Members were advised that a meeting of the Town Watchers took place on Monday 16th November. The Crime Reduction Officer had offered assistance to the Secretary of the Town Watchers in producing and distributing the agenda and production of minutes for the meeting. A new Vice Chair had now been elected and the Treasurer was in the process of reactivating the bank account for the group. The Crime Reduction Officer had been asked to make enquiries into the group visiting the Police Helicopter base.

59. Summary of Grant Applications

The Committee received a list of grant applications made to external sources

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.

60. Community Grant Applications

The Committee received applications requesting Community Grants (Item 11 on the agenda)

RESOLVED that a Community Grant be awarded as follows:

- a) Braunstone Swimming Club - £300 to help towards cost of providing swimming hats to club members
- b) Save our Library Action Group - £280 toward the cost of purchasing advertising and other material associated with the campaign

Reason for Decision

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

61. Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces

Members received an update on progress to Parks and Open Spaces projects.

- a) Holmfield Park
The refurbishment of play equipment on Holmfield Park was progressing and would be completed in approximately one and a half weeks. It was suggested that the Town Mayor may wish to attend a small opening ceremony once the work was completed.
- b) Shakespeare Park
A meeting of the Shakespeare Park Improvement Project Working Group was held on 18th November 2015. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Town Council, Shakespeare Park Bowls Club and Braunstone Juniors Football Club. The meeting discussed ideas for capital improvement of the Bowls Pavilion and changing rooms, funding sources, timescales and long term leasing agreements for the clubs. All the representatives attending the meeting were in agreement on the direction of the project and it was agreed that initial enquiries would be made on sourcing a suitable architect firm to draw up plans and researching possible sources of funding for the project.

62. Financial Comparisons

The Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st October 2015 (item 13 on the agenda) were received and noted.

63. Capital Plan and Budget Estimates 2015/2016

A Statement of Expenditure for 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015, a list of capital projects for 2016/2017 and beyond and a proposed budget for 2015/2016 for recommendation to Policy & Resources Committee (item 14 on the agenda) was received and noted.

64. Termination of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.



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 _____

DATED _____