

**BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Anthea Ambrose (Chair), Councillor Alex DeWinter (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Ajmer Basra, Nick Brown, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Paul Kennedy, Amanda Hack and Sam Maxwell.

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

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

**34. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Di Palma.

**35. Disclosures of Interest**

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

**36. 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 were no members of the public present.

**37. Minutes of the Meeting held 9th July 2015**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th July 2015 were circulated (Item 4 on the agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

**38. 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 Braunstone Town Council Summer Fete in July, the Allotment Society Open Day, 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VJ Day at Leicester Cathedral, Rainbows Open Day

and the Battle of Britain Parade.

The Town Mayor would be attending the Apple Day event at Franklin Park on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October where she would be officially opening the community orchard on a permanent basis to residents.

**39. Local Area Co-ordinator**

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

It was noted that Roo was now very busy with referrals; however there appeared to be less activities and less referrals at Thorpe Astley. In order to ensure that Thorpe Astley residents were aware of her service, Roo would be organising tea and croissant drop in at Thorpe Astley Community Centre on a weekly basis.

**40. Town Watchers**

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

Members were advised that at the Town Watchers meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August members of the group had volunteered to undertake the role of Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs Linda Haigh agreed to prepare agendas and minutes for the Town Watchers meetings although it was noted that she did not own a computer. The Crime Reduction Coordinator had agreed to help her with this. Members suggested that the group could apply for funding for a lap top computer and printer in order for the agendas and minutes to be prepared. It was agreed that the Crime Reduction Coordinator offer to help for the meeting in November 2015 but after that the group would need to make alternative arrangements to prepare the agendas and minutes.

**41. Speed Sign statistics**

Statistics retrieved from the Speed Sign currently in place on Withers Way for the period 17<sup>th</sup> August – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015 were received (item 8 on the agenda).

Members noted that there was a high percentage of vehicles that were exceeding the speed limit on Withers Way and a very high number that were travelling at excessive speed. The Police had also raised concerns about the speeding vehicles. It was agreed that the Crime Reduction Coordinator contact the Police to discuss working together to reduce the problem of speeding vehicles on Withers Way.

It was agreed that the Speed Sign would be moved to Braunstone Lane after Withers Way.

**42. Crime Statistics**

Comparison Crime Statistics for Braunstone Town to June 2015 were received by members (item 9 on the agenda). It was noted that the number of crimes up to June 2015 had reduced compared to previous years. However vehicle crime had risen but this was a trend across Leicestershire.

**43. Summary of Grant Applications**

The Committee received a list of grant applications made to external sources and a letter of thanks for a community grant which had been received from the Winstanley Wizards Table Tennis Club (item 10 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.*

**44. Community Grant Applications**

The Committee received an application requesting a Community Grant (item 11 on the agenda)

**RESOLVED** that a Community Grant be awarded as follows:

- a) Braunstone Ivy Club - £200 to help toward the costs hiring the hall and minibus.

*Reason for Decision*

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

**45. Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces**

Members were advised that improvement work to Holmfield Park play area and entrances would commence on 26th October and would take approximately two weeks to complete. The work includes new play equipment, litter bins, benches, footpath and entrance gates.

**46. Summer Fete**

- a) Members received a verbal report on the Summer Fete that took place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015 on Mossdale Meadows. The event was very well attended and included two new events, the Wildlife Encounters Roadshow and Circus Workshop that were both very well attended. Members discussed the merits of the display area as a group due to perform did not attend. It was suggested that a trailer/portable

stage be investigated to allow for bands or groups to perform and to be more visible. The Deputy Executive Officer and Community Services Manager agreed to investigate this.

b) Members considered setting a date for the Summer Fete 2016.

**RESOLVED** that the Summer Fete 2016 be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July on Mossdale Meadows.

*Reason for Decision*

*To ensure arrangements and publicity for the event could be made in advance.*

**47. New Year's Eve Hire of Rooms**

It was noted that the availability of the function rooms for New Year's Eve parties subject to a donation to the Town Mayor's charity, had been advertised in the usual way. One application had been received for use of Millfield Hall.

**RESOLVED** that the free use of the Millfield Hall be granted to Ceroc subject to 25% of the net proceeds being donated to the Town Mayor's charity.

*Reason for Decision*

*To ensure a fair and transparent process for hires on New Year's Eve.*

**48. Mobile Skatepark Project – Thorpe Astley**

The Deputy Executive Officer and Community Services Manager reported that six sessions of the mobile skatepark had been organised by the Wheels Project at Thorpe Astley Community Centre car park. The sessions had been offered to the Town Council free of charge. Over 42 young people attended the sessions over the six weeks.

**49. Termination of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

**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.

*These minutes are a draft and a subject to consideration for approval at the next meeting, scheduled for 19th November 2015.*