

**BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL**

**REPORT of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015 AT 7.40PM**

**PRESENT:** Ms A Hack (In the Chair), Miss A Ambrose, Miss S Betts, Mr N Brown, Mr N Chamberlain, Mr T Chapman, Mrs S Fox-Kennedy, Mr P Kennedy, Mr S Maxwell (substituting for Mrs S Maxwell), Mr W Wright.

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr D Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Mrs P Hurd, Community Development & Centres Manager, Miss J Leech, Assistant Executive Officer (Admin)

**APOLOGIES:** Mr R Berrington, Mrs J Fox, Mrs S Maxwell.

**1. Disclosure 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 on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

The Report of the last meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 was accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**4. Crime Reduction Services**

- a) An updated report on the Crime Statistics was received and noted.
- b) Sir Clive Loader, Police Crime Commissioner  
Sir Clive Loader, Police Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire, was welcomed to the meeting to make a presentation on his roles and responsibilities. Members were reassured that measures were being implemented to increase resources in Neighbourhood Police Teams.
- c) Members received a detailed response in respect of crime statistics and local operations and priorities from Sergeant P Colgate and PCSO Derek Bausor. Members were reassured that action was being taken to address recent increases in vehicle crime.
- d) An update on the Town Council's crime reduction initiatives was received. An update from the Crime Reduction Co-ordinator was circulated to the meeting. It was noted that the last Town Watchers Meeting had been cancelled as there was no-one to chair the meeting. The Group still did not have a Secretary or Treasurer. There was discussion as to what level of service the Town Council should be providing to the group and what could be done to encourage the formation of new schemes.

**RESOLVED**

*That the matter be considered on a future agenda item of the Community Development Committee.*

- e) Speed Activation Sign  
It was noted from the last meeting that Henley Crescent leading to Braunstone Close, Turnbull Drive, Littlefayre/Withers Way, Braunstone Lane were identified as locations for the future siting of the Speed Activation Sign. However, a more specific location was required for Braunstone Lane and it was agreed that the stretch around the area of St Mary's Avenue would be an ideal location for the sign. It was also noted that there was an increase in the number of cars speeding again on Kingsway near to the Doctors' Surgery.

**5. Community Grants and Funding**

- a) Community Grants and External Funding Updates  
A list of Community Grants and external funding received since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 was received. It was noted that the SWAGAT group had been successful in securing £500 funding from Blaby District Council and that the Town Council had submitted an application for £52,032 to SITA Ltd towards improvements works to the Millfield Hall roof.
- 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) Radford United (Community Action Group) - £300 towards promoting its activities to a wider demographic area
- ii) SWAGAT - £300 towards tutor fees, room hire and travel expenses
- iii) 82<sup>nd</sup> Scouts Leicester - £300 towards room hire
- iv) RAFA (Braunstone Branch) - £300 towards a 40s Night to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Britain.
- v) Braunstone Swimming Club – £40 towards sponsorship of its Open Meet
- c) Correspondence from Groups
- i) A letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 from the Bursar of Winstanley Community College, thanking the Town Council for the grant of £600 to support the students' entry into the 'Greenpower Challenge' was received and noted.

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

A progress report on the funding towards the 'Proposals & Priorities for Improvements to Our Open Spaces and Parks'. It was noted that the Council had been successful in securing a grant of £5,000 from Blaby District Council's Community Grants Scheme towards the project.

**7. Community Development Projects**

- a) Local Area Co-ordinator  
It was noted that the interviews to recruit the Local Area Co-ordinators was to take place the following week.
- b) Neighbourhood Takes Charge  
The notes from the Neighbourhood Takes Charge meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were received. It was noted that there were still only two members of the public attending the meetings, and therefore it had been agreed to hold no further meetings until the Local Area Co-ordinator was in place.

**8. Social Inclusion**

- a) Town Mayor's Support and Initiatives  
It was reported that Ceroc had made a donation of £600 towards the Town Mayor's charity being 25% of the net proceeds from their New Year's Eve event.
- b) Draft Programme of Events  
The draft Programme of Events for the 2015/2016 season was received and noted.

**9. Financial Comparisons**

The Financial Comparisons from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were received and noted.

**10. Termination of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

**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.