

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 4th APRIL 2019 AT 7.45PM

PRESENT: Councillor Anthea Ambrose (Chair), and Councillors Nick Brown, Alex Dewinter, David Di Palma, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Amanda Hack, Paul Kennedy, Sam Maxwell and Gary Sanders.

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

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

80. Apologies

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Tracey Shepherd.

81. Disclosures of Interest

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

82. 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 was one member of the public present.

83. Minutes of the Meeting held 7th February 2019

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February 2019 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

84. Town Mayor's Report

The Committee received a report on the activities of the Town Mayor and any proposals for initiatives during the Civic Year (item 5 on the agenda).

It was noted that the Town Mayor had arranged a Curry Night on 13th May 2019 and an abseil on 20th April 2019 to raise funds for her chosen charity.

RESOLVED that the update be noted

Reason for Decision

To monitor and review the effectiveness of the Town Council's community engagement activities.

85. Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing Update

The Committee noted that due to abstractions and training the police had been unable to attend the meeting. The latest Local Policing Newsletter was circulated at the meeting and filed with these minutes.

It was noted that there had been further issues with anti-social behaviour within the town in the vicinity of Shakespeare Close but partnership work had been established between the police, Blaby District Council and EM Homes.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

Reason for Decision

To ensure that the Town Council was advised of ongoing Community Safety and Policing issues

86. Speed Sign Data

The Committee considered recent speed sign data (item 7 on the agenda).

Members were concerned that a large proportion of vehicles were travelling at speeds in excess of the speed limit on Braunstone Lane particularly between the times of 7am and 9am when there were high numbers of young people crossing the road to school. Councillor Amanda Hack agreed to raise the concerns of the committee with Leicestershire County Council.

Speed sign results from Murby Way, Thorpe Astley, also indicated a high proportion of vehicles travelling 30 – 40mph in the residential area. It was noted that a further Community Speed Watch initiative would take place in Thorpe Astley between 31st August and 13th September 2019 undertaken by local residents.

RESOLVED that the speed activations signs would be reinstalled on Braunstone Lane adjacent to the Police station and Murby Way.

Reasons for Decision

To obtain further speed data in these two areas that were of particular concern for speeding traffic

87. Summary of Grant Applications

The Committee received a list of grants paid to date and applied for from external sources (item 8 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Reason for Decision

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

88. Community Grant Applications

The Committee considered Community Grant Applications which had been received (item 9 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that the following grant applications be approved:
 - a) Friends of Highway Spinney - £290
 - b) Winstanley Wizards Table Tennis Club - £300
 - d) Namaste Exercise Group - £300;
2. that the following grant application be deferred until the next meeting:
 - c) Asian Elderly Group pending receipt of the accounts

Reasons for Decisions

1. *The grants applications met the grant criteria.*
2. *The grant application did not meet the grant criteria as supporting documentation had not been submitted with the application form.*

89. Programme of Events 2019/2020

The Committee considered applications for sponsorship in the Programme of Events for 2019/2020 and approve a schedule of events (item 10 on the agenda).

It was noted that publicity for sponsorship in the Programme of Events had been widely distributed around Braunstone Town including the Town Council website, Facebook, posters and flyers and the Braunstone Life. Applications had been received from regular groups that participate in the programme. Groups based in Thorpe Astley had been encouraged to apply for sponsorship and hold events at Thorpe Astley Community Centre but no response had been received.

Events such as the Fashion Show that are held at Thorpe Astley Community Centre had been poorly attended and it was suggested that Town Councillors could provide assistance to further promote and support events held at the venue.

RESOLVED that the proposed Programme of Events, enclosed with the agenda at item 10, be approved and that delegated authority be given to the

Executive Officer & Town Clerk, to finalise detailed arrangements and confirm/amend dates where necessary.

Reason for Decision

To support community initiatives to raise funds and to provide a season of events held Braunstone Town Council facilities for the local community to attend.

90. Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces

The Committee received a progress report on current projects and funding.

It was noted that a grant in the sum of £100,000 had been approved for the Shakespeare Park Improvement Project from Sports England. Applications had also been made to the Football Foundation and Leicester City Football Club for substantial grants toward the project.

91. Financial Comparisons

The Committee received Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2018 to 26th March 2019 (item 12 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Reason for Decision

There were no issues identified with income and expenditure to date.

92. Approval of Accounts

The Committee considered payments from 30th January 2019 until 26th March 2019 (item 13 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the list of Approved Expenditure Transactions for the period 30th January 2019 until 26th March 2019 be approved.

Reason for Decision

To authorise payments in accordance with the Accounts & Audit Regulations and the Council's Financial Regulations.

93. Termination of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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: _____

DATE: _____