

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.45PM

PRESENT: Councillor Tracey Shepherd (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), and Councillors Nick Brown, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Amanda Hack, Paul Kennedy, Sam Maxwell, Phil Moitt (substituting for Councillor Anthea Ambrose) 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.

66. Apologies

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Anthea Ambrose.

67. Disclosures of Interest

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

68. 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.

69. Minutes of the Meeting held 13th December 2018

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th December 2018 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

70. 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 a Fashion Show would be held on 15th March 2019 at 7.00pm, at Thorpe Astley Community Centre to raise funds for the Town Mayor's chosen charity and that models are required for the event.

The Town Mayor had also arranged a fundraising meal at the Chef and Spice restaurant, Hinckley Road, Leicester on 9th April at 7pm. Tickets would be available from Braunstone Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre. She would also be undertaking an abseil at the local fire station to raise funds in February.

RESOLVED that the update be noted

Reason for Decision

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

71. Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing Update

The Committee received an update from the Local Neighbourhood Police Beat team on local community safety and policing initiatives.

An update on the crime figures for January 2019 was provided by PCSO Callum Loades. It was noted that there had been an increase in theft from vehicles in all areas of Braunstone Town and an increase in burglaries over the whole town. PCSO Loades confirmed that all the crimes were spread over the whole town on different days and did not show any hotspots or clusters of crime in any particular location or date.

He reported that there had been no significant problems with anti-social behaviour. Reference was made to a serious incident that occurred over Christmas regarding a stabbing in the vicinity of Mossdale Meadows. Arrests had been made and further enquiries and forensic investigations were still underway.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

Reason for Decision

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

72. Speed Sign Data

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

It was noted that the speeds on Braunstone Lane were registering between 30 - 35mph with very few vehicles travelling above this speed. It was suggested that a breakdown of individual speeds would be useful in order to see what volumes of traffic were travelling at the various speeds between 30 and 35mph.

Traffic speeds on Murby Way were received and it was noted that they had reduced since the Community Speed Watch project that was undertaken in

September 2018 in Thorpe Astley.

Members requested that the speed activation sign be placed on Turnbull Drive to monitor the speed in that vicinity following the removal of the central road marking.

RESOLVED

1. that investigations be made into the possibility of presenting a breakdown of the number of vehicles travelling between 30 and 35 mph on Braunstone Lane;
2. that the speed activation signs be installed on Murby Way and Braunstone Lane in order for comparison figures to be obtained; and
3. that the speed activation sign be installed on Turnbull Drive once data from other areas had been obtained.

Reasons for Decisions

1. *To enable a more accurate assessment of the individual speeds that vehicles are travelling on Braunstone Lane.*
2. *To collect further data from these two locations in order to provide comparison figures.*
3. *To collect data from this location following the removal of the central white road marking.*

73. Realignment of Grant Schemes

The Committee considered a realignment of the Community and Youth Grant Schemes (item 8 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that the separate Youth Grant Scheme be discontinued and amalgamated with the Community Groups Grant scheme; and
2. that the revised Community Group Grant scheme criteria, including reference to young people's projects and activities, attached at Appendix 1, be approved and adopted.

Reasons for Decisions

1. *The Young People's Grant had not been spent during the current and previous financial years and therefore in the current financial situation, as an unspent budget, a saving could be made.*
2. *To ensure that the current Community Grant scheme criteria was updated to ensure support for applications from young people's organisations and projects.*

74. Summary of Grant Applications

The Committee received a list of grants paid to date and applied for from external sources (item 9 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.

75. Community Grant Applications

The Committee considered Community Grant Applications which had been received (item 12 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that the following grant applications be approved:
 - a) Punjabi Cultural Society - £300
 - b) Kingsway Flower Club - £300
2. that a list of community groups that had received community group grants be made available for the next meeting

Reasons

1. *The grants applications met the grant criteria.*
2. *To assess the range of community groups that were applying for community grants.*

76. Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces

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

It was noted that the Football Association is looking at making major investment in local football facilities and was working in partnership with each local authority in England to undertake a process of engagement and consultation. The FA was working in partnership with Blaby District Council to undertake a process of consultation with the Town and Parish Councils in Blaby District and the Executive Officer & Town Clerk had attended a meeting to discuss the development of the Local Football Facility Plan in Braunstone Town.

77. Financial Comparisons

The Committee received Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st December 2018 (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.

78. Approval of Accounts

The Committee considered payments from 5th December 2018 until 29th January 2019 (item 13 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the list of Approved Expenditure Transactions for the period 5th December 2018 until 29th January 2019 be approved.

Reason for Decision

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

79. 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: _____

DATE: _____