

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.45PM

PRESENT: Councillor Anthea Ambrose (Chair), Councillor Tracey Shepherd (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Parminder Basra, Nick Brown, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Amanda Hack, Sam Maxwell and Christiane Startin-Lorent.

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

There were two members of the public present at the meeting.

30. Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Ajmer Basra and Paul Kennedy.

31. Disclosures of Interest

A disclosure of non-pecuniary interest was made by Councillor Sam Fox-Kennedy in agenda item 12 (b), Community Grant Applications – Mossdale Residents Association, since she had been involved with the group.

32. 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 were two members of the public present.

Pagan Smudge advised that local residents had formed the Mossdale Meadows Residents Association in order provide support to residents living in the area to present a formal mechanism to approach the local housing association and community issues in order to tackle issues in the area. It was agreed that Councillors would meet the resident to discuss the issues and offer any support they could in addressing the residents' concerns and supporting the residents 'group.

33. Minutes of the Meeting held 11th July 2019

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th July 2019 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

It was moved by Councillor Christiane Startin-Lorent and seconded by Councillor Nick Brown that a sentence be added to Minute 21, Speed Sign

Data, stating “Members discussed that high speeds had been recorded on Murby Way and should data from Community Speed Watch also record high speeds, then concerns should be raised with Leicestershire County Council and the Police”.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of the following sentence prior to the resolution at Minute 21, Speed Sign Data: “Members discussed that high speeds had been recorded on Murby Way and should data from Community Speed Watch also record high speeds, then concerns should be raised with Leicestershire County Council and the Police”.

34. 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 attended several events and had hosted a Coffee morning on 10th October to highlight World Mental Health Day. The event consisted of table top sale, raffle, mini massages and a wellbeing workshop.

The Town Mayor also advised that the Over 60’s group that had met at Braunstone Civic Centre for over 45 years had now ceased to run. It was also noted that Kingsway Flower Club would also be finishing in January 2020 after 35 years at the centre. It was suggested that both groups be invited to attend the Town Mayor’s Awards of Merit in 2020 to receive an Award of Merit.

RESOLVED

1. that the update be noted; and
2. that the Over 60’s group and Kingsway Flower Club be nominated to receive an Award of Merit in 2020

Reasons for Decisions

1. *To monitor and review the effectiveness of the Town Council’s community engagement activities.*
2. *To recognise the commitment and outstanding work in the community of these two long established community groups.*

35. Crime Statistics

The Committee received the latest crime statistics, including comparative figures (item 6 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that it be noted that there had been a slight drop in crime levels over the preceding years apart from anti-social behaviour that had shown a slight increase from the same period in 2018.

Reason for Decision

To ensure that crime trends were monitored in order to determine where the Town Council and its partner agencies needed to target their work.

36. Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing Update

The Committee received apologies from the Police who were unable to attend the meeting. However, the monthly Beat Team Newsletter was received (item 7 on the agenda).

It was noted that a growing problem throughout the town was the parking on pavements by vehicles that reduced or prevented safe pedestrian access. This had led to an increase in the number of pedestrians having to walk on the road around the vehicles which was particularly unsafe for pedestrians in mobility vehicles or those with young children and pushchairs.

RESOLVED that the Neighbourhood Police Team be asked to include information in their Newsletter about safe and considerate parking.

Reason for Decision

To address safety concerns that pedestrians, particularly older, more vulnerable and wheel chair and push chair users had to walk on the road due to obstructions from parked vehicles.

37. Local Area Co-ordination

The Committee receive a progress report from Anna Christie concerning the priorities and achievements of the Local Area Co-ordination Project in Braunstone Town.

It was noted that Roo Peake, the current Local Area Co-ordination officer for Braunstone Town, Thorpe Astley and Leicester Forest East, was taking a six month secondment within the Hospital Team of Adult Social Care based in the Leicester Royal Infirmary starting on 14th October 2019. Internal recruitment to temporarily cover the post would be taking place shortly.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

Reason for Decision

To monitor the effectiveness of the scheme and ensure effective partnership working.

38. Initial Arrangements for Summer Fete 2020

The Committee considered dates for the Summer Fete 2020. It was noted that the Summer Fete held in 2019 was well attended following a move of date

to the first weekend in August. However, it was noted that the Leicester Caribbean Carnival took place each year on the first weekend of August.

RESOLVED that the date of the Leicester Caribbean Carnival in 2020 be checked along with the availability of local groups, and if necessary the date of the Summer Fete be moved to 8th August 2019.

Reason for Decision

To avoid the two events taking place on the same day.

39. Civic Commemorations

The Committee considered ideas for future civic commemorations and acts of Remembrance (item 10 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that a programme of events for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day be coordinated by the Town Council to be operated from April to June 2020 and based on the same principles as the Annual Programme of Events; and
2. THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that a budget of £1,000 be included as a one-off in 2020/2021 budget for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day to provide financial support of up to £200 for each group/event; and
3. that a report be submitted to Community Development Committee on 6th February 2020 setting out a process for engaging local organisations and community groups in planning and organising annual remembrance events at the Civic Memorial.

Reason for Decision

1. To provide a coordinating role for community to mark 75th Anniversary of VE Day.
2. To ensure appropriate financial support to enable events to be organised and ensure their success.
3. To ensure that the Town Council hosted and facilitated annual remembrance events which were supported and organised by established local organisations and community groups.

40. Summary of Grant Applications

The Committee received a list of grants paid to date and applied for from external sources and received acknowledgements for Town Council Grants (item 11 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Reason for Decision

To monitor progress with supporting community groups with identifying sources of funding and with the award of grants under the council's Community Grants scheme.

41. Community Grant Applications

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

Having declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant application from Mossdale Residents Association, Councillor Sam Fox-Kennedy took no part in the discussion nor voting on that application.

RESOLVED that the following grant applications be approved:

- a) Braunstone Swimming Club - £225;
- b) Mossdale Residents Association - £300; and
- c) Swagat Group - £300

Reason for Decision

The grants applications met the scheme criteria.

42. Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces

The Committee received a progress report on current projects and funding. It was noted that a borrowing application had been submitted for the work on Shakespeare Park Pavilion and that a meeting with the architect, surveyor and contractor had been arranged to agree a start date for the project before the end of the year.

Work to the culvert bridge at Thorpe Astley was due to commence on 21st October 2019 and would take approximately three weeks to complete. In order to undertake the work to the bridge, temporary footpath closures would have to be implemented. However it was noted that one of the footpaths was a public right of way which would require approval by Leicestershire County Council. The contractor had agreed to contact the County Council to discuss a short diversion around the footpath before work commences.

43. Financial Comparisons

The Committee received Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019 (item 14 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Reason for Decision

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

44. Approval of Accounts

The Committee considered payments from 3rd July 2019 until 1st October 2019 (item 15 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the list of Approved Expenditure Transactions for the period 3rd July 2019 until 1st October 2019 be approved.

Reason for Decision

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

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.



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: _____