

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 11th JULY 2019 AT 7.45PM

PRESENT: Councillor Anthea Ambrose (Chair), and Councillors Nick Brown, David Di Palma, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Amanda Hack, Paul Kennedy, Sam Maxwell, Christiane Startin-Lorent and Bob Waterton (substituting for Tracey Shepherd).

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.

15. Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Ajmer Basra and Tracey Shepherd and from Councillor Parminder Basra, Town Mayor.

16. Disclosures of Interest

The following disclosures of non-pecuniary interest were made:

- (a) by Councillor Nick Brown in agenda item 12a, Community Grant Applications, 4th Leicester Scout Group; and
- (b) by Councillors Sam Fox-Kennedy and Paul Kennedy in agenda item 12c, Community Grant Applications, Community Town Minibus Project.

17. 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.

18. Minutes of the Meeting held 22nd May 2019

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd May 2019 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

19. 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 meeting for residents at Thorpe Astley to discuss community involvement in activities at Thorpe Astley Community Centre. Attendance at the event was low with only one resident attending. It was noted that the meeting was arranged with little time to advertise the event or provide an indication about the reason for the meeting. It was suggested that established groups at Thorpe Astley, including the Speed Watch group and Litter picking group, be invited to attend the next meeting to offer support and involvement in the proposed projects.

The Town Mayor had indicated that she would like to hold a Halloween Disco at Thorpe Astley Community Centre in lieu of the scouts group who were not arranging one in the 2019/2020 Programme of Events. It was noted however, that support and help from the Town Mayor and community would be required to run the event.

It was suggested that this event be postponed until next year when other groups could be approached to run the event.

Members discussed the availability of free use rooms at Thorpe Astley Community Centre and noted that due to the new GP services and the Pop Up Care Group there was limited availability for offering free use rooms during the daytime on weekdays. It was suggested by members that the Town Council look at reviewing free use rooms at Thorpe Astley Community Centre to include evenings and weekends.

RESOLVED

1. that the update be noted; and
2. THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE that a review be undertaken of the Council's Community Group Room Hire Scheme, exploring the potential to extend free use rooms, particularly at Thorpe Astley Community Centre, to include evenings and weekends.

Reasons for Decision

1. *To monitor and review the effectiveness of the Town Council's community engagement activities.*
2. *To ensure that the Council's Policies to support community groups was appropriate and fit for purpose, particularly given there was limited availability for making use of free room hire during the daytime on weekdays at Thorpe Astley Community Centre following the expansion of GP services and the pre-school.*

20. Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing Update

The Committee noted that representatives from the police were unable to attend the meeting. However the Local Policing Newsletter was received and noted.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

Reason for Decision

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

21. Speed Sign Data

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

It was noted that speeding traffic was an ongoing issue on Braunstone Lane but the incidences of high speeds was very low and would be impossible to eliminate entirely. Installing traffic calming or a crossing point was very expensive and would be the responsibility of Leicestershire County Council who would consider the levels of footfall at crossing points and the number of accidents before installing any type of traffic calming measure. It was suggested that Leicester City Council could be contacted to consider a joint approach in asking the County Council for support in traffic calming on Braunstone Lane. Other options included the formation of a Speed Watch group on Braunstone Lane and making available 30mph stickers for waste bins in the area.

RESOLVED that the speed activation signs be reinstalled on Braunstone Lane and Murby Way.

Reasons for Decision

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

22. Summer Fete 2019

The Committee received a progress report on arrangements for the Summer Fete 2019.

It was noted that the all arrangements for the fete were now almost complete and that 58 stalls were now booked for the event along with a wide range refreshment and food stalls, activities and events.

23. New Year's Eve Events

The Committee considered use of the Council's facilities for fundraising events on New Year's Eve (item 9 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that free use of the Millfield Hall and Council Chamber at Braunstone Civic Centre and Main Hall at Thorpe Astley Community Centre on New Year's Eve, 31st December 2019, be advertised to local groups on the basis that money raised would be donated to charity, with at least 25% of the proceeds being donated to the Town Mayor's Charity,
2. that the Executive Officer & Town Clerk be given delegated authority to consider applications received and offer the use of the facilities at Braunstone Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre on the basis that applications meet the criteria

Reason for Decision

1. *To ensure a fair and transparent process for free use of rooms for New Year's Eve fundraising events.*
2. *To ensure that any applications are considered in a timely manner in order to advise groups of the decision in order for them to commence preparations for their event if their application is successful.*

24. Nominations for the Blaby District Outstanding Achievement Awards

The Committee considered nominating for the Blaby District Outstanding Achievement Awards (item 10 on the agenda).

Following discussion it was suggested that the Town Council submit a nomination for the Braunstone Community Life Group for the work undertaken on the Poppy Cascade, Remembrance Parade and Memorial Garden.

It was also suggested that a nomination be submitted for Lin Burrows as Volunteer of the Year for all her ongoing work with the Braunstone Life, Poppy Cascade, Memorial Garden and other projects that she had been involved in.

RESOLVED

1. that the Braunstone Community Life group be nominated for an award in the Blaby District Council Outstanding Achievement Awards 2019 in the category "Best Community Group/Achievement"
2. that Lin Burrows be nominated for an award in the Blaby District Council Outstanding Achievement Awards 2019 in the category "Volunteer of the Year"

Reason for Decision

1. *To recognise the outstanding work undertaken by the group in organising the Poppy Cascade, Memorial Garden and Remembrance Parade for the 100th Anniversary or the end of World War One.*
2. *To recognise the work of this resident in the community and the difference her projects have made to the community and environment*

25. Summary of Grant Applications

The Committee received a list of grants paid to date and applied for from external sources (item 11 on the agenda). It was noted that the application for a grant to Leicester City Football Club was still pending.

The committee received a letter of thanks from the Braunstone Heritage Archive Group for a community grant received in the sum of £200.

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.

26. Community Grant Applications

The Committee considered Community Grant Applications which had been received (item 11 on the agenda).

Having declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item, Councillor Nick Brown in relation to the 4th Leicester Scout Group, and Councillors Sam Fox-Kennedy and Paul Kennedy in relation to the Community Town Minibus Project, did not take part in the discussion nor the voting when the respective grant applications were being considered.

RESOLVED that the following grant applications be approved:

- a) 4th Leicester Scout Group - £300; and
- b) 4Ward Strokes Leicester - £300; and
- c) Community Town Minibus Project - £300

Reason for Decision

The grants applications met the scheme criteria.

27. Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces

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

It was noted that the grant application for funding from Leicester City Football Club was still awaited.

28. Financial Comparisons

The Committee received Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th June 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.

29. Approval of Accounts

The Committee considered payments from 1st April 2019 until 2nd July 2019 (item 15 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the list of Approved Expenditure Transactions for the period 1st April 2019 until 2nd July 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 9.00 pm.



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: _____