

**BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT BRAUNSTONE CIVIC CENTRE**

**9TH DECEMBER 2019 at 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Parminder Basra (Town Mayor), and Councillors Anthea Ambrose, Shabbir Aslam, Ajmer Basra, Nick Brown, Alex Dewinter, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Sohan Johal, Paul Kennedy, Sam Maxwell, Phil Moitt, Satindra Sangha, Christiane Startin-Lorent, Marion Waterton and Robert Waterton.

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

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

**COUNCILLOR PARMINDER BASRA, TOWN MAYOR, IN THE CHAIR**

**5816 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Di Palma, Amanda Hack, Tracey Shepherd, Darshan Singh and Imran Uddin.

**5817 Disclosures of Interest**

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

**5818 Public Session**

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 no members of the public present at the meeting.

**5819 Shakespeare Park – Improvement & Development**

Council considered a resolution required to seek approval from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to borrow up to £936,936 towards the cost of the Pavilion and Site Improvement Works (including demolition of the existing clubhouse) at Shakespeare Park (item 4 on the agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor Nick Brown and seconded by Councillor Anthea Ambrose and was

## RESOLVED

1. that the decision of Council on the 26th September 2019 to seek borrowing approval from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for a loan up to £936,936 (£500,000 in 2019/2020 and up to an additional £436,936 in 2020/2021), over the borrowing term of no more than 40 years, towards the cost of the Pavilion and Site Improvement Works (including demolition of the existing clubhouse) at Shakespeare Park (Minute 5786) be supported and endorsed;
2. that the impact of the interest rate rise for the Public Works Loans as detailed in the report, be noted;
3. that the following resolutions be approved and submitted as part of the application requirements for borrowing approval to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government:
  - (a) "It was RESOLVED to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £936,936 over the borrowing term of 40 years for the cost of the Pavilion and Site Improvement Works (including demolition of the existing clubhouse) at Shakespeare Park. The annual loan repayments will come to around £41,891".
  - (b) "It is also intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by 7.18% which is the equivalent of an additional £8.60 a year. This will be subject to a precept increase consultation".
4. that it be noted that the precept for 2020/21 did not need to rise by 7.18% to fund the loan repayments, since in accordance with the Council' Medium Term Priorities and Financial Planning Process provision for £21,306 had already been made within the Council's revenue budget towards meeting the loan repayments (as detailed in the Borrowing report to Council on the 26th September 2019 and in Medium Term Priorities and Financial Planning Process Report to Council on 21st November 2019 (minute 5804)); and therefore, it was proposed that the remaining cost of funding the loan repayments could be met by increasing the Council Tax Precept by 3.4%, which was the equivalent of an additional £4.22 per year on a band D property and £3.28 per year on a typical band B property; which had previously been consulted upon;
5. that it be noted that following approval by Council on 21st November 2019 of the annual Medium Term Priorities and Financial Planning Report, that Standing Committees would be considering their budgets for 2020/21 and making recommendations to Council, scheduled for 30th January 2020, which would consider the budget and set the precept for 2020/2021; and
6. that delegated authority be given to the Executive Officer & Town Clerk to prepare and submit the borrowing application in accordance with the requirements and to apply to the Public Works Loan Board to draw down the funds at the appropriate time in order to meet the costs of the project.

## Reasons for Decision

1. To enable the Council to fund the project, which had been identified in the Council's Priorities, Financial Strategy and Capital Plan and for which provision had and would be made to finance the borrowing from the Council's Revenue Budget.
2. To recognise that the decision by HM Treasury results in an increase in £7,212.58 in annual loan repayments, the equivalent of an additional 1.2% on the council tax, £1.48 per annum on band D properties and £1.15 on a typical band B property.
3. To enable the application assessment to be progressed and submitted for consideration by the Assessor on behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government.
4. The Council had made provisions to fund the loan through its medium term financial planning process, which included a combination of savings and precept rises. If outstanding grant applications were unsuccessful, the additional element of the borrowing would need to be funded through small rises in the council tax precept. A precept rise consultation had been undertaken between November 2018 and 1st April 2019.
5. To provide a foundation for preparing budget estimates for 2020/2021 and beyond.
6. To enable the detailed supporting evidence to be gathered and submitted with the Council's application without undue delay. To ensure best financial management to meet the Project's costs.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

### 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.

These issues were considered in connection with each of the above decisions. Unless otherwise stated under each item of this report, there were no implications.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_