

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 11th OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.45PM

PRESENT: Councillor Anthea Ambrose (Chair), Councillor David Di Palma (Vice Chair) and Councillors Ajmer Basra, Nick Brown, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Paul Kennedy, Sam Maxwell, Gary Sanders and 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.

34. Apologies

There were no apologies of absence received.

35. Disclosures of Interest

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

36. 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.

37. Minutes of the Meeting held 12th July 2018

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th July 2018 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

38. Town Mayor's Report

The Committee received a report setting out the activities of the Town Mayor (item 5 on the agenda).

It was noted that the Dedication Service for the memorial stones would take place on Wednesday 7th November and the Remembrance Parade and Service would take place on 11th November, both at Braunstone Civic Centre.

Volunteer marshals had been requested to help with the Remembrance Day Parade.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

Reason for Decision

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

39. Crime Statistics

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

PCSO Calum Loads updated members on the crime statistics for Braunstone Town and advised that there had been a slight increase in vehicle crime and burglary. However, there had been ongoing operations by the Beat team to tackle these areas of crime. It was noted that during this operation PCSO's hours had been extended to provide extra support. Work had also been carried out to offer support to domestic violence victims.

The current crime statistics showed that incidences of Anti-social Behaviour within Braunstone Town had reduced for the second year running.

40. 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 from PCSO Calum Loads. Members were advised that Sergeant Alex Goldsmith had recently joined the Braunstone Town Beat Team and had agreed to attend the next meeting due to be held on 13th December 2018 to introduce himself to members.

41. Community Speed Watch (Thorpe Astley)

The Committee received feedback, including results, from the Community Speed Watch initiative in Thorpe Astley (item 8 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that, subject to the request of the Community Speed Watch volunteers, a Community Speed Watch scheme to operate in Thorpe Astley during 2019 be supported.

Reason for Decision

Given the number of vehicles recorded with a speed in excess of 30mph, and given the concerns expressed by Thorpe Astley residents, it would be reasonable to continue to focus on the main routes in Thorpe Astley in order to take appropriate action to address high speeds, which was threatening the

safety of pedestrians and having an adverse effect on the quality of life enjoyed by local residents.

42. Speed Sign Data

The Committee considered recent speed sign data (item 9 on the agenda).

It was noted that Leicestershire County Council had installed rubber speed monitoring strips on Braunstone Lane to monitor vehicle speed in the vicinity of Braunstone Police station. The Town Council's speed activation sign had also been positioned in this area and would continue to record speed in this vicinity over the next few months.

The new speed activation sign data now provided a detailed breakdown of information on speed, time of day and percentage of speeding vehicles.

Members suggested that the data be considered over a period of six months to evaluate the areas and times where action could be taken by the police to monitor and reduce speeding vehicles

RESOLVED

1. that further speed data be obtained for Foxon Way and Murby Way in places where speeding is likely to take place to follow up on the results received from the Community Speed Watch Project.
2. that the speed sign be positioned on Braunstone Lane in the vicinity of the Police station; and
3. that speed activation sign data be assessed every six months to check for patterns of speeding with regard to vicinity and time of day.

Reasons for Decisions

1. *To assess what impact the Speed Watch Project had had on speeding vehicles on Murby Way and Foxon Way.*
2. *To obtain information on speeding vehicles in an area of Braunstone Lane that was often used as a crossing point on a regular basis by pedestrians.*
3. *To obtain information on where the best place and time would be for further investigation and action on speeding vehicles within Braunstone Town.*

43. Summary of Grant Applications

The Committee received a list of grants paid to date and applied for from external sources (item 10 on the agenda).

It was noted that an additional grant application had been made by Braunstone Town Council to the Aviva Community Fund for the Shakespeare Park Pavilion Project.

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.

44. Grants for 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1 commemorations

The Committee considered Grant Applications for commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1 which had been received (item 11 on the agenda).

Members had requested that any remaining unused balance in this particular budget heading be used to purchase plants for the new memorial garden at Braunstone Civic Centre.

RESOLVED

1. that the following grant applications be approved
 - a) Friends of Highway Spinney - £200
 - b) Braunstone Community Life - £200; and
2. that any unused balance in the grant scheme for the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1 commemorations be used by the Town Council to purchase plants for the civic memorial garden

Reasons for Decisions

1. *The grant applications had met the grant criteria and*
2. *To provide financial support for the memorial garden project to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.*

45. Community Grant Applications

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

RESOLVED that the following grant applications be approved:

- a) 4ward Strokes Leicester - £300
- b) Braunstone Swimming Club - £300

Reason for Decision

The grant applications had met the grant criteria.

46. Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces

It was noted that a meeting had been held with representatives of Sports England in order to discuss the grant application submitted by the Town Council for the Shakespeare Park Pavilion Project. Further information and a financial forecast would be required in order for the project application to be considered further by Sports England. Details of the management process of the new facility would also be required and a meeting of the Shakespeare Park Working Group would be arranged to progress this further.

A meeting had also been held with a representative of the Football Association in order to discuss a possible grant scheme that the project may be eligible to apply to. Confirmation of eligibility was still awaited.

Members were also advised that an application had been made to Persimmon Homes Community Fund (£1000) and Aviva Community Fund (£25,000) for the project.

47. Financial Comparisons

The Committee received Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2018 to 30th September 2018 (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.

48. Approval of Accounts

The Committee considered payments from 4th July 2018 until 2nd October 2018 (item 15 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the list of Approved Expenditure Transactions for the period 4th July 2018 until 2nd October be approved.

Reason for Decision

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

49. Termination of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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: _____