

**BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF CITIZENS' ADVISORY PANEL**  
**THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2020**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Cllr Phil Moitt (Chair), Cllr Nick Brown (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Anthea Ambrose and Marion Waterton; local residents Lin Burrows and Talent Nyandoro.

**Officers in attendance:** Mr Darren Tilley, Executive Officer, Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer, and Mr John Burrows, Communications & Events Officer.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tracey Shepherd and local resident Jim Johnson.

**2. Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held 2nd March 2020**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd March 2020 were received and noted.

**4. Celebrating the Life of Significant People**

The Panel considered the merits and potential options for celebrating the life of significant people, including Gordon Banks.

It was noted that the Community Development Committee had discussed the blue plaque scheme for residents like Gordon Banks but noted that the blue plaque scheme required an individual to have been dead for 20 years prior to a plaque being installed. It was also suggested that a general approach to 'significant figures' be taken and recommended a consultation with residents be undertaken in early 2021.

It was suggested that a commemoration group or panel be formed in order to discuss items on a case-by-case basis to ensure that any commemoration would be appropriately discussed and applied to each individual.

Members queried if the families of the deceased had been approached regarding the commemoration and suggested that there were other methods of commemoration, including dedicating rooms or sports facilities.

Members also discussed what the criteria would be to judge a 'significant figure', their impact on the local area and what they had contributed to Braunstone Town itself.

**AGREED** that the Panel re-consider the item in 2021, once face to face meetings had resumed, in order to ensure that all residents that wished to contribute, were able to; and the following be submitted for consideration:

- (a) a list of notable residents;
- (b) a proposed criteria to enable the Council to judge a 'significant figure', in relation to their impact on the local area and contribution to Braunstone Town; and
- (c) details of a proposed public consultation.

## **5. Priorities, Projects and Financial Planning**

The Panel received the Council's medium-term strategy along with the current priorities, objectives and capital plan in order to determine whether they were relevant to address current and emerging issues faced by the Council and the community.

The Panel was asked to consider and comment upon progress during the current year and consider and identify any new issues and projects for 2020/2021 and beyond for recommendation to Policy & Resources Committee.

It was noted that priorities would be reassessed in January with the budget and council tax, as well as briefly discussing the possibility of offering room hire incentives.

**AGREED** that the report be noted.

## **6. Shakespeare Park Improvement Project**

The Panel received an update on progress with works to the site and pavilion and considered next steps for improvements to the play and tennis court facilities at Shakespeare Park.

It was noted that the works on the new pavilion build were going well, with the mechanical, electrical and plumbing work ongoing, and that the pavilion would be due to open in Spring 2021, pending Covid-19.

Tenders for the refurbishment of the playground and tennis courts had been received and shortlisted, and a public consultation launched asking for comments on the plans.

Some members of the panel had visited the site in October and work seemed to be progressing well, and that the refurbishment of the tennis courts would be a priority, as they had been used by the contractor as a compound for equipment. It was noted that the new pavilion was bigger than the existing one and would be an asset to the town.

**AGREED** that the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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: \_\_\_\_\_