

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL
THURSDAY 29th JULY 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Nick Brown (in the Chair) and Councilors Anthea Ambrose, Christian Startin-Lorent, Marion Waterton and local resident John Dodd.

Officers in Attendance: Mr Darren Tilley, Executive Officer, Town Clerk & Responsible Finance, Mrs Pauline Snow, Deputy Executive Officer & Community Services Manager, Miss Scarlett Myers, Communications & Events Officer.

1. Election of Chair

In the absence of either the Chair or Vice-Chair, nominations were sought for chair for the meeting.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Nick Brown be Chair for the meeting.

AGREED that Councillor Nick Brown be elected Chair for the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Leanne Lee and Phil Moitt.

3. Disclosure of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. Climate Change & Environment Strategy Consultation Draft

The Panel received the Consultation Draft of Braunstone Town Council's Climate Change and Environmental Strategy in order to discuss and respond to the consultation (Item 3 on the agenda).

A six-week consultation undertaken with residents was being undertaken, which would end on 16th August 2021. Comments regarding the consultation were invited from members attending the meeting and would be welcomed.

The strategy would be broken down in themes including:

Audit – This would consider our current carbon footprint & how to reduce and offset the footprint. Inevitably this will be used as a way to measure and test the improvements by 2030.

John Dodd noted that the consultation contained a number abbreviated capital letters such as OECD & PCC Special Report and requested these were written in full in order for the public to understand what these referred to. Members suggested that the document be drafted to ensure it is easily readable and include a glossary or the name of the organisation in full at the start of the document.

It was noted that a number of people/organizations had been contacted regarding the consultation including Town councilors, officers, community groups, non-

Braunstone Town Councillor, Braunstone Life and Blaby District Council officers. The Draft had also been advertised to the public via the Town Council's social media and website.

Members noted that it was difficult to get responses to consultations but the level of response was appropriate at this point. The doing and actioning of the plan was the important section where the public/schools become involved.

Following the final consultation, the aim was to look into the Audit in September to have it completed in October then adopt the strategy when the budget 2022 is set.

Members queried if there were any updates on the new cycling/walking routes around the area and it was noted that delivery of this project would not be until 2022 at the earliest.

Members agree that balancing resources around the rollout and delivery of the Climate Change & Environment Strategy Consultation would be challenging. Members discussed several issues around procurement including cost savings, technology, Fair Trade products, energy suppliers and suppliers already being used by the Town Council.

Members also raised issues around tree planting including the need for the tree planting, where they are planted, planting of an orchard and use of trees to provide shade for footpaths.

Members noted the that draft document and consultation would be considered by the Policy & Resources Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____