

**BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**HELD AT BRAUNSTONE CIVIC CENTRE**  
**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 AT 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Anthea Ambrose (Chair), Councillor Tracey Shepherd (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Ajmer Basra, Nick Brown, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Amanda Hack, Paul Kennedy, Sam Maxwell, Dipen Nathwani, and Christiana Startin-Lorent.

**Officers in attendance:** Darren Tilley, Chief Executive & Town Clerk and Pauline Snow, Deputy Chief Executive & Community Services Manager.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Marion Waterton.

**2. Disclosures of Interest**

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

**3. 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 were no members of the public present.

**4. Minutes of the Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

**5. 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).

The newly elected Town Mayor would be attending the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations at Friar Lane & Braunstone Baptist Church on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted

*Reason for Decision*

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

**6. Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing Update**

The Chair welcomed PC Stuart Clough to the meeting via the Zoom video and web conferencing software. The Committee received an update on local community safety and policing initiatives. The latest Police newsletter and crime reports for April 2022 were circulated to members at the meeting (filed with these minutes).

It was noted that speeding on Murby Way was likely to be Thorpe Astley residents using the roads and the Police were undertaking their own Speed Watch on Murby Way and Foxon Way on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

It was reported that in some areas of Thorpe Astley, the incidents of motorbikes using the footpaths had decreased where in others it was still prevalent. Members were asked to continue reporting all issues to ensure that the police have full details regarding the extent of the problem.

Issues with youths gathering at Shakespeare Park car park had stopped but the police had raised concerns about the positioning of bicycle racks, and boundary fencing. It was noted that all the plans for the layout of the car park and associated furniture had been approved by Blaby District Planning and all information would have been forwarded to the Police at the planning stage, for comment.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

*Reason for Decision*

*To ensure that current community safety and policing updates were received.*

**7. Speed Sign Data**

Members considered the latest speed sign data from Murby Way and Kingsway (item 7 on the agenda).

Ideas for reducing speeding on Murby Way were discussed along with potential highway engineering options to reduce speeding.

Members expressed concern on the level of speeding on Braunstone Lane and highlighted the fact that many local children cross this road to access local schools. Despite concerns raised it was noted that accident figures for the road do not indicate a particular problem.

Members were asked to consider where the speed activation signs would be installed in the future.

**RESOLVED** that the speed activation signs be installed on Withers Way (residential road) and Braunstone Lane.

*Reason for decision*

*To ensure that any concerns of speeding on roads within the Town would be monitored and data collected.*

## **8. Report from Commbus**

The Chair welcomed Nigel Calver and Olly Curran to the meeting to provide an update on the services provided by Commbus.

It was reported that the routes the bus operated were reasonably well used but the numbers of passengers using the service throughout the district were still lower than before the Covid pandemic. However, the number of residents in Braunstone Town, Thorpe Astley and Leicester Forest East were slowly increasing. It was confirmed that any resident that was elderly or vulnerable could use the service.

Day trips were currently being arranged to Melton Mowbray and Stratford Upon Avon as special trips for residents but these were not always easy to arrange since all the drivers were volunteers.

**RESOLVED** that Commbus be supported as follows:

- a) with publicity regarding their routes and how to sign up and to promote the special trips once these were arranged;
- b) publicity on the need for further volunteers for Commbus; and
- c) with a stall at the Summer Fete for the Commbus Committee.

*Reason for Decision*

*To promote the service provided by Commbus and to ensure that the service remains sustainable and continues to meet the needs of the community.*

## **9. Outside Body Reports**

The Committee noted that there was no further update on the activities at Braunstone West Social Centre.

## **10. Fete – progress update**

The Committee received a progress update on the preparations for the annual Summer Fete at Mossdale Meadows.

It was noted that there were two dance groups, cheerleaders and a choir providing a display at the fete.

Large exhibits arranged included:

- a) Fire engine
- b) Mini fire engine
- c) Bouncy castles and slides
- d) Shoot range
- e) Hook a duck
- f) Circus skills and mascot
- g) Multi-sports activities
- h) Children's rides
- i) Arts and crafts
- j) Food stalls

Plans for the fete were still ongoing with more activities being booked in.

**RESOLVED** that the arrangements be supported.

*Reason for Decision*

*To ensure that the Fete would be a successful community event with varied activities and attractions.*

#### **11. Franklin Park Community Orchard – Events and Community Activities**

The Committee received a progress report on the community use of the Franklin Park Community Orchard, including events and community events.

It was proposed that the Apple Day event on Franklin Park be arranged this autumn year following on from last year's very successful event.

**RESOLVED**

1. that the Apple Day event on Franklin Park be arranged on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022;
2. that craft activities be arranged; and
3. that the gates to the community orchard be locked in advance of Apple Day.

*Reasons for Decision*

1. *Following on from the successful Apple Day event in 2021, to organise another event on Franklin Park in 2022.*
2. *To ensure that the event was attractive to families with young children.*
3. *To ensure apples would be available for the event.*

**12. Summary of Grant Applications**

The Committee received a list of grants paid to date and applied for from external sources, along with acknowledgements for Town Council Grants (item 12 on the agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

*Reason for Decision*

*To monitor progress with supporting community groups with identifying sources of funding and with the award of grants under the Council's Community Grants scheme.*

**13. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Grant Applications**

The Committee considered an application for a grant from the Asian Elderly Group which were organising an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (item 13 on the agenda).

It was noted that the Asian Elderly Group had applied for a total of £260 from the Queen's Jubilee Grant Scheme. The criteria for the grant scheme was for a maximum of £200. However, the Town Council had also offered local community groups the opportunity to take part in a mini programme of events that included free use of a council venue, support with publicity etc. to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.

**RESOLVED** that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee grant application from the Asian Elderly Group be approved up to an amount of £200 and the group be offered the free use of a room at one of the Town Council's venues

*Reason for Decision*

*To support the group in arranging an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*

**14. Individual Grant Applications**

The Committee considered applications for Grants for individuals (item 14 on the agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the following grant applications be approved

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| a) Ellie Moss   | - | £300 |
| b) Becky Cook   | - | £300 |
| c) Jessica Moss | - | £300 |

*Reason for Decisions*

*The grant applications met the scheme criteria.*

## 15. Community Grant Applications

The Committee considered Community Grant Applications which had been received (item 15 on the agenda).

It was noted that two bands had submitted applications for a grant. However, both the bands were part of the overall organisation of Ratby Band with a shared bank account and constitution. Community groups were able to apply for up to £300 per financial year.

**RESOLVED** that the Ratby Band organisation be offered a grant of £300.

*Reason for Decision*

*To ensure that the organisation as a whole, receives the agreed amount of community grant as specified in the criteria.*

## 16. Draft Climate Action Plan

The Committee received and considered a proposed annual action plan to deliver the Climate Change and Environmental Strategy's Objectives (item 16 on the agenda).

It was noted that the Action Plan would be submitted to the next Policy & Resources committee for approval.

**RESOLVED** that the following feedback be considered:

- a) tree planting undertaken by the Town Council could be added to the Leicestershire County Council Tree Planting register;
- b) information guides could be produced with maps of cycling and walking routes, which could be used by local businesses; and
- c) whether joint working with the district council was possible regarding the purchase and installation of solar panels and electric charging points for vehicles.

*Reason for Decision*

*To identify actions to deliver the Climate Change & Environmental Strategy's aims of "Supporting the Local Community and Protecting and Enhancing Green Spaces".*

## 17. Financial Comparisons

The Committee received Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

*Reason for Decision*

*There were no issues identified with income and expenditure to date.*

**18. Approval of Accounts**

The Committee noted that there were no payments from 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and considered payments from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 until 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**RESOLVED** that the list of Approved Expenditure Transactions for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 until 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 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 9.30pm

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.*

*These minutes are a draft and are subject to consideration for approval at the next meeting scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022.*

SIGNED: .....

DATED: .....