BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF CITIZENS' ADVISORY PANEL

THURSDAY 3rd MARCH 2016

PRESENT: Councillor N Brown (Chair), Councillors R Waterton, S Aslam (substituting for A Hack) and C Parmar, and local residents Mr R Tilley, Mrs J Tilley, Mrs B Copson, Mrs S Zastawny, Mr J Hazelgrove, Mrs B Hazelgrove, Mr J Dodd, Mr M Turner, Local Area Coordinator Miss R Peake.

Officers in attendance: Mr D Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Mrs A Gomes-Alves, Community Services & Engagement Officer.

1. **Apologies**

   Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Ambrose and A Hack, Mrs N Blocks

2. **Disclosures of Interest**

   There were no disclosures of interest.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd December 2015**

   Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd December 2015 were received and noted.

4. **Update on the Library and Customer Service Shop**

   Update on the Library Services

   Members familiarised themselves with the Town Council's brief report and with the report from Leicestershire County Council Cabinet.
   Members had been informed that Leicestershire County Council had further discussion on aspects of property and what arrangements could be made in terms of keeping the library open.

   On 14th January 2016 the Town Council submitted the response to Mobile Library consultation where the comments of Citizen Advisory Panel were also included. Leicestershire County Council had acknowledged receiving it. Report has also been sent to the Leicester City Council and to local media. Leicester Mercury publicised an article concerning Town Council's position.

   Leicestershire County Council had also been working with a staff-based social enterprise, who considered basing themselves in Braunstone Town library and running it. Members highlighted their concerns about the people who potentially were going to run the library as well as whether the service would

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meet public obligations and continue to be the service required by the County Council and by residents.

Update on Customer Service Shop

An agreement had been reached with Blaby District Council on the Town Council's proposal to combine services together. Now working through the details of actual service level agreement and how it would be shaped over the next four years.

5. Annual Survey

Members familiarised themselves with actions and responses to survey comments 2015.

A question was raised as to whether the Annual Survey Questionnaire would be an opportunity to consult on Neighbourhood planning. The Town Clerk responded that the Annual Survey would be the right place for initial engagement with the community on themes and addressing Neighbourhood Plans.

The councillors noted the comment that they should make themselves more readily available and approachable to the residents of Braunstone Town, stating they could be readily contacted as all their details were accessible on Town Council's website and in the Braunstone Life magazine. Additionally, if residents call the Civic Centre, details could also be obtained.

6. Shakespeare Park improvement Project

Members were advised that the project was at the design stage and the area in question had been surveyed. The design should be with Project Working Group by the beginning of May.
The project would be taking into consideration that there were potential delays in terms of building and overrunning the project, therefore alternative options for Shakespeare Park Bowls Club and Braunstone Juniors Football Club would be discussed.

7. Narborough Road South – Subways

Members were advised that unfortunately the number of local residents who engaged with the consultation was small and from among those who responded to the consultation, there was limited support for the proposal. Moreover, the cost and time involved in delivering the project would be

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disproportionate, therefore the Braunstone Town Council had decided that no further action was going to be taken.

8. Termination of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

These minutes are a draft and are subject to consideration for approval at the next meeting, scheduled for 2nd June 2016

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