

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 14th JULY 2016 AT 7.45PM

PRESENT: Councillor Anthea Ambrose (Chair) and Councillors Sharon Betts, Nick Brown, David Di Palma, Amanda Hack and Sam Maxwell.

Officers in attendance: Darren Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk.

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

17. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ajmer Basra, Alex DeWinter, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Paul Kennedy, Berneta Layne and Gary Sanders.

18. Disclosures of Interest

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

19. 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.

20. Minutes of the Meeting held 19th May 2016

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th May 2016 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

21. Town Mayor's Report

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

It was noted that in the absence of the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor, the Chair of the Committee had attended the Braunstone Swimming Club Open Meet.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

Reason for Decision

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

22. Town Watchers

The Committee received a progress report on the work and activities of Town Watchers (item 6 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that the minutes of the Town Watchers meeting held on 16th May 2016 be received and noted;
2. that Town Council resources should not be utilised for administering the meetings and taking notes;
3. that officers liaise with the Chair of the Group to clarify the role of the Town Council and explore potential alternative models should the Group cease to operate.

Reasons for Decision

1. *It was noted that there were no significant crime issues highlighted.*
2. *The Group were independent and would need to be self-sustaining.*
3. *To ensure that the Town Council provided an effective supportive and facilitating role to the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes across the Town.*

23. Crime Statistics

The Committee received the latest crime statistics, including comparative figures (item 7 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that crime statistics, including comparative figures, be submitted to the Committee meeting scheduled for 13th October 2016; and
2. that Blaby District Council be contacted concerning the recent criminal damage on Franklin Park, in order to take a multi-agency approach with the Police and the BB19 bus initiative.

Reasons for Decision

1. *The number of Crimes committed was steady, having dropped from the 2014 peak, there was no indication of an increase in anti-social behaviour, however, statistics covering the summer months would provide a better indication of trends.*
2. *There was an indication that criminal damage was occurring on Franklin*

Park on the evenings that the BB19 bus was visiting Franklin Park Car Park; it was important that all agencies took responsibility for mitigating and monitoring behaviour in the area and worked together to prevent criminal damage.

24. Speed Sign Update

The Committee received the latest crime statistics, including comparative figures (item 8 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that the speed sign not be located on the Narborough Road South West Service Road; and
2. that it be investigated whether additional data, such as time, was collected by the speed sign and if relevant be reported to the Committee.

Reasons for Decision

1. *Leicestershire County Council Highways officers had investigated the site and could not identify a suitable place to locate the speed sign, which would avoid including the traffic on the main road.*
2. *To determine whether there was a time pattern for when the highest speeds were occurring.*

25. Promoting Thorpe Astley Community Centre

The Committee considered initiatives for encouraging organisations and Groups to run services and events at Thorpe Astley Community Centre (item 9 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that the following be reviewed in respect of encouraging Community Groups to hold events at Thorpe Astley Community Centre as part of the Programme of Events:
 - a) timing,
 - b) aspirations of the community, and
 - c) publicity and promotions; and
2. that the following be considered for Thorpe Astley Community Centre:
 - a) Town Mayor Events,
 - b) Business Craft Event,
 - c) Family Fun Day, and
 - d) Open Day.

Reasons for Decision

1. *To provide support for community groups, particularly those within Thorpe Astley, to organise a successful community events programme. To*

respond to the identified needs and aspirations of the community, as identified in the Options Appraisal Consultation.

2. *To provide events which met the needs and aspirations of the community. To assist in raising awareness of community groups, events and services to ensure their success.*

26. 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 the pending application to the Youth Fund for £1,200 from Kingsway Church Fellowship had been withdrawn.

RESOLVED that the position be noted.

Reason for Decision

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

27. Community Grant Applications

The Committee considered Community Grant Applications submitted (item 11 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that Community Grants be approved as follows:

- a) Asian Elderly Group - £195
- b) Winstanley Wizards Table Tennis - £300
- c) Braunstone Town FC - £281.50

Reason for decision

The applications had met the criteria of the grant scheme and the required information had been submitted.

28. Braunstone Life Patronage

The Committee considered arrangements for the Town Council's patronage to the Braunstone Life (item 12 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that the Braunstone Life Patronage be renewed with a gift of £300; and
2. that a copy of the Braunstone Life Accounts and Annual General Meeting papers and minutes be forwarded to the Town Council.

Reasons for Decision

1. *To support the work of Braunstone Life as a community newspaper, which was operated by volunteers.*
2. *To continue to support long term financial stability of the Group.*

29. Summer Fete 2016

The Committee received a progress report on arrangements for the Summer Fete 2016 (item 13 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Reason for Decision

All the necessary preparations were in place for the Event.

30. Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces

The Committee received a progress report on current projects and funding as follows:

- a) Shakespeare Park – final plans and the mechanical and electrical survey had been completed and a quantity survey had estimated costs for the rebuild of the Pavilion and improvement works to the surrounding site and facilities. Attention was now focussing on consultation, seeking funding and the planning process.
- b) Franklin Park – work was due to commence before the end of July on replacement of the Balance Beams in the playground and improvements to the safety surface, it was anticipated that the work would be completed within a week.

RESOLVED

1. that a specialist Bid writer be engaged to put together a business plan for accessing appropriate funding streams for the Shakespeare Park Improvement Project; and
2. that support and advice be sought from Blaby District Council Green Spaces and Health and Wellbeing.

Reasons for Decision

1. *The project was a significant investment in local infrastructure including providing for wider social investment, therefore there would be significant opportunities to access funding, which required professional knowledge of funding streams.*
2. *The District Council would be able to offer advice and support concerning maximising the potential for improvement to green space and encouraging healthy living.*

31. Nominations for the Blaby District Outstanding Achievement Awards

The Committee considered nominating for the Blaby District Outstanding Achievement Awards (item 15 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that subject to qualification and consent, Trevor Hicks of Braunstone Swimming Club be nominated for Category B, Volunteer of the Year.

Reason for Decision

To recognise Trevor's time and dedication to help others to swim and achieve success, including leading a healthy and active lifestyle.

32. Financial Comparisons

The Committee received Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2016 to 30th June 2016 (item 16 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Reasons for Decision

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

33. Local Area Co-ordination Pilot

RESOLVED that in view of the special / confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was in the public interest that the press/public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw (Standing Orders 3.5 and 3.7 apply). *Reasons for exception – Personal Information / Legal Advice.*

The Committee considered the current position with the Local Area Coordination pilot and the Town Council's future support for the project (item 17 on the agenda).

A letter had been received dated 12th July 2016 from the Public Health Department's Head of Strategy – Delivery, which was circulated to Councillors along with a copy of the job description for the post of Local Area Coordinator.

RESOLVED that Braunstone Town Council raise the issues identified in the report with the Chief Executive of Leicestershire County Council.

Reason for Decision

Braunstone Town Council was an active and supportive partner of the Local Area Co-ordination project and had been since its inception, supporting the project objectives to improve health and wellbeing of individuals and communities helping to reduce demand on public services (mainly health and

social care), preventing people reaching crisis, and requiring costly care and support services.

34. **Termination of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.



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 a subject to consideration for approval at the next meeting, scheduled for 13th October 2016.