

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 19th MAY 2016 AT 7.45PM

PRESENT: Councillor Anthea Ambrose (Chair) and Councillors Ajmer Basra, Roger Berrington (substituting for Alex DeWinter), Sharon Betts, Nick Brown, David Di Palma, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Paul Kennedy, Amanda Hack, Berneta Layne, Sam Maxwell and Gary Sanders.

Officers in attendance: Darren Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Pauline Snow, Deputy Executive Officer & Community Services Manager

Also in attendance was Roo Peake, Local Area Coordinator.

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

1. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Alex DeWinter.

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 17th March 2016

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th March 2016 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

5. Town Mayor's Report

The Committee received an update on the activities of the Town Mayor, Councillor Berneta Layne including details of forthcoming events that she would be attending.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

Reason for Decision

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

6. Local Area Co-ordinator

The Committee received a verbal progress report from Roo Peake, Local Area Co-ordinator, concerning the Local Area Co-ordination Project and progress with actions for supporting Local Area Coordination as requested by the Committee on 17th March 2016, which included the services and facilities provided at Thorpe Astley Community Centre.

The Committee were advised that the Town Council was currently undertaking a consultation with users and local residents regarding the services and facilities at the Centre, which included the future use of the medical rooms. The deadline for responses was 6th June 2016. However, members expressed the view that consideration should be given to extending the deadline to allow residents to complete the consultation and have their say. It was noted that extending the consultation would be a matter for the Policy & Resources Committee.

7. Town Watchers

The Deputy Executive Officer & Community Services Manager gave a verbal report on the work and activities of Town Watchers.

A meeting of the Group was held on Monday 16th May and was attended by 10 residents. The Police were unable to attend the event and there were no matters arising from the meeting.

In addition, the Chair of the Group, Councillor Bill Wright was a member of the Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch Executive, which now covered the areas of Rutland and Leicester City.

RESOLVED that the latest crime statistics, including comparative figures be reported to the next meeting of the Committee, scheduled for 14th July 2016.

Reason for Decision

Councillors had raised concerns regarding a rise in anti-social behaviour in some parts of the Town, an example of which was Riddington Road.

8. Speed Sign Update

The Committee received an update on locating the Speed Sign.

The Town Council were currently waiting for Leicestershire County Council to approve lampposts on Braunstone Lane and Narborough Road South West Service Road to be used for the Speed Sign. The County Council had stated that the lampposts in these areas had not been risk assessed in the last three years and advised that if the Town Council were willing to pay £100 per lamppost they could assess these for the Speed Sign. The Executive Officer & Town Clerk would not agree to payment since LED lighting was due for installation in the autumn and the County Council would need to risk assess the posts prior to undertaking this work.

RESOLVED

1. that whilst waiting for the lampposts to be assessed, the Speed Sign be located on Turnbull Drive and Murby Way; and
2. that in the event of future delays to installing the speed sign, and the absence of a Committee decision, the Executive Officer & Town Clerk determine a location for the sign to be located in the interim.

Reasons for Decision

1. *Turnbull Drive was next in the programme and Murby Way was the first location for the speed sign and comparative data would enable assessment of whether speeding had reduced.*
2. *To ensure that the speed sign was in place and being used to assess traffic speed and numbers.*

9. Programme of Events 2016/2017

The Committee considered applications for sponsorship in the Programme of Events for 2016/2017 along with the proposed schedule of events (item 9 on the agenda).

RESOLVED

1. that the Programme of Events 2016/2017 be approved;
2. that efforts be made to encourage events to be held at Thorpe Astley Community Centre, including a letter from the Chair of the Committee in the Braunstone Life; and
3. that a report be given to a future meeting of the Committee proposing initiatives for encouraging new groups to include events in future programmes, particularly at Thorpe Astley Community Centre.

Reasons for Decision

1. *To enable the programme to be finalised and advertised.*
2. *There were only two events in the Programme being held at Thorpe Astley Community Centre.*
3. *It was noted that many of the events in the Programme could not be held at the Community Centre as the capacity of the main hall was only 80 seated at tables and was not suitable for larger events.*

10. 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).

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.

11. Community Grant Applications

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

RESOLVED that Community Grants be approved as follows:

- a) Punjabi Cultural Society - £300
- b) Namaste Exercise Group - £300

Reason for decision

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

12. Youth Initiative Fund

The Committee considered a Youth Initiative Fund Application from Kingsway Church Fellowship (item 12 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Deputy Executive Officer & Community Services Manager contact the organisation to clarify the involvement of young people in the project.

Reason for decision

Members noted that no evidence had been forwarded to suggest that young people were involved in the consultation or running of the project.

13. Programme of Events for HM Queen 90th Birthday Celebrations

The Committee received an update on progress concerning the special programme of events for HM Queen 90th Birthday Celebrations and requests for funding support (item 13 on the agenda).

Support had been offered to the Kingsway Church Fellowship and the Harvest Community Church with the publicity of their two events to celebrate the HM Queen 90th Birthday Celebrations. Both organisations had indicated that they wished to apply for £100 grant funding toward their projects but had not submitted the relevant Community Grant application form.

RESOLVED that delegated authority be given to the Executive Officer & Town Clerk to consider applications from the Kingsway Church Fellowship and Harvest Community Church for a £100 grant and approve them should they meet the criteria.

Reason for Decision

To provide support and financial assistance to the groups who had already been given approval for the programme of events for HM the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations without undue delay, should they require it.

14. Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces

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

- a) Shakespeare Park – draft plans for the proposed new pavilion on Shakespeare Park had been received from the Architect and would be considered and amended if required. Details of sources of funding for the project would be investigated in the near future once draft estimates for the project had been received; and
- b) Franklin Park – new balance beams for Franklin Park play area were required to replace the current equipment. Quotations had been received for the equipment to be purchased and a contractor agreed. It had been agreed that £2500 be used from reserves towards the cost of the equipment and an application made to Blaby District Council under Section 106 funds towards the remaining amount.

15. Financial Comparisons

The Committee received Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 (item 15 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Reasons for Decision

The Council's actual income was higher than predicted for the period and expenditure was lower than predicted for the period.

16. Termination of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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 _____

DATED _____