

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER 2017 AT 7.45PM

PRESENT: Councillor Anthea Ambrose (Chair), David Di Palma (Vice Chair) and Councillors Ajmer Basra, Roger Berrington (substituting for Sam Fox-Kennedy), Amanda Hack, Paul Kennedy and Phil Moitt (substituting for Nick Brown)

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

There were three members of the public present at the meeting.

54. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sharon Betts, Nick Brown and Sam Fox-Kennedy.

55. Disclosures of Interest

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

56. 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 three members of the public present.

57. Minutes of the Meeting held 12th October 2017

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th October 2017 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

58. Town Mayor's Report

The Committee received a report setting out the activities of the Town Mayor and any proposals for initiatives during the Civic Year (item 5 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

Reason for Decision

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

59. Local Area Co-ordination

The Chairperson welcomed Roo Peake, Local Area Co-ordinator, and Anna Christie Senior Local Area Co-ordination-East, who provided an update on the project within Braunstone Town and Leicester Forest East.

It was noted that Leicester Forest East was a new addition to the Local Area Co-ordinators area and to date there were only a small amount of cases coming through.

Members advised that there were currently health concerns within the Winstanley Ward regarding the health of young people due to weight, particularly when starting school. Roo was asked what activities and projects she was involved in that could go some way to address this concern. Roo advised that she had set up and supported a new group based at the Civic Centre that invited local residents to attend a weekly meeting for hot food and a chat. Part of this project was to encourage residents to prepare hot, healthy food and give them the knowledge to do this in their own home.

RESOLVED that the progress report be noted.

Reason for Decision

To keep up to date with progress and ensure that appropriate support was provided by the Town Council to enable the project to be successful.

60. Speed Sign Data

The Committee considered progress with the purchase of new speed signs (item 7 on the agenda). It was noted that two new speed signs had now been purchased and would be put in locations as agreed at a previous meeting of the Community Development Committee.

Members were advised that the Police had undertaken speeding surveys and that all those drivers that had been recorded as travelling above the speed limit in Thorpe Astley were all residents of Thorpe Astley.

RESOLVED that the speed signs next be installed on Foxon Way and Braunstone Lane.

Reason for Decision

To continue the monitoring and recording of speed in areas of Braunstone Town where concerns had been received about speeding vehicles.

61. Summary of Grant Applications

The Committee received a list of grants paid to date and applied for from external sources (item 8 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.

62. Community Grant Applications

The Committee considered Community Grant Applications which had been received (item 9 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the following grant applications be approved:

- a) Our Space – £300; and
- b) Friends of Highway Spinney – £268

Reason for decision

The applications had met the criteria of the grant scheme.

63. Initial Arrangements for Summer Fete 2018

The Committee approved initial arrangements for the Summer Fete 2018 (item 10 on the agenda). It was noted that the date for the next fete would be Saturday 28th July 2018. Feedback from members regarding the fete held in 2017 included the provision of a banner at the Town Council stall to advertise and promote the Town Council and publicity advising that residents had the opportunity to talk to their councillors at the event. It was also suggested that the Town Council stall be situated in an area where family activities were taking place.

Members also suggested that other events in 2018 be promoted earlier in the year to ensure that community groups were aware of national events taking place that they may wish to become involved in.

RESOLVED that the arrangements be noted.

Reason for Decision

To ensure initial arrangements could be put in place for organising and publicising the Summer Fete 2018.

64. Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces

The Committee received a progress report on current projects and funding. It was noted that equipment that had been vandalised on Franklin Park had now been replaced.

Planning permission for the Shakespeare Park Improvement Project had now been received and the tender documentation for the project was currently being finalised. It was expected that the tender documents would be forwarded to suitable companies in the New Year.

65. Community Development Objectives

The Committee considered the Community Development Priorities and Objectives and determine whether they were relevant to address current and emerging issues faced by the Council and the community (item 12 on the agenda).

It was noted that provision for support of young people was included in the Community Development Objectives and members discussed the Youth grant available from Braunstone Town Council and the criteria for receiving this grant.

Members highlighted concerns regarding air pollution within Braunstone Town, particularly in the Winstanley ward. It was noted that Leicestershire County Council were responsible for the highways and Blaby District Council responsible for monitoring air pollution.

RESOLVED that publicity regarding the youth grant be forwarded to appropriate youth organisations within Braunstone Town for their information

Reasons for Decision

To ensure that young people of Braunstone Town were aware of funding opportunities for youth led projects

66. Financial Comparisons

The Committee received Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2017 to 30th November 2017 (item 13 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Reason for Decision

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

67. Capital Plan and Budget Estimates 2018/2019

The Committee considered a Statement of Expenditure for 1st April 2016 to

31st March 2017, a list of capital projects for 2018/2019 and beyond and a proposed budget for 2018/2019 for recommendation to Policy & Resources Committee (item 14 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that it be recommended to Policy & Resources Committee that it be recommended to Council that the draft Estimates for the Community Development Committee, as attached at Appendix 2, be included in the Budget Estimates for 2018/2019.

Reason for Decision

To ensure appropriate resources for the Community Development and Social Inclusion Services.

68. Approval of Accounts

The Committee considered payments from 4th October 2017 until 5th December 2017(item 15 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the list of Approved Expenditure Transactions for the period 4th October 2017 until 5th December 2017 be approved.

Reason for Decision

To authorise payments in accordance with the Accounts & Audit Regulations and the Council's Financial Regulations.

69. Termination of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.



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.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____