

**BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 AT 7.45PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Anthea Ambrose (Chair), Councillor, David Di Palma (Vice Chair), and Councillors Ajmer Basra, Parminder Basra (substituting for Sam Fox-Kennedy), Sharon Betts, Nick Brown, Amanda Hack, Sam Maxwell, Phil Moitt (substituting for Paul Kennedy) and Gary Sanders.

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

There was one member of the public present at the meeting.

**1. Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillors Alex DeWinter, Sam Fox-Kennedy and Paul Kennedy

**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 was one member of the public present.

**4. Minutes of the Meeting held 6th April 2017**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

**5. 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).

The Town Mayor was keen to encourage opportunities for Town Councillors to meet and engage with local residents following on from the drop in session

held at Thorpe Astley Community Centre regarding the Lubbesthorpe Development. The Town Mayor had suggested that Councillors could develop this idea at the summer fete on Mossdale Meadows.

Members also considered supporting “The Great Get Together” community initiative which would take place in June. It was suggested that a local community group may wish to organise an event with Town Council support in the form of offering free use of a room at one of our centres or open spaces.

## **RESOLVED**

1. that the update be noted; and
2. that the Harvest Community Church be contacted to ascertain if they wished to organise a Great Get Together event in the Civic Centre Council Chamber following their weekly meeting, which the Town Council would support by providing the function room free of charge for the duration of the event.

### *Reasons for Decision*

1. *To monitor and review the effectiveness of the Town Council’s community engagement activities.*
2. *To support community groups to organise and support nationwide initiatives to bring communities together.*

## **6. Thorpe Astley Community Centre**

The Committee considered ways to increase bookings and community use of the centre (item 6 on the agenda).

## **RESOLVED**

1. that two Live and Local performances be booked for Thorpe Astley Community Centre and that subject to availability these be the performances of Myths & Legends and Little Red Robin Hood, as detailed at Appendix 1;
2. that delegated authority be given to the Executive Officer & Town Clerk, in consultation with the chair and vice-chair of the Committee, to set the ticket price and make arrangements with Live and Local for the events and in the absence of the availability of the chosen events to select a similar alternative performance;
3. that suitable and targeted publicity be distributed to maximise the number of ticket sales; and
4. that, subject to support from the new pre-school, an Open Day be held at Thorpe Astley Community Centre in August/September and that delegated authority be given to the Executive Officer & Town Clerk, in consultation with the chair and vice-chair of the Committee, to set the date and make detailed arrangements.

### *Reasons for Decision*

1. *To trial local performances at Thorpe Astley Community Centre in order to assess whether such events were popular with the local community and viable and to promote the facilities the Centre has to offer.*
2. *To ensure arrangements could be put in place without any delay, should the expression of interest be accepted by Live and Local.*
3. *To ensure that residents were fully aware of the events taking place and the nature of the performances.*
4. *To ensure that a summer event takes place at Thorpe Astley Community Centre and at a time to support the work of the new pre-school and the expansion of Braunstone Juniors to Thorpe Astley and to enable there to be a sufficient lead in time to prepare for the event.*

### **7. Franklin Park Community Orchard – Apple Day and community events and activities**

The Committee considered if Apple Day was to continue and, if so, a suitable date and format; and also whether other future events and community activities should be organised at Franklin Park.

It was noted that the event held in 2017 was moved indoors to Braunstone Civic Centre due to poor weather conditions. Members commented that there were a low number of apples available from the orchard for use on the Apple Day for the 2016 event. It was noted that an apple pruning day had been organised in February 2017 where local residents were invited to help with the pruning of the apple trees. Following the event, volunteers were offered hot soup and rolls at Braunstone Civic Centre.

### **RESOLVED**

1. that Apple Day be organised on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Franklin Park;
2. that in the event of poor weather, the Apple Day event be cancelled and not moved indoors; and
3. that a suitable date be arranged for pruning of the apple trees in February 2018.

### *Reasons for Decision*

1. *To ensure the continuation of the community event and support for the community orchard.*
2. *To ensure the Apple Trees remained healthy and ensure that the most appropriate venue for the event was used.*
3. *To encourage local residents to become actively involved in the community project.*

## 8. **Fete – Progress Update**

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

Members were updated on the events and activities that had been arranged for the Summer Fete 2017 including the Dog Show, animal experience workshop, children's rides, circus workshop, photo booth, bouncy castle, obstacle course, refreshment and food outlets and numerous stalls and games.

It was noted that the Town Mayor proposed that Town Councillors organise a stall to meet local residents at the event.

**RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to all Town Councillors inviting them to participate in the event and arrange time slots for a Town Council stall to be covered.

*Reason for Decision*

*To offer local residents the opportunity to meet councillors and discuss concerns whilst attending a public event organised by the Town Council.*

## 9. **Summary of Grant Applications**

The Committee received a list of grants paid to date and applied for from external sources (item 9 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.*

## 10. **Community Grant Applications**

The Committee considered Community Grant Applications which had been received (item 10 on the agenda).

**RESOLVED**

1. that Community Grants be approved as follows:
  - a) Asian Elderly Group - £225;
  - b) Braunstone Heritage Group - £279.27;
  - c) Kingsway Rangers - £300; and
  - d) Over 60s Club - £280.

2. that the application for a Community Grant of £220 by X-ellent be refused; and
3. that the application for an individual grant of £210 by Jeremy Lish be refused.

*Reasons for decision*

1. *The applications had met the criteria of the grant scheme and the required information had been submitted.*
2. *The application from X-ellent had been refused as it was noted that the organisation had sufficient funds available to progress the project and no evidence had been submitted showing any expenditure on the work of the organisation.*
3. *The application from Jeremy Lish had been refused since it was considered that the project was not compatible with the criteria of an individual grant.*

**11. Programme of Events 2017/2018**

The Committee received and considered an application from the Ratby Co-Operative Band and reassessed an application from X-ellent for the Programme of Events 2017/2018 (item 11 on the agenda).

**RESOLVED**

1. that the application from Ratby Co-operative Band be approved; and
2. that the application from X-ellent be refused.

*Reasons for decision*

1. *To support community initiatives to raise funds and to provide a season of events held Braunstone Town Council facilities for the local community to attend.*
2. *The organisation had been unable to demonstrate any activity in organising events and sufficient funds were available in the bank account to cover proposed projects*

**12. Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces**

The Committee received a progress report on current projects and funding. It was noted that an application to Sports England was being prepared in the sum of £150,000 and discussions had also been held with Blaby District Council for them to help support applications to local businesses for donations towards the cost of the Shakespeare Park Improvement Project.

**13. Financial Comparisons**

The Committee received Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2017 to 16th May 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.*

**14. Approval of Accounts**

The Committee considered payments from 1st April 2017 until 16th May 2017 (item 14 on the agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the list of Approved Expenditure Transactions for the period 1st April 2017 until 16th May 2017 be approved.

*Reason for Decision*

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

**15. Termination of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.



**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: \_\_\_\_\_