

**BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2019 AT 7.45PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Anthea Ambrose (Chair), Councillor Tracey Shepherd (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Ajmer Basra, Nick Brown, Alex Dewinter, David Di Palma, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Amanda Hack, Paul Kennedy, Sam Maxwell and Christiane Startin-Lorent.

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

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

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies of absence.

**2. Disclosures of Interest**

A disclosure of Non-Pecuniary Interest was received from Councillor Amanda Hack in relation to item 11b on the agenda, Community Grant Applications, Thorpe Astley Community Safety, since she had been involved in the Thorpe Astley Community Speed Watch initiative.

**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 two members of the public present.

A member of the public had attended the meeting to raise concerns regarding the rise in drug crime, including availability to young people and also the rise in residential burglaries.

**4. Minutes of the Meeting held 4th April 2019**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

## 5. **Town Mayor's Report**

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

The Town Mayor, Councillor Parminder Basra, reported on her attendance at two events on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May – a Spring Craft Fair held at Thorpe Astley Community Centre and a Vaisakhi Event held at Braunstone Civic Centre.

The Town Mayor confirmed her chosen charity for her year as Town Mayor would be Life Links. She advised that she proposed to organise several events to raise funds for the charity including a sponsored walk and Grand Raffle. Also, in support of the Rik Basra Leukaemia Campaign, the Town Mayor would like to organise a charity dinner at the Civic Centre in February 2020.

### **RESOLVED**

1. that the update be noted; and
2. that the proposed charity events be supported.

#### *Reasons for Decision*

1. *To monitor and review the effectiveness of the Town Council's community engagement activities.*
2. *To enable the Town Mayor to prepare for events and for these to be scheduled and publicised.*

## 6. **Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing Update**

The Committee welcomed Sergeant Alex Goldsmith to the meeting to provide an update on the current crime statistics for Braunstone Town and Thorpe Astley. The latest Local Policing Newsletter had been circulated at the meeting and filed with the minutes.

Sergeant Goldsmith highlighted the work the police were undertaking with schools and the community regarding the use of drugs. He advised that information from residents about suspicious activity that could indicate drug dealing or abuse, formed the main basis of their investigations and therefore encouraged any suspicious activity to be reported. Publicity around this issue was due to be available shortly which would be distributed within schools and the community. In particular, it would highlight the issue of County Lines where drug dealers groom young people to distribute drugs in their local area.

He also responded to queries about what could be done to reduce house burglaries. He advised that a significant responsibility was with the homeowners to ensure that their property was secure. This could include the installation of security alarms and lights, ensuring that a property looks

occupied by installing light timers and asking neighbours and family to keep an eye on property when on holiday.

Discussions were also held on anti-social behaviour in the area and Sergeant Goldsmith confirmed that the police worked in close partnership with Blaby District Council and local housing associations to tackle issues of anti-social behaviour.

Members were advised that a patch walk by the Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner, Kirk Master, had been booked for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July between 1pm and 4pm where he would undertake short visits to various locations in Braunstone Town and Thorpe Astley.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted

*Reason for Decision*

*To ensure that the Town Council was advised of ongoing Community Safety and Policing issues*

## **7. Civic Commemorations**

The Committee considered and endorsed annual civic commemoration events (item 7 on the agenda).

**RESOLVED**

1. that the Annual Civic Commemorations:
  - a) Hoisting of Armed Forces Day Flag,
  - b) Armistice Day,
  - c) attendance at Remembrance Sunday Services, and
  - d) Fly a Flag for the Commonwealthcontinue to be commemorated on an annual basis, as set out in the report; and
2. that the approach to Special Civic Commemorations, including the organisation of a flag raising ceremony on 6th June 2019 to commemorate 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings, be endorsed.

*Reasons for Decision*

1. *To recognise the important role played by armed forces personnel and their families, past and present, and to provide a focus for Civic Pride and reflect on important values.*
2. *To provide flexibility to respond to the community to commemorate events, particularly where there was a significant local connection.*

## **8. Franklin Park Community Orchard - Events and Community Activities**

The Committee received progress reports on community use of the Franklin Park Community Orchard, including events and community activities.

It was noted that a local community group had organised an Easter Egg Hunt on 20<sup>th</sup> April at Franklin Park and the Community Orchard that had been well supported.

**9. Fete - progress update**

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

Preparation for the summer fete 2019 was well under way and it was confirmed that the following activities had been booked:-

Face painting, bouncy castle, obstacle course, archery, bubble football, children's rides, donkey rides, petting zoo, circus workshop, dog show, Vikings display, refreshment stalls and PA. It was also noted that 32 private and community group stalls had been booked for the event on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019 at Mossdale Meadows.

**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).

It was noted that no response had yet been received regarding applications for funding from the Persimmon Community Fund and Leicester City Football Club.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

*Reason for Decision*

*To monitor progress with supporting community groups with identifying source 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 which had been received (item 11 on the agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the following grant applications be approved:

- a) Braunstone Heritage Archive Group - £200; and
- b) Thorpe Astley Community Safety - £300

*Reason for Decision*

*The grants applications met the scheme criteria.*

## 12. Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces

The Committee received a progress report on the Shakespeare Park Pavilion Project. The outcome of potential funding applications to the Football Foundation and Leicester City Football Club were awaited.

## 13. Financial Comparisons

The Committee received Financial Comparisons for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 (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 noted that there were no payments between 27th March 2019 and 31st March 2019 and considered payments from 1st April 2019 until 13th May 2019 (item 14 on the agenda).

**RESOLVED** that the list of Approved Expenditure Transactions for the period 1st April 2019 until 13th May 2019 be approved.

*Reason for Decision*

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

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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