



The Town Council's Forthcoming Committees are as follows:-

- Plans & Environment Committee** – 4th June 7.30pm
- Policy & Resources Committee – 11th June 7.30pm
- Full Council Meeting – 25th June 8.00pm
- Plans & Environment Committee – 9th July 7.00pm
- Community Development Committee – 9th July 7.30pm

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Braunstone Town Council

Welcome to our Annual Report 2014/2015

By Councillor Mr Nick Brown, Leader of Braunstone Town Council

We are delighted to have published our Annual Report for 2014/2015 which sets out the Town Council's achievements over the year. If you would like a copy of the document, please contact our offices, or it can be downloaded from our website, at www.braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk. Set out here are some of our achievements.



I would like to extend our appreciation to all those local residents and partners who have, over the year, become involved in events and projects instigated by the Council and given their support to assist us in providing the high level of service to local people.

FUTURE OF BRAUNSTONE TOWN LIBRARY IN DOUBT



Following the County Council's decision to hand over Libraries to be run by communities or face closure and a consultation meeting held in June 2014, residents have expressed concerns about the important

role the Library plays in the community for reading, learning and social inclusion and that with the best will in the world, such a service would be difficult to retain solely dependent upon volunteers. Equally Town residents have expressed a clear view that they should not have to pay again for this service while still paying for County Library Services elsewhere.

Over the last 10 months the Town Council, listening to these concerns and recognising increasing social change in our community along with the pressures of funding on public services, developed detailed and ambitious proposals, in consultation with the Town's Citizens' Advisory Panel, to meet local needs by combining the Council's Customer Service Shop with the Library. These proposals represent to both the County and District Councils a revenue saving over 50%, while increasing opening hours and providing for further social inclusion activities to be based in the facility. Despite our proposals providing these efficiency savings by recycling funds which the County Council is already committed to under a 99 year lease agreement on the premises, thereby avoiding double-taxation while retaining professional staffing, the County Council's Cabinet on 16th June looks set to receive a recommendation from County Officers to reject our proposals.

Leader of the council Cllr.Nick Brown said *"Before making any hasty decisions that would threaten library services across Braunstone Town & Thorpe Astley, we would ask the County Council cabinet members to look at the detail of our proposals. We do not believe these have been given serious consideration by the council's officers who have limited themselves to a one-size-fits-all approach. I would have thought our proposals were exactly to sort of imaginative and innovative idea that a forward looking council would jump on. It would be foolish if these were rejected out of hand without further discussions, especially as there are real cash savings for all the councils involved."*

This looks like being a major setback for the Town Council and puts the future of the Library Service in doubt. The Town Council will be looking at its options at Policy and Resources Committee on 11th June and we will keep residents informed via our website at:

<http://braunstonetown.leicestershireparishcouncils.org/have-your-say-on-libraries.html>

LOCAL AREA CO-ORDINATOR SCHEME

Braunstone Town Council is delighted to be supporting a pilot project - Local Area Coordination, which is being led by our Council partners in Leicestershire and Blaby and by the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group.

Local Area Coordination is about supporting individuals and families, particularly those with disabilities, mental health issues and frail older people, to achieve their goals – by using their own strengths and family/community networks. A key skill will be building relationships with the right people to help people to identify and address their own needs.

We are now pleased to introduce Roo Peake who is the Local Area Co-ordinator for Braunstone Town. Roo will be based at Braunstone Civic Centre. You can contact Roo on 0116 2890045 or roo.peake@leics.gov.uk if you are aware of any resident that you feel could do with some support.

The Town Council would like to congratulate Miss Sharon Betts on becoming the Town Mayor 2015/2016. The outgoing Mayor, Mr Shabbir Aslam was pleased to present Miss Betts with the Town Mayor's chain at the Full Council meeting on 14th May. Miss Betts announced that Mr Bill Wright will be her Consort for the year. She has chosen to support Heart Link and South West Leicestershire Scouts for her year as Town Mayor. The outgoing Mayor congratulates Miss Betts on becoming Town Mayor



BRAUNSTONE TOWN SUMMER FETE

Saturday 25th July 2015 11am – 4.00pm

Mossdale Meadows

Dog Show, Stalls, Bouncy Castle, Climbing Wall, Displays, Food, Children's Rides plus more! For a stall or to help on the day contact 0116 2890045 or centresmanager@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk