

RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2022 AT RUSHDEN HALL, RUSHDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillor: Sarah Peacock - Chairman

Councillors: Philip Humphrey Richard Lewis
David Jenney Adrian Winkle
Gill Mercer Andy Mercer
Adrian House Janet Pinnock
Barbara Jenney

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

277/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Philip Humphrey and Janet Pinnock declared an 'other interest' on agenda item 4, Approval of Payments.

Councillors Richard Lewis and Andy Mercer declared an 'other interest' on agenda item 15, Armed Forces Day.

278/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Steven North, Colin Wright, Cesare Marinaro, Cameron Clarke, David Coleman and Melanie Coleman

279/22 MINUTES

The minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting of 23rd November 2021 had been previously circulated to members and it was

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on the 23rd November 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

280/22 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Members had been circulated with details of payments made since 15th November 2021 amounting to £99,997.24

RESOLVED

That payments amounting to £99,997.24 be approved (as attached to these minutes).

281/22 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Members considered the following Community Grant application:

- a) Rushden Hall Pensioners Club
- b) Hiring of Walled Garden

RESOLVED

- a) To award Rushden Hall Pensioners Club a grant of £1173.00
- b) The Town Clerk to obtain further information regarding the event proposed for the Walled Garden on 18th June 2022

282/22 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Members considered the Internal Audit Report for year ending 31st March 2022 (1)

RESOLVED

That the Internal Audit Report for the year ended 31st March 2022 (1) be recommended to Council for acceptance.

283/22 ASSET MAPPING PROJECT

AMP: Parish Online Mapping

AMP is working with Parish Online to offer an online platform to record the mapped data collated by councils - items being mapped include: assets (land and property), services, and any assets of community value currently owned and provided by North Northants Council.

Councils engaging with AMP will receive a free 6 months subscription to the service enabling them to participate in the project.

NCALC have requested that Town Councils nominate two Councillors and the Town Clerk to carry out this work. Members discussed this matter and it was

RESOLVED

That two members of the Asset Working Party, together with the Town Clerk, to carry out the Asset Mapping project.

284/22 YOUTH COUNCIL

Members discussed the possibility of forming an RTC Youth Council.

Councillor Adrian Winkle advised that he is to stand for election as a Governor at Rushden Academy. Members agreed that it would be sensible to wait until the outcome of Governor elections, because, should Cllr Winkle be elected this would provide a positive communication channel to the Academy. It was therefore

RESOLVED

To discuss this matter further once the appointment of Governors at Rushden Academy have been concluded.

285/22 RUSHDEN HIGHAM LINK

The Chairman advised that the Rushden-Higham Link was now under new ownership and it had been requested that charges to Rushden and Higham Ferrers, for the service, are increased by 50%.

Higham Ferrers Town Council had agreed they would accept a 10% increase but obviously this falls considerably lower than the requested increase. Members studied the passenger data provided and all agreed that the bus service is still used on a regular basis. After further discussion it was

RESOLVED

In principle Rushden Town Council would accept a 20% increase in cost for the Rushden-Higham Link. The Town Clerk is to work together with NNC, Higham Ferrers TC and the new service provider to see if an agreement can be reached.

Chairman