

## **RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021 AT RUSHDEN HALL, RUSHDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillor: Sarah Peacock – Chairman

Councillors: Philip Humphrey Richard Lewis  
Cameron Clarke Adrian Winkle  
Gill Mercer Andy Mercer  
Adrian House David Coleman  
Janet Pinnock  
Barbara Jenney  
Melanie Coleman [Ex officio]

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

#### **167/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **168/22 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Steven North, David Jenney, Colin Wright and Cesare Marinaro

#### **169/22 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> August 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### **170/22 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

Members had been circulated with details of payments made since 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021 amounting to £173,196.82

#### **RESOLVED**

That payments amounting to £173,196.82 be approved (as attached to these minutes).

#### **171/22 COMMUNITY GRANTS**

Members considered the following Community Grant application:

- a) Rushden Hall Ladies

#### **RESOLVED**

To award a Community Grant of £407.00 to Rushden Hall Ladies

#### **172/22 SHOP FRONT GRANT**

Members considered the following Shop Front Grant application

a) Active Olive Ltd

**RESOLVED**

To award a Shop Front Grant of £750.00 to Active Olive Ltd

**173/22 KNIFE AMNESTY BIN**

The Town Clerk reported that a request had been made from the Police for a Knife Amnesty bin for Rushden. The Police will be providing a bin at Spencer Park, but they feel it would be beneficial to have an additional bin located at the other side of town.

Members discussed this matter at length and it was

**RESOLVED**

Rushden Town Council will provide and install a Knife Amnesty bin subject to agreement with the Police on the exact location.

**174/22 DOG DRUGS OPERATION**

The Chairman reported that Rushden Town Council had funded a successful Drug Dogs Operation within the town. This operation had resulted in a number of arrests for Possession of Drugs and Possession of Drugs with intent to supply.

Members were pleased there was a positive response to the operation and hoped we would be able to repeat the exercise next year.

**175/22 HIGH STREET AND BUSINESS WORKING PARTIES**

Councillors Humphrey and Lewis reported that following the meeting of the High Street and Business working parties, they recommended that Rushden Town Council engage Troy Planning to facilitate the updating of the existing Rushden Neighbourhood Plan and the formation of a Design Code for the town. Elements of concept planning will be included with the Design Code to allow a 'on the shelf' project should funding become available.

**RESOLVED**

That the above recommendation from the High Street and Business be accepted.

**176/22 EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT**

Members discussed the External Auditor's report for 2020/2021 and it was

**RESOLVED**

That the External Auditor's report be accepted for 2020/2021

Chairman