

RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH JULY 2021 AT RUSHDEN HALL, RUSHDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillor: Sarah Peacock – Chairman

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

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

79/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Sarah Peacock and Melanie Coleman declared an 'other interest' on agenda item 5, Community Grants.

80/22 APOLOGIES

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

81/22 MINUTES

The minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting of 1st June 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 1st June 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

82/22 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Members had been circulated with details of payments made since 4th May 2021 amounting to £164,487.00

RESOLVED

That payments amounting to £164,487.00 be approved (as attached to these minutes).

83/22 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Members considered the following Community Grant application:

- a) SERVE Rushden

RESOLVED

To award a Community Grant of £960 to SERVE Rushden

84/22 COVID UPDATE

The Town Clerk reported that community groups had expressed an interest to return to the Hall after 19th July, once most Covid restrictions will have been lifted. The Clerk stated that in order to still protect visitors and staff the following safety measures should still be implemented:-

- Social distancing should still be observed – Council meetings to continue in Fletcher room with adequate spacing.
- Temperatures to be taken for all accessing the Hall and offices.
- Hand sanitisers to be available throughout the building
- QR Codes to be used for trace and trace purposes
- Numbers to be limited for any bookings, to allow reasonable social distancing

Members agreed that whilst the lifting of restrictions was welcome it would still be necessary to exercise caution and carry out precautionary measures as stated above.

85/22 MEMORIAL PLAQUE

A request had been received from the Swivel Club, via Councillor Wright, to install a plaque to commemorate the life of Joseph William Ekins who was a World War II British Army veteran. He gained recognition for his action as a tank gunner in France in which he destroyed four tanks in a day, including three Tigers. Members considered it would not be appropriate to install the plaque on the War Memorial, as this was to commemorate the lives of those who died in action during conflict.

However, they felt that Joseph Ekins deserved recognition for his bravery and it was suggested that a plaque is positioned on RTC land at Skinners Hill. The plaque to either be installed on a post near the flower bed or on the brick wall backing onto Crisp's car park.

86/22 POLICIES

Members had been circulated with the following policies; Data Protection, Privacy Notice for Suppliers, Events held on RTC Land, Play Area Risk Management/Inspections and Fire Risk Assessments

These policies were scrutinized by members and subject to amendments discussed it was

RESOLVED

- a) Data Protection Policy be approved and recommended for signing by the Mayor at Full Council.
- b) Privacy Notice for Suppliers Policy be approved and recommended for signing by the Mayor at Full Council.
- c) Events held on RTC land be approved and recommended for signing by the Mayor at Full Council.
- d) Play Area Risk Management/Inspections be approved and recommended for signing by the Mayor at Full Council.
- e) Fire Risk Assessments be approved and recommended for signing by the Mayor at Full Council.

Chairman