

## **RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillor: Sarah Peacock – Chairman

Councillors: Robin Underwood    Richard Lewis  
Philip Humphrey    Barbara Jenney  
Gill Mercer    Andy Mercer  
David Jenney    Adrian House  
David Coleman    Colin Wright.  
Melanie Coleman [Ex officio]

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

#### **165/21 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

##### **RESOLVED**

It was resolved that Cllr Sarah Peacock be appointed as Chairman for the Policy and Resources Committee for the year 2020/2021.

#### **166/21 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

##### **RESOLVED**

It was resolved that Cllr Philip Humphrey be appointed as Vice Chairman for the Policy and Resources Committee for the year 2020/2021.

#### **167/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **168/21 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Ron Pinnock, Janet Pinnock and Steven North

#### **169/21 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **170/21 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

Members had been circulated with details of payments made since 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 amounting to £93,553.03

#### **RESOLVED**

That payments amounting to £93,553.03 be approved (as attached to these minutes).

### **171/21 SHOP FRONT GRANT**

Members considered the following Shop Front Grant application:

- a) Coley Thompson Estate Agents

#### **RESOLVED**

Coley Thompson Estate Agents was awarded a shop front grant of £750.00

### **172/21 COMMUNITY GRANTS**

The Chairman reported that four Covid emergency grants had been awarded under delegated powers and were as follows:

Rush 2 the Den	£500
Rushden Sea Cadets	£500
1 <sup>st</sup> Rushden Scout Group	£500
Rushden Swimming Club	£500

### **173/21 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM**

The Chairman informed members that initially the new Unitary Council will be based in Kettering.

A CEO has now been appointed and will take up their post in December 2020. Russell Roberts is to be Leader, Martin Griffiths has stepped down as Deputy Leader and has been replaced by Jason Smithers.

Chairman