

RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 18th JUNE 2019 AT RUSHDEN HALL, RUSHDEN, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillor: Cesare Marinaro, Town Mayor

Councillors:	David Coleman	Melanie Coleman	David Jenney
	Carol Childs	Barbara Jenney	Tracey Smith
	Adrian House	Paul Harley	Kaye Rawlins
	Robin Underwood	Sarah Peacock	Richard Lewis
	Marian Hollomon	Philip Humphrey	Janet Pinnock
	Ron Pinnock		

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

53/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

54/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Gill Mercer, Steven North, Andy Mercer and Colin Wright.

55/20 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14th May 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

56/20 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT

'My first month as Mayor of Rushden has been extremely busy but I feel very proud to have represented the town.

Our first function was on the 15th May, we saw Dudley Hughes becoming the Chairman of ENC, with his wife Sylvia Hughes as his consort.

My next event was Monday 3rd June, I was asked to appear on BBC Radio Northampton to answer questions on what it is like to be Mayor of Rushden. Then, on the 6th June I spent a thoroughly enjoyable morning at the Athletic Club to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. We were entertained by Steve who really got the audience going. I was also asked to draw the raffle and enjoy the sing-along of WW2 songs with veterans. In the evening, I was honoured to lay a wreath at the cenotaph.

From the 9th – 16th June, we anticipated a busy week due to Rushden's Celebrate Rushden Week, with lots of fun activities planned. On Sunday 9th June, we attended the NN10 Your Town Junior Fun Run. It was a pleasure seeing the young children running around and receiving a medal for their participation.

In the afternoon, we attended the Soapbox Derby. I enjoyed starting all the races and witnessing the hard work and effort that went into building the carts. I felt honoured to hand out the medals and trophies to the winners.

On Monday, my consort attended the NN10 Choir and Jazz evening at St Mary's Church.

On Tuesday, I attended the Allotment Society and now I feel like I am a fully-fledged gardener in growing organic plants.

My consort attended YIP Club with Melanie the Deputy Mayor, meeting their leader Jackie who has been leading the club for 10 years with limited funds. The work they do as a club is inspirational.

On Wednesday, my consort and Melanie attended Walking Netball which they both thoroughly enjoyed and had the pleasure of playing netball again. In the afternoon, we attended a tour of Rushden Hall given by Clive Wood, which was full of information about our hall, dating as far back as the 15th Century.

On Thursday, my consort attended New York, New York! A big swing band, and they were a big band. She also attended the Teddy Bear's Picnic which was unfortunately held indoor due to the bad weather. This was held at Rushden The Den by a lady call Nina, who again is running this club with limited funds but the work they do for Rushden is inspiring.

I attended the Stan and Ollie film show on Friday at the Wesleyan Church in Rushden. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with well over 90 people in attendance.

I was actively involved helping them to serve tea and coffee after the film showing. I also found time to pop into Rushden The Den to witness their youth group discos, a super event for children.

On Saturday morning, myself and my consort met at 10 o'clock at the war memorial to commence the 'Walk a mile in my Shoes' in aid of Rushden Mind. Marion seemed very stressed as she had a major leak. It was a huge turn out for an extremely worthy cause.

We also attended the grand opening of Crystelle Belle, it is great to see a new business opening in the High Street. We were given the grand task of judging the cakes in the Bake off. All the cakes tasted fantastic.

In the evening, I watched the Rushden Town Band which was also singing with the Northampton Male Choir at the Bowls Club to celebrate their 40th birthday.

On Sunday, we celebrated Fathers Day at the RHTS to witness the car rally. There were some fantastic cars on show and it was great to see so many local people keen to watch the cars and witness the model railway.

I feel honoured to have been able to attend so many of these great events as part of Celebrate Rushden Week. To think that all of these events were free to attend is super for the town, with such a huge variety of events on offer. Hopefully, Celebrate Rushden Week will continue for many years with your continued support.

A huge thank you to all of those involved in the organising of the events and to those who attended

57/20 POLICING ISSUES

Minutes of JAG Meeting held on 10th April 2019 at 10:30am,
Higham Ferrers Town Council, Rushden Hall

1. Update on Agreed Priorities

Drug use and dealing across Rushden and Higham Ferrers

Work has continued across the two towns to target areas of concern. There had been good results from working with the proactive team.

2. Anti-Social Behaviour at Saffron Road Recreation Ground, Higham Ferrers.

There had been another bin fire. Police working closely with CCTV and Town Council to address this problem.

Anti Social Behaviour at all Public Toilets in Rushden.

There had been 1 reported issue at Duck Street toilets. This has been disrupted by the removal of a local drug dealer.

3. Priorities

Members considered current issues and the following priorities were set for the next three months.

- a. Drug issues in both Higham Ferrers and Rushden to be kept as a priority.
- b. Anti Social Behaviour at Saffron Road Recreation Ground.
- c. Issues at Newton Road Toilets.

4. Any other business

- Cllr Holloman report on an unusual incident outside Store 21 premises.
- Camping under the Greenway was raised as an issue but little could be done.
- PC Mitchinson reported that there would be a campaign re parking at local schools. There would be zero tolerance to illegal parking they were also addressing parking in narrow roads that blocked access by emergency vehicles.
- The problem with parking near the tattoo parlour in Rushden was raised. The Police would go and talk to them.

5. Time and date of next meeting

Tuesday 16th July 2019 10:30am – Rushden Town Council.

Tuesday 8th October 2019 10.30am – Higham Ferrers Town Council

Tuesday 7th January 2020 – 10.30am - Rushden Town Council

58/20 LEADER'S ADDRESS

Firstly, can I once again thank Cllrs Lewis and Janet Pinnock for the superb Celebrate Rushden. Once again a diverse programme was provided for the community to find new interest or simply enjoy others performances. I for one had a few extra nights out last week. Thank you also to everyone who supported the events. The Soapbox Derby being one of the main ones. The Mayor and the Deputy were dashing around the town and met many residents and raised the profile of the town.

The postponed Scout Camp Fire event has been rearranged for Wednesday 17th July 6.30 – 8.30.

It has been just over a month since our AGM but already we are moving forward with many of our projects.

One of the major ones has been the Grounds Maintenance contract. The Councillors and staff have worked very hard over the past few weeks. The award notices went out to tenderers last Friday evening.

The Council will observe the mandatory 10 day standstill period which will end at midnight at the end of 24th June 2019. Accordingly, the Council will not enter into the Contract until after 25th June 2019

The Council is obliged, under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, to provide certain information to tenderers regarding the outcome of the procurement process before entering into any contract. This includes the criteria and the reasons for the decision on award, including the successful bidder's identity and score, and the characteristics and relative advantages of the successful bidder's tender.

In accordance with the tender confidentiality provisions, the Council requires that this is not made public until after the standstill period.

Unitary Update.

Cllr Lewis and I attended NCALA meeting on the 12th June at Raunds. There was once again a good turnout of parish councils and we were given a presentation by Lesley Sambrook Smith and Sharn Matthews was also in attendance and gave us an Indicative Transition timeline. We will email out the minutes when we receive them.

This was then followed by a discussion on Opportunites, Risks and a Wish List and a “post it” exercise followed. I think one of the main things to come out of the meeting was good communication going forward. Danny is collating the post it's and will report back next time.

Received ENC briefing:-

The North Northamptonshire Joint Committee, which will pave the way for the shadow authority to deliver the new unitary council for the north, will hold its first meeting on Monday, 24 June. Elected members from the north authorities (Corby, East Northants, Kettering, Northamptonshire County and Wellingborough), who have been appointed to the Joint Committee, will meet at 6.30pm in the council chamber at Kettering Borough Council.

The venue for meetings will rotate among districts within North Northamptonshire, using the respective Council Chambers. The meeting will be open to members of the public, and papers for the Joint Committee are now publicly available on www.kettering.gov.uk/meetings.

North Northants Joint Committee members: Corby Borough Council joint committee members Cllr Tom Beattie - LAB Cllr Jean Addison - LAB Cllr Kevin Watt – CON East Northamptonshire Council joint committee members Cllr Steven North – CON Cllr David Jenney - CON Cllr John Farrar - LAB Kettering Borough Council joint committee members Cllr Russell Roberts – CON Cllr Ian Jelley - CON Cllr Mick Scrimshaw – LAB Borough Council of Wellingborough joint committee members Cllr Griffiths - CON Cllr Partridge-Underwood - CON Cllr Scarborough – LAB Northamptonshire County Council joint committee members Cllr Victoria Perry – CON Cllr Jonathan Ekins – CON Cllr Jason Smithers - CON

Things are starting to move on the Planning front. The Town Clerk and myself along with our agent Andrew Cowling were yesterday able to meet up with Paul Bland, Head of Planning at ENC to catch up on our plans for the Hub, the High St, Rushden East and some of the major applications either in or heading our way. I feel it was a good meeting long overdue but he is now aware of our plans and aspirations.

We also voiced our concerns about moving the High St forward and we hope to talk to Greg McDonald again soon as new bids are being proposed. ENC still have an interest in our High St (they own the Wilkinson site) and together we could create something impressive with developers. The summer is going to be a busy time for the Planning Committee.

I attended the D Day service at the memorial, and though a small service it was still very poignant after the events on TV and I felt the town had made its contribution to the day.

We have Armed Forces Day at the weekend and I believe they are still after marshals' if anybody is free. Contact Jake. Then you can dance the night away in the evening at the 1940's dance.

Also on the Sunday 23rd we will be opening the Washbrook Tunnel. 10-12 is litter picking from the Crown Park end. This is followed by the opening at midday and lunch. Look on the website to book your place. The art work is fantastic and a credit to all the Rushden School children who have helped with the design.

We have many projects being delivered over the summer months, especially down at Spencer Park with the tennis courts being improved and the MUGA having a face lift and an extension. Play equipment will also be going into Trafford Park. This is as a result of Section 106 monies

The bus shelters are going to be a big project too so look out for these improvements. Once again have a good summer. It will fly by. Party in the Park is just around the corner and we will be swarming with "Beatles".

59/20 CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS OF COMMITTEES MEETINGS

Personnel Committee 7th May 2019

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 7th May 2019.

Policy & Resources Committee 18th June 2019

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 18th June 2019.

Planning Consultative Committee 28th May 2019

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 28th May 2019.

Community Services Committee 4th June 2019

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 4th June 2019

60/20 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Community Services Committee 5th February 2019

RESOLVED

That the report of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 5th February 2019 be received and adopted.

Policy & Resources Committee 5th March 2019

RESOLVED

That the report of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 5th March 2019 be received and adopted.

Planning Consultative Committee 12th March 2019

RESOLVED

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 12th March 2019 be received and adopted.

Community Services Committee 26th March 2019

RESOLVED

That the report of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 26th March 2019 be received and adopted.

Planning Consultative Committee 2nd April 2019

RESOLVED

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 2nd April 2019 be received and adopted

Policy & Resources Committee 16th April 2019

RESOLVED

That the report of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 16th April 2019 be received and adopted.

Planning Consultative Committee 23rd April 2019

RESOLVED

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 23rd April 2019 be received and adopted

Planning Consultative Committee 7th May2019

RESOLVED

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 7th May 2019 be received and adopted

61/20 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2019

a) Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/2019 and the Town Clerk went through this in detail. After consideration it was

RESOLVED

That the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/2019 is approved by this Council

b) Annual Accounting Statements 2018/2019

Members had been circulated with Accounting Statements for 2018/2019 and these were considered.

After consideration it was

RESOLVED

That Accounting Statements for year ending 31st March 2019, is approved by this Council

c) Statement of Accounts 2018/2019

Members had been circulated with Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March 2019.

RESOLVED

That the Statement of Accounts for 2018/2019, is approved by this Council

Chairman/Town Mayor