

RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillor: Sarah Peacock – Chairman

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

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

104/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

105/21 APOLOGIES

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

106/21 MINUTES

The minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting of 14th July 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 14th July 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

107/21 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Members had been circulated with details of payments made since 7th July 2020 amounting to £101,637.52

RESOLVED

That payments amounting to £101,637.52 be approved (as attached to these minutes).

108/21 COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Chairman reported that two grant applications had been received for the £500 Covid Community Grant. Rush 2 The Den and the 1st Rushden Scouts Group had submitted applications and the delegated members agreed these grants.

109/21 SHOP FRONT GRANT

Members considered the following Shop Front Grant application:

- a) Stiches

RESOLVED

- a) Stiches was awarded a shop front grant of £514.00.

110/21 ANPR

Members had been circulated with details of proposed additional Automated Number Plate Recognition cameras within Rushden. After discussion it was agreed that Rushden Town Council were in full support of any additional cameras that may be installed within the town, to assist the Police in detecting criminal activity.

111/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

Members discussed the current Rushden Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that the Plan now needs a review and amendment to some policies. Therefore, the Town Clerk is to consult with either DLP Planning or Atchison Rafferty to determine the process and timelines involved in updating the current Rushden Neighbourhood Plan.

112/21 PLANNING WHITE PAPER

Members considered the latest Government Planning White Paper and after discussion it was agreed a formal response would be made once East Northants Council and the Joint Planning Group had commented on the paper.

113/21 BUSINESS WORKING PARTY

The Town Manager reported that the recommended Terms of Reference for the Business Working Party were as follows:

Members:

1. Membership of this Working Party will be established at the annual meeting of the Council.
2. The Working Party shall elect a Chairman for each civic year.
3. Co-opted members may join the committee during the year if authorised by the Council.
4. Half of the Working Party shall constitute a quorum for meetings.

Terms of Reference

1. To support and promote businesses in Rushden.
2. To offer opportunities for local businesses to engage with each other and Rushden Town Council.
3. To work with local businesses and stakeholders to achieve economic progress and stability.
4. This Working Party will report to the Policy & Resources Committee.
5. Meetings of this Working Party to be determined as required.

It was RESOLVED

That the above Terms of Reference for the Business Working Party be adopted

114/21 HIGH STREET AREA IMPROVEMENTS WORKING PARTY

The Town Manager reported that the recommended Terms of Reference for the High Street Area Working Party were as follows:

Members:

- Membership of this Working Party will be established at the Annual meeting of the Council.
- The Working Party shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman for each civic year.
- Co-opted members may join the committee during the year if authorised by the Council.
- Half of the Working Party shall constitute a quorum for meetings.

Terms of Reference

- To consider operational and strategic improvement plans for the High Street Area as shown on the map.
- To monitor and report High Street Area defects to the appropriate organisations.
- To encourage footfall via support of High Street events.
- To monitor effectiveness of the Retail Crime Initiative.
- To work closely with other stakeholders.
- This Working Party to report recommendations to Policy & Resources committee
- Meetings of this working party to be determined as required

It was RESOLVED

That the above Terms of Reference be adopted for the High Street Area Working Party.

Chairman