

RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD AT RUSHDEN HALL, RUSHDEN ON TUESDAY 5TH JUNE 2018 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.

Present: Councillor: Adrian House - Chairman

Councillors: Paul Harley Janet Pinnock
Sarah Peacock Melanie Coleman
Richard Lewis Tracey Smith
Gill Mercer Carol Childs
David Coleman[ex officio]

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

40/19 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

The Town Clerk asked for a proposer and seconder for the Chairman of the Community Services Committee for 2018/2019.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Adrian House be appointed Chairman of the Community Services Committee for the forthcoming Council Year 2018/2019.

41/19 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor Tracey Smith be appointed Vice Chairman of the Community Services Committee for the forthcoming Council Year 2018/2019.

42/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

43/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Barbara Jenney and Marian Hollomon.

44/19 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 27th March 2018 be approved and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record.

45/19 CELEBRATE RUSHDEN

Councillor Lewis presented an impressive list of events for Celebrate Rushden week as follows:

Saturday 9 - Sunday 17 June **TREASURE TRAIL** Trails available from Museums linking with Rushden Museum, Transport Museum and Library.

Sat 9 & Sunday 10 June **RUSHDEN MUSEUM OPEN 4** Hall Park 2-4 pm

BICYCLE THEMED FLOWER FESTIVAL 4 St Peter's RC Church Hall, Hayway

Hope Methodist and St Peter's RC Church Saturday 10 - 4 pm Sunday 2 -4 pm

5000 miles

CYCLE CHALLENGE as part of Details: www.nenevalley.net or destination Nene Valley

Saturday 9 June

CRAFT FAIR 4 Church Street, Salvation Army 10 - 3 pm

INDEPENDENTS' DAY 4 Rushden High Street , Rushden Town Partnership 11 - 3 pm

CHURCH FETE 4 Entry £1 /Children FREE St Mary's Church 2 - 4 pm

INTER-SCHOOLS MASS CHOIR Walled Garden, Hall Park, Rotary Club of Rushden 4 - 6 pm

BUSKER & BEER - With Dr Busker Rushden Railway Station, Rushden Historical Transport Society 7.30 pm

Sunday 10 June

TOUCH RUGBY For children 5-16 years ,Manor Park, Bedford Road, Rushden & Higham Rugby Football Club 10 - 12 noon

MUSIC IN THE WALLED GARDEN Walled Garden, Hall Park, **Ock 'n' Dough** - Ceilidh Band 3 - 5 pm

Rushden Town Council

Monday 11 June **OPEN EVENING** R & H United Football & Social Club, Royal British Legion Hayden Road 7.15 pm

CARIBBEAN EVENING with Steel Band 5 Heritage Hall, Park Road, Rushden Town Council 7.30 for 8 pm

Tuesday 12 June **TEA DANCE** St Peter's RC Church Hall, Hayway 2 pm, Rushden & Higham Trefoil Guild

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP Rushden Library, Newton Road, Rushden History Society 2 - 5 pm

FAMILY ORIENTEERING TREASURE HUNT Spencer Park , Washbrook Road, Freedom Leisure For All Ages 3.30 - 4.30 pm

'SWING'S THE THING' Big Band, St Peter's Church, Midland Road, Rushden Town Council 7 .30 for 8 pm

OPEN EVENING Conservative Club, Bedford Road, Rushden Lions 7.30 pm

Wednesday 13 June **RUSHDEN MUSEUM OPEN** Hall Park 2 - 4 pm

SOCIAL CYCLE RIDE Start Hall Park, A J Cycles Entry £3 3 - 7 pm

SOAP BOX DERBY [Hall Park](#),[Rushden Town Council](#) Judging from 6.30 for 7 pm start

FILM 'CATHY COME HOME' Full Gospel Church, High Street South, East Northants Community Services 7.30 pm

Thursday 14 June **OPEN DAY** Phoenix House, Skinners Hill, Rushden Mind 9 - 4 pm, Phoenix House, Skinner's Hill 9 - 4 pm

Park Road Baptist Church 7.30 pm

WMC, Griffith Street 6.45 pm

Salvation Army Church, 7 pm. £4 inc. tea/cakes

Imperial Court, Duck Street 3.30 pm

Rush2TheDen Building, Fitzwilliam St, Sessions from 2.30 pm to 9.30 pm

Rushden Splash Pool, 6.30 - 7.15 pm 7.15 - 7.45 pm

Manor Park, Bedford Road, 7 - 9 pm

Heritage Hall, Park Road, 7.30 pm

War Memorial, 11 am

14th JUNE START OF WOMENS' CYCLE TOUR

Lots happening in Hall Park and the High

RUSHDEN TOWN BAND CONCERT Rushden Town Council

OPEN NIGHT Royal Naval Association

INTERACTIVE QUIZ Salvation Army

AFTERNOON TEA & SING-A-LONG Rushden West Community Association

PARTY DISCOS For children of all ages 9, Rush2The Den

FUN INFLATABLE SESSIONS, Freedom Leisure

TOUCH RUGBY FOR ADULTS, R & H Rugby Football Club

END OF THE PIER SHOW, Heritage Chapel & Halls

COMMEMORATION (Malayan Emergency 70th Anniversary) Royal British Legion

OPEN DAY/FAMILY FUN DAY Morrisons

INDEPENDENT'S DAY Rushden Town Partnership

WOULD YOU ADAM & EVE IT' St Peter's Church

ART EXHIBITION Rushden Art Society

RUSHDEN MUSEUM OPEN

FATHER'S DAY CAR RALLY Rushden Historical Transport Society

CONCERT - Geraldine Brill and Guests Salvation Army

SONGS FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING St Cecilia Singers

SPEAKER EVENING Rushden Allotment & Smallholding Soc.

46/19 WOMEN'S TOUR

Final preparations for the Women's Tour are now underway. The logistics team have worked very hard to ensure the practicalities of this event run smoothly. Communications have provided a lot of material and Rushden Town Council facebook page and website have been very useful in getting information out to the public.

The activities team have created a very comprehensive programme for the day and weather permitting it should be fantastic event. A big thank you to all who have worked on this event.

47/19 RUSHDEN TOWN PARTNERSHIP

Rushden Town Partnership will be using the Women's Tour to help the retailers promote their businesses. An Arty P logo and model have been produced and this will form the basis of a 'treasure hunt' within the shop windows.

As part of the Celebrate Rushden events 'Independent's Day' will be taking place in the High Street and all retailers have been encouraged to take part.

48/19 EVENTS WORKING PARTY

Members had been circulated with a copy of the reports from the Events Working Party meetings held on 3rd May 2018.

RESOLVED

That the reports from the Events Working Party meetings held on 3rd May 2018 be appended to these minutes and any actions or recommendations contained therein, be approved.

49/19 POLICING AND HIGHWAYS

a) Policing –

The Town Clerk reported that the last JAG meeting was held on 10th April 2018. The following priorities were agreed for the next quarter:-

1. Drug use and drug dealing to be kept as a priority for both Rushden and Higham Ferrers
2. Anti-Social Behaviour at Saffron Road Recreation Ground, Higham Ferrers
3. Anti Social Behaviour at the Memorial Gardens, Rushden

As there been a lot of burglaries locally in recent months members were warned to be vigilant both in their homes and cars.

b) Highways

The slip road at the Waitrose roundabout has now finally opened and does appear to be easing the congestion slightly.

Some surfacing works have be undertaken and the potholes on the route of the Women's Tour have been given some attention.

50/19 HEALTH WALKS

Report from Joe Bailey, Active Communities, regarding Health Walks

Our Walking for Health scheme forms part of our Active Communities Programme where we aim to help people become more active, more often throughout East Northamptonshire.

We aim to provide a variety of friendly and inclusive walks that are free to join and within easy reach of where you live. Our walks are run by volunteer Health Walk Leaders and often involve a chance for refreshments and a chat after the walk.

Our walks run every week to help you establish a routine, are ideal for beginners and there is no need to book in advance, just turn up and say hello to the Walk Leader on the day!

With walking, you don't have to do a lot to reap the rewards. The minimum recommendation from doctors to keep your body healthy and prevent illness such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes is 150 minutes of activity a week. So you could look at that as just 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week – and you can break that down into chunks of ten or fifteen minutes at a time if you like.

Public Health England have produced an infographic based on the UK Chief Medical Officers recommend levels of physical activity guidelines which you can find [here](#).

If you have problems with your health, or if you've had them in the past, it can be hard to stay active. But walking could make all the difference. It's a low impact exercise, so it's easy for you to get involved - even if you're not feeling your best. In fact, walking could help you feel great again!

Joining one of our walks with a trained walk leader could help you feel more confident about taking those first steps to a more active lifestyle.

The walking group at Rushden meets at 10:00am every Friday at Rushden Hall, Hall Park, Rushden. We normally have about 15 walkers attending and we have refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

This activity is part of Rushden Town Council's successful ENC Community Facilities Fund bid.

51/19 TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Links with Rushden Lakes

On 23rd May I met with Rushden Lakes Management team, The Crown Estate (TCE) and Jon McCarthy (LXB) to update on local partnership schemes. TCE gave their commitment to the following:

- Continuation of the Explore More campaign including partnership working to share cycling/walking maps to promote the area as a whole
- additional space to be made available on the Rushden Lakes website for local use
- continued support for social media campaigns to promote the local area
- Working with Rushden Lakes management team to make the best use of event space, WOW moments, tenant newsletters etc
- Approval was confirmed for the following submitted proposals:

Proposal 1 - Heritage Celebration Day – some funding available from TCE, I am also investigating the possibility of match funding through Nene Valley Festival

Proposed date: Sunday 16th September

Venue: Rushden Lakes Events Area

The heritage day can be promoted as part of the Nene Valley Festival (15th to 23rd September) and will also tie in with the Open Heritage weekends (6th to 9th and 13th to 16th September).

Following the success of English Tourism Day on 24th March many local partners are keen to hold a similar event that will benefit and promote the area. Through partnership working with Higham Ferrers Town Council and Destination Nene Valley we have the opportunity to deliver a bigger and more meaningful event.

Proposal 2 - Your Town Walk, Run or Ride – The NN10 Run - some funding available from TCE

Proposed for late Autumn possibly early Spring

Introduction of a community walk, run or cycle ride that links the NN10 area.

Rushden Living

On 3rd May 2018 I met with Rachel Mallows from Made in Northamptonshire to understand more about the proposed Made in Northamptonshire (MIN) unit in the Rushden Living, Rushden Lakes planning application. MIN is a co-operative setup in 2011 to support and promote local producers, eateries and venues across Northamptonshire. As part of the Rushden Living phase of development at Rushden Lakes, Made in Northamptonshire (MIN) is planning to open a shop dedicated to bringing together and selling the finest Northamptonshire produce from local suppliers in Northamptonshire.

Rachel has expressed her desire to work collaboratively with nearby businesses; this can be achieved in the following ways:

- Within the MIN unit there will be provision of space to host local events such as cookery demonstrations and food & drink related exhibitions. Rushden and Higham businesses will have an opportunity to promote local foodie businesses through holding demonstrations /production of their own recipe cards or through business concessions and promotions.
- Rushden and Higham businesses can take up the opportunity to supply locally grown produce to the MIN shop.
- A suggestion to hold a business forum for food & drink establishments in Rushden and Higham Ferrers, Rachel to attend to support and reassure local businesses and outline the possible business opportunities Rushden Living could present.
- Making best use of **FEAST Funding** for local businesses, funding has been secured to offer a range of useful services to food and drink manufacturers over the next two years, including; grant
- funding, business mentoring, industry events, technical support and technical apprentices. The Mallows Company are delivering this in the South Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership area.

I am liaising with local businesses that may feel impacted by the MIN element of the Rushden Living application, I will also be compiling a list of local businesses to be considered for the Northamptonshire Food & Drink Awards and for inclusion in the MIN directory – establishments must carry a 5 star hygiene rating. **NB:** Any fruit and vegetables that are supplied to the MIN shop will be seasonal as all produce must be grown in Northamptonshire – this could present an opportunity to signpost customers to local Fruit & Veg shops that sell “out of season” produce.

I am continuing to work with House of Fraser, on Saturday 28th April a Rushden based tattooist was invited into the store for the day.

Magazine Heaven, a new venture that has opened at the Lakes is keen to work with local businesses. I met with the owner and discussed opportunities for cross promotion with the selection of specialist magazines i.e. bridal/crafts/ DIY/hobbies etc - the staff at Magazine Heaven are open to ideas and would like to work with local businesses, I am proceeding to link local unique shops with promotional campaigns that work for both parties.

Recent events organised and attended have been St Georges Day in the High Street on 21st April and the mini Cavalcade at RHTS on 7th May. Both events were well attended and presented opportunities to showcase forthcoming events in the Town and an opportunity to engage about the Neighbourhood Plan.

2. Business links

I am in the process of trialing a regular business drop in session at Rushden Library, the proposed date for the first event is Thursday 5th July at 5:30pm. Recently whilst out and about liaising with local businesses a common theme arose that the businesses would appreciate more face to face contact with the Town Council and Town Partnership. Two recent Rushden Town Partnership business networking sessions have been cancelled at short notice.

I have been out and about in Church Street/ High Street area liaising with businesses about the opportunities the Women's Cycle tour presents. I have offered to circulate/promote any local business/promotions concessions businesses wish to have on the Tour day or in the period leading up to the tour.

RTP held their annual AGM on 31st May, Jane Francis was re elected as Chair and Colin Wright as Vice Chair.

3. Events

Forthcoming events include:

The Women's Cycle Tour – Thursday 14th June, additional floral containers ordered, 2 x full size floral bicycles to promote the event to be delivered Monday 4th June, business promotions/concessions to be advertised.

Celebrate Rushden – 9th to 17th June – 2 x High Street activity days on 9th and 17th June
Nene Valley Festival – 15th to 23rd September – Local involvement includes the Heritage Celebration Day on Sunday 16th Sept, additional Museum opening and Rushden Hall Tours.

Sunday 30th September - Challenge Event at Rushden Lakes – sponsorship event for Spurgeons Children's Charity.

52/19 WARD PROJECTS

| Location | Job Description | Quotes | Committee Approval if applicable | Contractor | Commence/ Finish Dates |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Rushden Hall | Interior painting | n/a | n/a | In house | Ongoing |
| Rushden Hall | Stone Wall repairs | | | PAD Builders | Ongoing |
| Hall Park | Nature Trail | | yes | TBC | Spring 2018. |
| Spencer Park | Tennis Courts Improvements | | | TBC | June 2018 |

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| Spencer Park | MUGA Improvements Some funding to come from Grensons Site Section 106 | | | TBC | July 2018 |
| Rose Avenue | Climbing Frame Funding from Station Road Site Section 106 monies | | | | July 2018 |
| Fosse Green | New Play Equipment Section 106 monies – Grensons Site section 106 | | | | Sept 2018 |
| Rushden Hall | Glass Doors | Meeting with Conservation officer | | | |
| Spencer Park/Hall Park | Tree works | | | | Ongoing |
| Memorial Gardens | New posts and chains and seating | | | | July 2018 |
| Manor Park | New Height Barrier/new fencing | | | | Completed |
| Various sites | New litter and dog bins | | | 75% completed | November/December 2017 |
| Trafford Park | New play equipment Section 106 monies – Station Road Site | | | | September 2018 |
| Hall Park | Public Toilets | | | | June 2018 |
| St James Park | New Swings | | | | July 2018 |

Chairman