

RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2019 AT RUSHDEN HALL, RUSHDEN, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillor: Sarah Peacock – Chairman
Philip Humphrey – Vice Chairman

Councillors: Richard Lewis Colin Wright
David Jenney Robin Underwood
Gill Mercer Janet Pinnock
David Coleman [Ex officio]
Andy Mercer

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

336/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

337/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Steven North, Adrian House, Barbara Jenney and Ron Pinnock.

338/19 MINUTES

The minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting of 15th January 2019 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 15th January 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

339/19 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Members had been circulated with details of payments made since 4th January 2019 amounting to £92206.13

RESOLVED

That payments amounting to £92206.13 be approved (as attached to these minutes).

340/19 COMMUNITY GRANT

Members considered the following Community Grant applications:

- a) Rushden Collectors Circle

RESOLVED

- a) To award a Community Grant of £220 to Rushden Collectors Circle

341/19 SHOP FRONT IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Members considered the following Shop Front Grant applications:

- a) Occasions (Moorwell Trading Ltd)
- b) Hannah Solicitors
- c) Hockridges Mortgages

RESOLVED

- a) To award a shop front grant of £605.00 to Occasions
- b) To award a shop front grant of £500.00 to Hannah Solicitors
- c) To award a shop front grant of £750.00 to Hockridges Mortgages

342/19 TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

1. Working with Northamptonshire Business Crime Partnership Ltd (NBCP)

All businesses on the High Street are now signed up; some businesses have chosen to opt out of the online services but will display a window sticker confirming they are part of the scheme. Work is progressing to sign up businesses across the rest of the town.

2. NN10 YourTown Get Together

I am in the process of finalising plans for the NN10 YourTown Get Together on **Sunday 24th March 2019 at 9am**

To date we have sold 73 out of 100 tickets and over £500 has been raised for the two local causes, RHTS Victorian Goods Shed and the Higham Ferrers Community Library Group.

Local businesses have been approached to join the community run and enter business teams or to assist with a giveaway for goody bags for the runners and volunteer marshals. Donations so far include promotional bags, water bottles, fruit, vouchers and energy bars.

The Get Together is the start of the YourTown project which has been supported financially (£2500) by Rushden Lakes as a 2 year project to improve links between Rushden, Higham Ferrers and Rushden Lakes. Any minor additional costs will be split between Rushden Town Council and Higham Ferrers Town Council i.e. donation towards the cost for First Aid cover (£60) and hire of 2 way radio system (approx. £250)

Future events under the NN10 YourTown licence being discussed are a 2K run for children in Hall Park as part of Celebrate Rushden and a 1940's style run as part of the RHTS 1940's themed weekend in October.

3. Working with Rushden Lakes

I have secured a further funding of £5k (period April 2019 to March 2020) from The Crown Estate/Rushden Lakes, this funding is to be utilised for local projects that link the existing towns with the new development at the Lakes.

4. Other Community Events, Rushden Lakes

I am working on a proposal for a community event with a similar theme/feel to the successful Heritage Family Fun Day held in September 2018. The proposal with costings will be submitted for approval to Rushden Lakes/The Crown Estate as soon as possible. Rushden Lakes Centre Management were supportive of last years heritage day and have agreed in principle the annual event which highlights the local community and heritage. The Crown Estate had requested a full proposal, method statement and risk assessment prior to final sign off. We are looking to hold the community day on **Sunday 15th September 2019**; the event will be promoted as part of the Nene Valley Festival (14th and 22nd September).

5. High Street Area Improvements Working Party

The first meeting of the High Street Area Improvements WP was held on Tuesday 12th February, ideas, thoughts and suggestions were shared for both short and long term improvement projects for the High Street Area. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th April at 7pm at the Wesleyan Church Hall to hear views from local businesses and the wider community.

6. Rushden Businesses Working Party

The date for the first meeting of this WP will be confirmed in due course.

343/19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

The Chairman explained she felt it would be a good idea to have this agenda item as a standing item whilst all the Unitary work is taking place. ENC members confirmed at this time there was very little to report concerning this matter as final confirmation had still not been received from Central Government.

Members agreed to have this item placed on the agenda for the foreseeable future.

344/19 DEFIBRILLATORS

Members discussed the installation of Defibrillators and they agreed that we should now put them in at some sites within the town. Some ENC members stated that they would be happy to contribute with some of their Councillors Empowerment fund monies therefore it was

RESOLVED

The Town Clerk to put in an application for Councillors Empowerment fund for the purchase of 3 Defibrillators to be positioned with the town.

345/19 VAS SPEED SIGNS

Following a presentation by BobTillyer of the Neighbourhood Watch about speeding the Community Services Committee made the following recommendation;-

‘To purchase and install a mobile speed camera. The initial positioning of this camera to be on Newton Road’

Members considered the recommendation and the Town Clerk informed them the cost of the camera would be in the region of £3,500. It was therefore

RESOLVED

To approve the above recommendation and the Town Clerk to bring further details back to this Committee.

Chairman