

## RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD AT RUSHDEN HALL, RUSHDEN ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.

Present: Councillor: Adrian House - Chairman

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

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

#### **317/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest recorded

#### **318/19 APOLOGIES**

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

#### **319/19 MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### **320/19 VAS SPEED CAMERAS**

Bob Tillyer, a resident of Avenue Road gave a short presentation about the speeding issues in Newton and Avenue Road, Rushden. After considerations members

##### **RESOLVED**

To recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee that a mobile speed camera is purchased and installed at Newton Road, Rushden

#### **321/19 RUSHDEN TOWN PARTNERSHIP**

The Partnership had agreed that they would organize a Food Festival in Rushden High Street as part of the Celebrate Rushden week. Further details about this event to follow. The Town Partnership AGM is to take place in March with the date to be confirmed.

#### **322/19 EVENTS WORKING PARTY**

##### **.RESOLVED**

That the minutes from the Events Working Party meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were signed as a true record.

#### **323/19 CELEBRATE RUSHDEN**

The draft programme for Celebrate Rushden 2019 is as below:-

##### **"CELEBRATE RUSHDEN" – PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

8 – 16 JUNE, 2019

Date	A.M.	P.M	EVENING
All Week 8 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>QUIZ – Celebrate Rushden Past and Present</b> Museum/RHTS/Library		
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>Rushden Museum Open</b> 2-4 pm	
Saturday 8 June	<b>Lace Day 10-4 pm</b> Crafty Bobbins Rush2TheDen building	<b>Summer Fete/Open Day</b> Morrisons in partnership with Spurgeons <b>12-3 pm</b>  <b>Rotary Club 4-6 pm</b> Combined Schools Concert (Walled Garden)	<b>Kettering Citadel Band Concert</b> <b>7 pm</b> Salvation Army Citadel
Sunday 9 June	<b>YOUR TOWN NN10</b> Children's Race and activities	<b>SOAP BOX DERBY</b> Sponsored by Kingtools and AJ Cycles. Hall Park	<b>Classical Music Event</b> Rushden Lakes (between Fat Face & Loccitane)
Monday 10 June			<b>Tad Newton &amp; his Jazz friends</b> St Mary's Church.  <b>NN10 Community Voices</b> Salvation Army Church  <b>Open Evening with Speaker</b> Football Club - RBL
Tuesday 11 June			<b>Nicholas Martin on the Organ</b> St Peter's Church
Wednesday 12 June		<b>Tours of Rushden Hall 2 pm</b> Followed by tea and cakes in the Hall. Rushden Museum open from <b>1.30-4pm</b> & <b>6.30-8pm</b>  <b>"Cup of Tea –No 3" 2.30pm</b> Afternoon Bingo with tea and cakes. Rushden Windmill Club RWCA	<b>Water Rescue Demonstration</b> Maritime Volunteer Service Canoe 2 Rushden Lakes <b>7-9 pm</b>  <b>An Evening Under the Stars</b> Rushden Lakes (between Bills and Jamaica Blue)  <b>Celebrating Boot &amp; Shoe Making in Rushden 7.30 pm</b> Whitefriars Church  <b>Raunds Ukulele Band &amp; Choir</b>
Thursday 13 June	<b>Teddy Bears' Picnic</b> Rush 2 The Den	<b>Tea Dance 2-4 pm</b> Trefoil Guild	<b>New York New York! Swing's the Thing Big Band</b> Park Road Baptist Church  <b>Speaker Evening</b> Masonic Hall – Rushden Allotments Association

Friday 14 June		<b>Children's Discos – All Ages</b> Rush 2 The Den <b>Classic Film Afternoon</b> Refreshments <b>2-4pm</b> Wesleyan Church	<b>Inflatable Swim Session</b> Splash Pool – Freedom Leisure
Saturday 15 June	<b>Food Fair – RTP 10-3 pm</b> High Street Rushden Town Partnership	<b>Open Day 12-4 pm</b> Spurgeons Children's Charity  <b>Afternoon Fete</b> Heritage Church  <b>"Messy Church" 4 pm</b> Salvation Army FREE event but children must be accompanied by an adult  <b>Open Day – 4-6 pm</b> Splash Pool Rushden Swimming Club	<b>Cinema Evening</b> Heritage Church  <b>Rushden Town Band Concert with Northampton Male Voice Choir</b> Celebrating 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rushden Town Band (Pay event)  <b>Friday Night Conspiracy 8 pm</b> 10 piece soul/funk band Windmill Club
Sat 15 & Sunday 16 June	<b>Art Exhibition Sat – 10-4pm Sun – 1-4 pm</b> Rushden Art Soc Rushden Hall	<b>Rusden Museum Open 2-4 pm</b>	
Sunday 16 June	<b>Father's Day Car Rally</b> RHTS – Rushden Station		

### 324/19 POLICING AND HIGHWAYS

#### a) Policing

Report from JAG meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

#### Update on Agreed Priorities

#### Drug use and dealing

1. Since the last meeting in October 2018, work has continued across the two towns to target areas of concern. This has resulted in a number of warrants being executed at targeted locations, as well as proactive patrols at know locations. In total 19 drugs offences have been dealt with, including Possession of Class A and Class B drugs for personal used as well as with intent to supply. This has been achieved by the Force Proactive Team, Response Officers, and members of the local Neighbourhood Policing Team, which has had a new PC to the team in the same period. Work has also been undertaken around an address in Midland Road, Rushden. Anti-social behaviour had been reported around and address, the majority of which was related to drug usage and dealing from the address. Residents from the area supported the police by providing anonymous statements to support the case at court.

#### Anti Social Behaviour at Rushden War Memorial

The anti social behaviour issues a the War Memorial seems to have died down at present, however, it would appear that this issue has now dispersed to various other locations within the town. We will continue to monitor this matter as it may relocate to the War Memorial in warmer weather.

## **Anti-Social Behaviour/arsons at Saffron Road Recreation Ground, Higham Ferrers.**

Between August 2018 and November 2018 there had been eight reported arsons in this area, including to bins, fences and buildings. Enquiries were carried out for all of the offences, including reviewing CCTV from the fire appliances which attended. Information was received naming four youths who were involved. These were all interviewed in November 2018 and the investigation is still ongoing. As part of the investigations, the youths were issued with Acceptable Behaviour contracts (ABCs), giving them various conditions they voluntarily agreed to abide by, including.

1. Not to act or incite others to act in an anti-social manner
2. Not to cause, threaten to cause or attempt to cause any damage
3. Not to congregate in groups of no more than three people including yourself
4. Not to have in your possession any lighter or accelerant including any aerosol
5. Not to enter any park belonging to or controlled by Higham Ferrers of Rushden Town Council.

## **2. New 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. Anti Social Behaviour at all Public Toilets in Rushden

## **3. Any other business**

### **Northamptonshire Business Crime Partnership (NBCP)**

Julie Thorneycroft confirmed Rushden Town Council's agreement to fund local retailer membership to the Northamptonshire Business Crime Partnership (NBCP). NBCP are working to enroll businesses on the Rushden High Street, Key stores such as Boots, Wilkinson's, Iceland, Peacocks etc. have been approached first with an aim to getting these stores signed up and using the system as soon as possible. The ethos of the NBCP is to PREVENT, DISRUPT and DETER retail crime offenders. This is achieved by working together with member stores and the police to make shopping areas a no-go area for those persons intent on committing retail crime. All member stores are provided with free door stickers which indicate to all excluded offenders that they are not allowed to enter and that their images are held within that store.

## **Defibrillators**

The provision of defibrillators was discussed, both Rushden Town Council and Higham Town Council considered these. Rushden Town Council may revisit this matter in the near future.

## **4. Time and date of next meeting**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 10.30am – Higham Ferrers Town Council**

## **325/19 TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **Working with Northamptonshire Business Crime Partnership Ltd (NBCP)**

In a bid to reduce anti-social behaviour and shop theft across the town we are working with Northamptonshire Business Crime Partnership (NBCP) to enrol businesses on the scheme and make Rushden a safer place to shop, visit and work.



### **NN10 Get Together Rushden to Higham Ferrers 5k on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Plans for the social 5k run are proceeding well.

- The date of the Get- Together is confirmed as **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 9am**
- The event is focussed around local people/businesses getting more engaged with where they live and to grow a sense of pride for the area
- The route starts and finishes from Rushden Historical Transport Museum and Railway station
- The social 5k run is limited to 100 people who donate £5/£10/£50 to a nominated local charity or cause. The 2 local causes that have been identified to benefit from the initial phase of the YourTown project are the **Rushden Railway Heritage & Community Space** and **Higham Ferrers Community Library Group**.
- Promotion of NN10 through social media and partner websites began on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January; there has been a positive response with nearly a quarter of the 100 tickets already allocated.
- Over 30 local people have volunteered as marshals on the day
- Rushden Lakes will provide 150 cotton bags; I am approaching local businesses to make up goody bags for participants.
- The NN10 Get Together is part of a two year project to link Rushden, Higham Ferrers and Rushden Lakes
- Future events under the YourTown banner are still to be decided but could involve a 2K event for children in Hall Park as part of Celebrate Rushden, a 1940's themed run as part of the RHTS 1940's themed weekend in October or a run around Rushden Lakes.

### **Community Events, Rushden Lakes**

As part of Rushden Lakes festive activities many local choirs/bands were invited to perform throughout December. Both Mrs B (Rushden) and Coffee Barne (Higham Ferrers) were pleased to be invited to supply over 3000 mince pies.

### **Heritage Family Fun Day**

As part of the Nene Valley Festival (14<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019) I am looking to organise a community event on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September with a similar theme/feel to the successful Heritage Family Fun Day held in September 2018. Last year over **35** local businesses took up an opportunity to promote their business for the day at Rushden Lakes; feedback from the day has been excellent and many businesses have reported receiving new customers as a result of taking part. I have also been asked to repeat a similar Shop Local Booklet which was introduced in Autumn last year.

### **Splash & Dash Event**

I have been approached by Spurgeons (Rushden based Children's Charity) to offer local businesses the chance to be a part of the annual Splash & Dash Challenge event that is proposed for September next year at Rushden Lakes.

### **Other Local Projects**

### All Aboard for Rushden

**All Aboard for Rushden** a project bringing together technology history and art along the Greenway, Crown Way to Asda section is progressing well. The project is inspired by a 1911 railway incident involving lost letters and forms an exciting trail offering rewards in local shops. For further information visit [www.nenescape.org](http://www.nenescape.org)

### Raising Aspirations Programme – Ferrers School

As part of the Raising Aspiration Programme at Ferrers School, Higham Ferrers, the school are looking at ways in which they can link students with local business through 'Take Your Child to Work Day' and finding out local companies that can offer a student work place experience.

### 326/19 DEFIBRILLATORS

As we had received a number of request from the public, members discussed the possibility of installing two defibrillators, one at Jubilee Park and one at Hall Park. After discussion it was

### RESOLVED

To recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee that two defibrillators are installed within the town. Some funding may be available from members empowerment fund.

### 327/19 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	Perimeter wall adjacent to track			PAD Builders	Completed
Hall Park	Nature Trail		yes	In house	Autumn bulb planting 2018.
Spencer Park	Tennis Courts Improvements			TBC	
Spencer Park	MUGA Improvements Some funding to come from Grensons Site Section 106			TBC	
Rose Avenue	Climbing Frame Funding from Station Road Site Section 106 monies				Completed
Fosse Green	New Play Equipment Section 106 monies – Grensons Site section 106				Spring 2019
Trafford Park	New play equipment Section 106 monies – Station Road Site				Spring 2019

Hall Park	Public Toilets				Summer 2019
St James Park	New Swings				Completed
Dog Area	Fence along Wymington			TBC	February 2019
Memorial Gardens	CCTV			Crimesecure	February 2019
Duck Street Car Park	CCTV			Crimesecure	February 2019
Skidders Hill Bus stop	Benches				Completed
Rushden Hall	Structural report disabled entrance/bar room				Completed
War Memorial	Interpretation Board				Completed
Rushden Hall	Disabled Entrance Works				March 2019
Skidders Hill and Rectory Road	Bus Shelter Refurbishment				Spring 2019
Rushden Hall	Repairs to finials and parapets				March 2019
	Ground Maintenance Procurement				Selection Questionnaire now on Portal and OJEU-responses by 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Compound	Repairs to roofs on sheds			A E Cook	March 2019

There were no other suggestions for Ward Projects at this time

Chairman