

## RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EVENTS WORKING PARTY HELD VIA ZOOM, RUSHDEN ON 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2022 COMMENCING 7.30 PM.

Present:

Cllr Melanie Coleman,	Cllr Sarah Peacock
Cllr David Coleman,	Cllr Kaye Rawlins
Cllr Barbara Jenney	Cllr Richard Lewis
Cllr Adrian Winkle	Cllr Janet Pinnock
Cllr Adrian House	Cllr Marian Hollomon
Cllr Gill Mercer	Cllr Cameron Clarke

In attendance: Paul Wilcox

#### 1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Simon Peacock

#### 2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

##### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Events Working Party held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### 3. **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON WASH UP**

Members discussed the Christmas light switch on and the only action for the next light switch on is to close the queuing for Santa's Grotto later at 3.30PM and liaise with the reindeer to ensure Santa's departure and the Reindeer arrival timings coincide.

#### 4. **RUSHDEN CELEBRATES TO INCLUDE QUEEN'S JUBILEE & OTHER EVENTS**

Members discussed possible ideas for events over the bank holiday Jubilee weekend. The Events Working Party recognise it will not be able to deliver all of the proposed activities, but can work with and assist other organisations in the delivery of the following ideas these are summarised below:

Date	Official Celebration	Discussed for Rushden	Ideas	Implemented
Thursday 2 June	Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour)  9.35 pm Piper 9.40 pm Bugler 9.45 pm Beacon Lighting Choir	Beacon Lighting / Torchlight Parade Fireworks  A special piece of music has been written for choir/choirs to sing at the Beacon Lighting. There is also set pieces for a piper and bugler	Could children make own Olympic torches?	
Friday 3 June	Service of Thanksgiving	Children's Day with sports etc.	Need to get children involved. Suggestions: St Peter's Church run sports in Hall Park	
Saturday 4 June	The Derby at Epsom Downs Platinum Party at the Palace to include live concert	Live streaming of palace concert in Walled Garden?	Lloyd contacted and this should be possible depending on how it is streamed	
Sunday 5 June	The Big Lunch Platinum Jubilee Pageant	The Big Lunch	That local talent entertain throughout the afternoon on the stage whilst the big lunch is held in the walled garden	

The following ideas were also discussed:

Treasure Trail around the town.

Photo Boards of London Landmarks.

Painting by numbers style large painting for each school to paint a tile.

Childrens' design a crown competition.

Large Cut-Out Crowns to be erected on 3-tiered planters, or in other suitable locations.

Printed photographs of old Jubilee Celebrations for empty shop windows

**SP**

Couples celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during the year. (Could we do something special?)

The Queen presents medals at Jubilee Celebrations. Could we do this for Rushden residents?

Bunting across High Street - With it being a long High Street it was suggested that traders get together and supply own bunting **MH & BJ**  
(RTC will string across the centre)

Participants in Celebrate Rushden to be contacted to see if they wish to organise or assist with Events for the Jubilee, Richard Lewis to arrange a meeting with the groups.

Book extra toilets & security

Check with Licensing for any guidance / restrictions for organising events **PW**

**'Rushden Celebrates'** will be the title of the Event to incorporate Celebrate Rushden. It could be that many of the organisations that have taken part in previous years, would want to put on an event of their own during this period.

'Celebrate Rushden' will continue to run from 6 – 12 June (although the days leading up to the Jubilee could be utilised)

The Soap Box Derby will end the programme.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To request a budget of £10,000 from the Policy and Resources Committee to enable the Events Working Party to organise and assist external organisations to deliver Events across the Town throughout the Jubilee Year.

#### **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Clarification on protocol for road Closures to be sought for the Jubilee Celebrations

#### **6. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Chairman