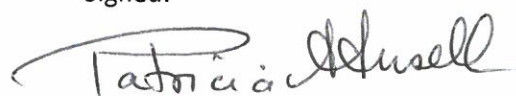


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Minutes Extraordinary Full Council 4 August 2020



Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Rugeley Town Council held online at
7.00pm Wednesday 4th August 2020.

PRESENT:


Councillors:

Mrs P Ansell	Mrs A Cooney
R Dipple	D Gaye
G Grant	C Green
I Gunner	I Hodgson
R Hughes	Ms O Lyons
Ms N Mahon	Mrs C Martin
Mrs C Panter-Hood	N Stanley
Ms A Szklarczyk	K Tait-Green
Mrs G Turner	J Williams

Also Present: H Goodreid (Town Clerk)

Min No	Item	Action
1 1.1	Apologies Apologies were accepted from Cllr Elkin.	
2 2.1	Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests Cllrs Cooney and Dipple are leading players in Rugeley Lottery.	
3 3.1	To receive any requests for dispensation Cllrs Green and Hodgson requested dispensation as they had a school clothing business in town.	
4 4.1	Exclusion of the Public The public are asked to leave because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2. There being no members of public in attendance, the meeting continued.	
5 5.1	To consider online promotion of Rugeley Town Centre The Town Clerk spoke on a meeting she had with ShopAppy online promotion organisation. They have received funding from the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Economic Partnership for 12 month operation of ShopAppy in Rugeley. The neighbouring towns of Cannock and Lichfield were also benefiting from this scheme. It was understood that there would be some officer time in promoting the scheme to	

<p>5.2</p>	<p>businesses, retailers and services in Rugeley. It was suggested that the Rose Theatre be offered as a click and collect base for the scheme. It was suggested that a Facebook post should promote this along with an editorial / advert in CityLife in September.</p> <p>It was proposed that Rugeley sign up for 12months ShopAppy initiative to support local businesses and retailers. <i>Proposed: Cllr R Dipple; Seconded: Cllr A Cooney</i> It was agreed to sign up for the ShopAppy scheme for 12 months for Rugeley.</p>	
<p>6 6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4</p>	<p>To consider budgets for all committees for the 2020/2021 year. Cllrs considered a detailed document which identified all the costs known for the council and theatre for the remainder of the financial year and projected income. There were three options put to councillors with varying degrees of savings in each option.</p> <p>Obvious savings came from: not having Charter Fair or Rugeley Fringe Festival; the bar was not stocked; utility bills were down; savings from not employing casual staff for events.</p> <p>Discussion looked at the possible promotion of the Rose Theatre to be a centre for individual arts with online tickets being offered through live streaming. In addition, possible change in administration of the theatre in order that it could apply for grants and support.</p> <p>It was proposed that suggested savings be made in line with column two of the detailed sheet with the agreement that theatre staff time is maximised by using them to support the work of the town council. <i>Proposed; Cllr D Gaye; Seconded; Cllr C Martin</i> It was agreed that savings are made across the theatre and town council where possible and theatre staff time be used to support the work of the town council.</p>	
<p>7 7.1</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting A meeting was called for 7,30pm on Wednesday 12th August to consider an event co-ordinator opportunity in the town.</p>	

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Date: 2nd Sept 2020