



Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of Rugeley Town Council Full Council held at the Rugeley Rose Theatre
7.30pm Wednesday 1st September 2021.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

P Ansell (Vice Chair)	A Cooney
R Dipple	D Gaye
G Grant	I Gunner
I Hodgson	R Hughes
O Lyons	N Mahon (Chair)
C Martin	Mrs C Panter-Hood
I Pyke	Ms A Szklarczyk
K Tait-Green	Mrs G Turner

Also Present:

H Goodreid (Town Clerk)
Chris Riches – Engie
Dale Sager - Engie
CCDC Cllr Louis Arduino
CCDC/ SCC Cllr Peter Kruskonjic

Min No	Item	Action
55 55.1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Green, Stanley, and Williams.	
56 56.1	Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests None were declared.	
57 57.1	To receive any requests for dispensation None.	
58 58.1	Chair to close the meeting for the public session. There were no members of public in attendance at the meeting and no questions had been presented to the Town Clerk.	
59 59.1	Police The police were unable to attend the evenings meeting but had sent through a crime report for information. (<i>This report is available on the council's website.</i>)	

60	Engie Site Development Update	
60.1	Chris Riches (Project Manager) and Dale Sager (Project Director) attended from Engie to present an update on the all through school and the Riverside Park. Key points made during the presentation include:	
60.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing development will be 2,300 homes occupied by around 5,500 residents. Housing development will vary in types and density. • Planning Application has been submitted to Lichfield District Council for the Rugeley John Taylor School. Hoped to open in September 2023. • The school will cater for 1,400 pupils age from 3 – 18 years of age. It will include a 26-space nursery, 2 form entry primary school, 5 form entry secondary school, 200 place sixth form. • Leisure space on the school site will be available for public use out of school hours as part of the Section 106 agreement to replace leisure facilities lost in the development • Arrangements have been made to support development of Rugeley Cricket Club facilities as part of the Section 106 agreement • A community portal will be launched to allow members of public to ask questions and understand what is happening on the site. • No provision for onsite medical facilities (the proposal for a centre as part of the development had been rejected by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)), but funding (£1/2m) has been allocated through a Section 106 to CCG to extend the Rugeley town centre medical facilities. • Riverside Park is on part of the former golf course. Working with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. Work will start later this year. • Demolition and remediation work to former Coal Yards is nearing completion so development of housing will be able to start soon on this site. • The new development will allow for allotments, new model railway club, Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs), and an angling club. • Staffordshire Wildlife Trust will be working with Engie to increase biodiversity along the Riverside Park and environmental studies will be part of the school curriculum. • Meet the Buyer events are being held by Engie and partners to allow local construction companies to link in to the development process – this is being run through ConstructionLine. 	Clerk to write to CCG seeking confirmation of planned medical provision in Rugeley.
60.3	Cllrs requested that the Town Clerk write to Marcus Warnes, Clinical Chair of CCG to clarify the funding arrangement re medical provision.	
61	Chair to reopen the meeting.	
61.1	There being no members of public, the Chair reopened the meeting.	
62	To consider approving and signing the following council minutes:	
62.1	Full Council Meeting on 7th July 2021	

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<p>62.2</p>	<p>It was proposed that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting be approved. <i>Proposed: Cllr I Hodgson; Seconded: Cllr P Ansell</i> It was agreed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting be approved.</p> <p>Extraordinary Full Council Meeting on 23rd July 2021 It was proposed that the minutes be struck from the record as the meeting was held online rather than in person and therefore invalid. <i>Proposed: Cllr N Mahon; Seconded: Cllr C Martin</i></p> <p>It was proposed that the decision on the minutes of the meeting be deferred to the October Full Council meeting to gain further clarification. <i>Proposed: Cllr P Ansell; Seconded; Cllr I Hodgson</i></p> <p>It was proposed that the meeting be noted as an informal meeting and the decisions be open for ratification at the October Full Council meeting. <i>Proposed: Cllr O Lyons; Seconded: Cllr A Cooney</i> It was agreed through a majority vote that the decisions taken at the meeting on 23rd July will be considered for ratification and will therefore appear as agenda items at the October Full Council meeting.</p>	<p>Items to be placed in October Full Council Agenda</p>
<p>62.3</p>	<p>Extraordinary Full Council Meeting on 9th August 2021 In the same manner as point 62.2, the decisions from this meeting would be considered for ratification at the October Full Council agenda. <i>Proposed: Cllr N Mahon; Seconded: Cllr P Ansell</i> It was agreed through a majority vote that the decisions taken at the meeting on 9th August will be considered for ratification and will therefore appear as agenda items at the October Full Council meeting.</p>	<p>Items to be placed in October Full Council Agenda</p>
<p>63</p>	<p>Actions Arising</p>	
<p>63.1</p>	<p>All matters arising had been actioned, in progress or were on the agenda.</p>	
<p>64</p>	<p>To note the minutes from the following committee meetings:</p>	
<p>64.1</p>	<p>Rose Committee 9th June 2021</p>	
<p>64.2</p>	<p>Community Engagement Committee 9th June 2021</p>	
<p>64.3</p>	<p>Planning Committee 16th June 2021</p>	
<p>64.4</p>	<p>Finance and Management Committee 16th June 2021</p>	
<p></p>	<p>The minutes were noted.</p>	
<p>65</p>	<p>Community Conference</p>	
<p>65.1</p>	<p>Cllrs were asked to consider a second online community conference to be held on Wednesday 24th November in a format similar to the one held in May 2021.</p>	
<p>65.2</p>	<p>It was suggested that the theme for the conference would focus on tourism with sessions possibly including:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking to accommodation providers in the local area. • Talking with destinations e.g., canal and river trust, Cannock Chase AONB, Heritage Walk etc • Tourism Opportunities e.g. The Old Chancel / Commonwealth Games / Rose Theatre • Traders' discussion on what they would like to see to bring in visitors. 	
66	Elmore Park	
66.1	Cllr Lyons advised that Cannock Chase District Council had sought partnership funding from the Town Council to engage EcoLab (<i>who work with the humane society</i>) to address the issue of over population of geese on Elmore Park. During the summer, Cllr Hodgson and Cllr Stanley had been approached as respective Chairs of Community Engagement and Finance and Management Committees who had used their authority to contribute £1,000 towards this action. 97 geese had been safely moved to an alternative site.	
66.2	Work is being done with Lynne Evans at CCDC to create promotion through the schools about the need to stop feeding the geese. Cllr Dipple requested that CCDC look at a bye law to forbid public from feeding bread to the geese.	Cllr Lyons to investigate
66.3	Cllr Gaye requested that F and M Committee be asked to seek additional funding to support this programme of work to remove excessive numbers of geese from Elmore Park.	Clerk to place on F and M agenda in September.
67	Chairs / Vice Chairs Report	
67.1	Cllr Mahon had attended a litter pick event with Year 1 pupils at Etchinghill School following letters from them to the council about litter.	
67.2	Cllr Mahon had attended a Community Church service.	
67.3	Cllr Ansell attended an event to support the Chair of Lichfield and Sherriff charities.	
68	Exclusion of the Public	
68.1	The public were excluded from the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2	
69	Staffing Matters	
69.1	Cllrs were updated on matters relating to a former member of staff.	
70	Date of Next Meeting	
70.1	The next meeting of Full Council would be Wednesday 6 th October 2021 at 7.30pm.	

The meeting finished at 9:15pm.

Signed:

Date: 6 October 2021

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