

## Meeting 5

### Present

Neston Town Council: Cllrs T Derraugh, P Hughes M L Shipman

Community volunteers: P Baker (Chair), M Eveleigh, R Hetherington, R Hughes, T Nolan, D Wallace, J Wilkie

In attendance: Michelle Suckley, Administration Officer, NTC

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>01.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>  Claire Jones (Cheshire Community Action), G Bench (CWaC),  J Hollinshead, P Leary, R Nickson	
<b>02.</b>	<b>Minutes and Matters Arising from meeting 20 December</b>  a) Item 2 – DW and RHeth to attend Dee Scouts meeting on Mon 28 Jan.  b) Item 4 – MS explained Precept monies to be used by end of March 2013 cannot be carried over into new financial year as monies were not earmarked. Budgets for 2013/14 were submitted in Oct 2012.  c) Item 5 – maps for Task & Finish Groups are being purchased from CWaC.  d) Item 11 – JW to contact Frodsham, Nantwich and Middlewich Councils about possible visits regarding housing issues. PB to contact Tarporley and Winsford Councils to request visits to discuss NP issues.	DW/  RHeth  JW  PB
<b>03.</b>	<b>Brief Report from Housing Task &amp; Finish Group</b>  <u>Housing Task Group Key Issues:</u>  a) Will 90 dwellings provide sufficient housing supply for the Neston area up to 2030?  b) Do we need more affordable housing and social housing?  c) Would increasing housing stock stimulate the local economy?  d) Would increasing housing numbers impact on the architectural character of the town?	

	<p>It was noted that the CWaC Local Plan states no housing will be allowed on the Green Belt unless it is in Chester. An evidence-based case must be made to justify changing this CWaC policy.</p>	
<p><b>04.</b></p>	<p><b>Brief Report from Quality of Life/Transport Task &amp; Finish Group</b></p> <p><u>Quality of Life/Transport Task Group Key Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Improved public transport and connectivity.</li> <li>b) More efficient traffic management.</li> <li>c) Improvement of the town's green spaces.</li> <li>d) Improvement of cycle ways and footpaths.</li> <li>e) Improved leisure facilities</li> </ul> <p>Data gathering should consider doctors' surgeries, cemeteries and schools' present intakes and capacities.</p>	
<p><b>05.</b></p>	<p><b>Brief Report from Retail/Economic Development Task &amp; Finish Group</b></p> <p><u>Retail/Economic Development Task Group Key Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What does Neston aspire to? Concept of 'Destination Town'.</li> <li>b) Improving retail facilities, environment and tourism.</li> <li>c) Improving economic base – retaining families and increased employment</li> <li>d) Improving transport (lack of pedestrianisation)</li> </ul> <p>Members were grateful for Chamber of Trade comprehensive response to questions submitted by Retail T&amp;FG.</p>	
<p><b>06.</b></p>	<p><b>Brief Report from Communications Group</b></p> <p>No notes are available from Communications meeting Mon 10 Dec. Next scheduled meeting is set for Mon 28 Jan.</p>	

<p><b>07. Development of the Vision Statement</b></p> <p>PB offered to draft Vision Statement using Key Issues from the three T&amp;FGs and circulate before next meeting.</p>		<p>PB</p>
<p><b>08. Guidance to Task &amp; Finish Groups on future activities</b></p> <p>Each T&amp;FG has met for 8hrs. Data collection is now required. Data should be gathered in a cohesive and professional manner.</p>		
<p><b>09. Timetable Review</b></p> <p>JW has updated the Project Plan. Individual task completion dates will have to be adjusted as the project progresses. It is anticipated that CWaC Census data will be released in Feb 2013.</p> <p>JW also produced a Budget forecast projection. At this stage, figures are guesstimates. From April 2013, there will be £25k to spend (£15k NTC and £10k NP funds currently held with CWaC). Additional NP funds (currently held with CWaC) may be made available should CSG make a justifiable case.</p>		

Date of next meeting – Monday 25 February 2013 at 7pm at NC&YC

Meeting closed 9pm.