

Meeting 12

Present

Neston Town Council: Cllrs T Derraugh, J Wilkie

Community volunteers: P Baker (Chair), D Clark, R Hetherington, R Hughes, C Lloyd, T Nolan

Cheshire West & Chester Council (CWaC): G Bench

In attendance: K Pierce, Town Centre Manager and M Suckley, Administration Officer, NTC

		ACTION
01.	Apologies for Absence M Eveleigh, J Hollinshead, P Hughes, R Nickson, D Wallace	
02.	Declarations of Interest None	
03.	Katy Pierce, Town Centre Manager PB welcomed KP to the meeting. KP reported that she is focusing on the Market, Market Square and promoting Neston. There are ambitious plans for Neston in the future. KP recently met with Econ Dev/Retail T&FG and will take forward their ideas from their matrix.	
11.	Notes from Economic Development/Retail T&FG 8 Aug 2013 with Town Centre Manager, Katy Pierce Item 11 was brought forward to follow on from item 3. CL said KP had been updated with the work of the Econ Dev T&FG over the last 12mths and the non-NP issues that had arisen. CL will be joining KP's Advisory group. KP to be invited to all future Econ Dev/Retail T&FG meetings.	
04.	Initial Review of Community Responses to Neston 2030 Questionnaire The initial analysis of questionnaires collected from Tesco, Sainsbury's and Neston Library was distributed to members present. PB reported that 280 responses had been collected so far and anticipates total responses to reach 400 (5% return), which members agreed was a good result. 170 responses had included suggestions. The questionnaire had generally followed the strategic direction of CWaC Local Plan.PB to undertake prize draw. PB to submit photo of prize winners and small article for November edition of Neston Matters. A thank you to all those who responded will be uploaded onto the website.	PB MS
05.	Minutes and Matters Arising from meeting 15 July PB, DW and Chloe Parry still to formulate ideas for schools. Carol Latham, Planning Aid England will identify experts who are most suited to assist in specific areas. C Latham will assist CSG with social media platforms. RHeth offered technical assistance. C Latham to arrange meeting with CSG, Planning Aid England and CWaC to discuss CWaC Draft Local Plan.	PB, DW CP C Latham RHeth

	<p>GB to inform CSG as soon as possible of CWaC roadshow in Neston.</p> <p>AwayDay event to be held on a Sat in early October for CSG, T&FG members. All Town Councillors to be formally invited. MS to arrange Doodle Poll to ascertain availability for AwayDay event.</p> <p>Four CWaC Councillors covering Neston area will be invited to a NP presentation after AwayDay event.</p>	<p>C Latham</p> <p>GB</p> <p>MS</p>
<p>06.</p>	<p>CWaC Draft Local Plan Response and Recommend to NTC P&E CommitteeJW presented a synopsis of CWaC Draft Local Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profile – The term ‘rural area’ should not be applied to Neston as it is the single largest settlement in this area and has certain characteristics of urban areas. • Spatial Strategy – Previous housing target of 90 now increased to 200, the majority of which has already been consented. NP needs to influence small housing numbers not yet consented. • Social – NP needs to influence the housing mix and type (i.e. small family homes and not large executive houses. • Affordable Housing – The Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2013 suggests 30 affordable houses be constructed in Neston each year for the next 4yrs. Is this deliverable? • Economic Growth – Clayhill is not seen by CWaC as a premium industrial site as it is not in close proximity to motorways. CWaC identifies sufficient convenience (food) provision in Neston but capacity for an increase in comparison (non-food) provision. • Visitor Economy – there is no mention of Neston being the only coastal settlement. <p>JW states that we are not fundamentally disagreeing with the CWaC Draft Local Plan but Neston can make more of a contribution.</p> <p>RHeth presented another synopsis of CWaC Draft Local Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profile – it is inappropriate to label Neston as a key service area within the rural area. Neston has a population of 15,000. The ONS defines an ‘urban’ as a population over 10,000. • Spatial Strategy – how can Neston be developed on scale and design that respects the character and rural setting. 	<p>JW</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre – Ness Gardens is not included as a significant tourist attraction. • Affordable Housing – rural area requirements could be a deterrent to possible development and the term ‘affordable housing’ is confusing • Housing Mix and Type – should Neston be included in the provision of specialised student accommodation? • Flood Risk – no mention of Neston (Riverside and Parkgate). • Proposed Retained Policies – requires clarification <p>JW and RHeth were congratulated on their comprehensive reports. It was noted that the CWaC consultation process has not started yet. JW to formulate response to CWaC Draft Local Plan and recommend to NTC P&E Committee.</p>	
07.	Extract of NTC’S Financial Regulations concerning Tenders Procedures Noted.	
08.	NP Stall at Plus Dane Summer Family Event, Liverpool Road – Fri 30 Aug 2pm Noted. Members concurred not to provide a stall at this event as this is the deadline date for questionnaire entries.	
09.	<p>Claire Jones, Cheshire Community Action Ongoing SupportPB reported that, due to overstretched NP resources, Cheshire Community Action (CCA) will have to withdraw free NP consultation support. CCA will continue to provide this service in future at a cost of £30 per hour or £200 per day.</p> <p>Members agreed to purchase CCA’s Neston Parish Profiles Census 2011 results at a cost of £50.</p>	PB
10.	<p>Funding (Plus Dane & CWaC) for Consultants and précis of meetings to datePB stated that there had been no written notes of any meetings held between CSG members and Plus Dane/CWaC. PB will ensure notes are taken of CSG/Plus Dane/CWaC meeting on 9 Sep and any future meetings are recorded.</p>	PB
12.	Notes from Housing T&FG 25 July 2013 Minutes and Matters Arising from meeting 15 July TD and JW to meet with Adactus Housing Group.	TD, JW
13.	Date of Next Meeting Monday 16 September 2013 at 7pm at NC&YC.	

Meeting closed 8.55pm.