

Meeting 15

Present

Neston Town Council: Cllrs T Derragh, J Wilkie

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

In attendance: M Suckley, Administration Officer, NTC

01. Apologies for Absence

D Clark, M Eveleigh, P Hughes R Hughes

02. Declarations of Interest

None

03. Minutes and Matters Arising from meeting 21 October

DW updated Members on progress with regard to consulting with schools. DW recently visited Neston Primary School. The pupils had prepared a superb presentation with slides showing their ideas of how they see Neston in 2030. The pupils had also depicted their ideas on postcards DW had provided. Woodfall, Parkgate and St Winefrides Primary Schools are also on board and will submit their postcards shortly. Members were very impressed with pupils' contribution and thanked DW for all his hard work.

PB to do produce ½ page on final analysis of questionnaire results for February edition of Neston Matters in next few weeks.

JW reported that draft consultancy specification brief has been sent to Plus Dane and CWaC. No response has been received to date.

Members were agreed that JW, PB and DW refine specification brief.

05. Communicating with Neston High School

Over the last few weeks, DW has emailed Neston High School to arrange a visit but has had no reply. PB reported that, at a recent Careers Fair at Neston High School, he had spoken with Mr Dool, Head, who is still interested in being involved with NP. The Head Boy and Head Girl were to be the point of contact with NP CSG. DW, TN and Rob H to produce the presentation and PB to write to Mr Dool to request a date to show presentation to the school.

04. Leahurst student questionnaire update

TN had met with the Chair of Leahurst University's Ethics Committee. This Committee had deemed CSG's student questionnaire a 'piece of research work', which must pass through their Ethics Committee procedures. If approved, it can then be sent to all Leahurst University students for completion.

It was noted that there are currently over 250 veterinary students renting accommodation in Neston, the majority of which share 3 bedroom properties. Student figures are set to increase to approximately 300.

06. Review NP AwayDay Event Arrangements - Sat 23 Nov

PB reported that it was disappointing that the Doodle Poll had been sent to 40 recipients (Town Councillors, CSG, T&FGs and Carol Latham) and, out of 21 replies, only 12 people

have confirmed their attendance. The morning sessions will involve various Powerpoint presentations and the afternoon sessions will involve small group participation. A Planning Aid England consultant will also attend.

PB and JW to take away deliverables from the AwayDay, write up and email to all attendees. JW reported dates have been set to meet with 3 out of 4 CWaC Councillors.

07.To Note – Minutes of Econ Dev/Retail T&FG 17 Oct
Noted.

08.To Note – Minutes of Planning Aid England meeting 21 Oct
No notes taken.

09.To Note – Minutes of QofL/Transport T&FG 4 Nov
Noted.

10.To Note – Minutes of Econ Dev/Retail T&FG 7 Nov
Noted.

11.To Note – Minutes of Housing T&FG 8 Nov
Not available.

A.O.B.

Members discussed the issue of registering ‘Assets of Community Value’ whereby communities ask the Borough Council (CWaC) to list local assets. This does not commit the community into undertaking the running of the assets. RN to make enquiries with CWaC.

12.Date of Next Meeting
Mince Pies on Monday 16 December 2013 at 7pm at NC&YC.

Meeting closed 8.10pm.