



Meeting (No) **Community & Environment Committee (12)**
Time & Date **6pm, 12 April 2022**
Place **Neston Town Hall**
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Present: Cllrs Marple (Chair), Davies (from item 159c), Hinks (from item 162), Kynaston, Samuel and Wastell

In attendance: Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager), CWaC Cllr Barker and two residents

PART 1: Items considered in the presence of the press and public	
153	Questions and comments from residents
	There were no questions or comments.
154	Apologies for absence
	No apologies were received. The absence of Cllr Jackson was noted.
155	Declarations of Interest
	<p>Cllr Kynaston declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 160e by virtue of being associated with Ness Neighbours.</p> <p>Cllr Wastell declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 160e by virtue of being associated with Ness Neighbours.</p> <p>Cllr Griffiths declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 159c by virtue of being a member of CH64 Age Matters.</p>
156	Minutes of the last meeting
	RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 01.03.22. The Chair signed the minutes.
157	Governance & Operations Manager's report
	The Committee received the Governance & Operations Manager's report and noted that the allotment tenancy renewal system had been renewed at a cost of \$108 USD and that this was fractionally more than the £80 agreed on 01/03/22 (minute 142b) due to the exchange rate on the renewal date.
158	Committee budget
	The Committee budget and earmarked reserves were considered. No changes were made.
159	Grants
a	An update on the status of current grant awards (report CE12/159a) was noted.
b	RESOLVED to provide grant of £2,500 to Little Actors to support the Little Actors 2022-23 season of theatre.
Cllr Davies joined the meeting.	
c	RESOLVED to provide a grant application of £429 to CH64 Age Matters for the purchase of a laptop.
Chairman's initials and date:	

160	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations
a	<p>An oral update was received from the Jubilee Task & Finish Group and it was noted that discussions were ongoing with Little Neston Methodist Church about planting of a tree in the grassed area alongside the church as part of The Queen's Green Canopy.</p> <p>It was agreed that any groups receiving Jubilee donations should be asked to emphasise sustainability during the planning of their events to minimise waste being sent to landfill.</p>
b	RESOLVED to produce an editorial on About My Area publicising the various Jubilee events at a cost of £65+VAT (EMR 339).
c	RESOLVED to provide a donation of £6,000 to Hip & Harmony towards the cost of producing a Big Jubilee Lunch in Stanney Fields Park (EMR 339).
d	RESOLVED to provide a donation of £600 to a group of Parkgate residents towards the cost of a Jubilee street party in Mostyn Square (EMR 339).
e	RESOLVED to provide a donation of £500 to Ness Neighbours towards the cost of a Jubilee-themed coffee-morning (EMR 339).
161	Community event donations
	<p>The Committee considered a breakdown of costs from Hip & Harmony for Ladies Day 2022 entertainment.</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve a payment of £3,593.65 from budget 4363 (community event donations) to Hip & Harmony for the provision of entertainment for Ladies Day 2022.</p>
Cllr Hinks joined the meeting.	
162	Planning application
	The Committee reviewed planning application 22/00766/OUT , The Paddock, Lees Lane, Little Neston – replace existing buildings with new bungalow. It was decided not to submit a comment to the Planning Authority.
163	Neston Looking Better Group
	Notes of the Neston Looking Better Group meeting held on 10.02.22 were received.
164	Allotments
	RESOLVED to continue the contract with CWaC to provide vermin monitoring and control at the Raby Park Road allotment site for a further 12 months commencing 24/06/22 at a maximum annual cost of £250+VAT.
165	Village Fair (Town Council Stand) Task and Finish Group
	It was noted that the Task and Finish Group had not yet met.
166	Christmas lights 2022
	RESOLVED to establish a task and finish group to investigate options for creating a Christmas decorative scheme for 2022 and that engagement with the community (residents, businesses and non-profit organisations) should be integral to the planning process. It was decided to email all councillors to ask for volunteers to work as part of the group.
167	Parkgate noticeboard
	A proposal that Parkgate Society replaced the existing Parkgate noticeboard was deferred until a future meeting.
Chairman's initials and date:	

168	Neighbourhood Plan Task & Finish Group
a	<p>The Committee revisited the remit and membership of the Neighbourhood Plan Task & Finish Group.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Neighbourhood Plan Task & Finish Group should be renamed Local Heritage List Task & Finish Group with the remit to ensure that the locally listed buildings and structures detailed in the Neighbourhood Plan correspond with the local heritage list and to assess the potential for further additions to the local heritage list. To report findings to the Community and Environment Committee.</p>
b	<p>RESOLVED that Cllrs Hinks and Kynaston would attend the NALC Neighbourhood Planning Policies seminar on 29 June and report back to the Community & Environment Committee.</p>
c	<p>An oral update was received on progress towards updating the local heritage list. It was noted that three councillors had conducted a walking tour of Neston with CWaC's Built Environment Officer (Conservation and Design). The Built Environment Officer considered that there were a number of structures missing from the current list that should be added and he intended to investigate this further. Upon completion of this investigation, residents would be given the opportunity to make recommendations for other buildings to be added to the list.</p>
169	Date of next meeting
	<p>It was noted that the date of the next Community & Environment Committee meeting would be decided at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 17th May 2022.</p>

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Signed _____ Date _____