



<i>Meeting (No)</i>	<b>Extraordinary meeting of the Community &amp; Environment Committee (1)</b>
<i>Time &amp; Date</i>	<b>5.30pm, Tuesday 14 June 2022</b>
<i>Place</i>	<b>Neston Town Hall</b>
<i>Document</i>	<b>Minutes</b>

**Present:** Cllrs Marple (Chair), Davies, Griffiths, Hudspeth (substitute for Cllr Samuel) and Jones (substitute for Cllr Wastell)

**In attendance:** Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager), Mrs N McMahon (Market & Town Hall Manager and Support Co-ordinator) & CWaC Cllr Millar

### **PART 1: Items considered in the presence of the press and public**

#### **1 Election of Chair**

**RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Marple as Chair of the Community & Environment Committee to serve until the first meeting of the Community & Environment Committee in the new Council year.

#### **2 Election of Vice-Chair**

**RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Davies as Vice-Chair of the Community & Environment Committee to serve until the first meeting of the Community & Environment Committee in the new Council year.

#### **3 Questions and comments from residents**

The Chair read out comments received by email from two residents. Both comments related to agenda item 6 and expressed concern about the disturbance that would be caused should a 2am closure time be approved. CWaC Cllr Millar told the Committee that he had received a number of similar comments in which residents stressed their concern about a late-night licence.

#### **4 Apologies for absence**

The Committee received apologies for absence from Cllr Samuel (personal) and Cllr Wastell (personal) and **RESOLVED** to accept the reasons for absence.

#### **5 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Davies declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 by virtue of being the owner of a business (taxi) that could potentially benefit from the granting of the premises licence.

#### **6 Licensing application**

The Committee considered application 559261 (premises licence for Greens, 22-24 Brook Street, Neston) and **RESOLVED** to submit the following comment to Cheshire West and Chester Council:

Neston Town Council is supportive of the re-generation of the former Lodestar, 22-24 Brook Street, Neston, and wishes to encourage investment in this area of the town. However, there are concerns, which have also been raised by a number of residents in the community, about the necessity of the extended opening hours from 7am to 2.30am, seven days a week.

A review of the current portfolio of Green Leisure Ltd shows it caters mainly for late night city bars, and the Council considers this model would not be appropriate for a market town like Neston. The suggested hours of opening are not in keeping with those of existing similar establishments within Neston, or other towns within travelling distance, and Neston Town Council suggests that the applicant should not

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be granted a licence that permits the venue to remain open later than any existing licensed premises within Neston. There are potential health and safety issues and concerns of noise and disturbance when vacating the premises at closure. There is a history of previous incidents at these premises. Neston Town Council hopes that Cheshire West and Chester Council considers these views, and agrees with reducing the hours of opening in keeping with those suitable for a market town.

Neston Town Council is also concerned about the inevitable disturbance to Brook Street residents should a licence be granted for outdoor entertainment and the Town Council asks that the impact on residents be taken into account when considering this application.

**7 Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting would be held at 6pm on 21.06.22.

The meeting closed at 5.55pm.

Signed Brenda M. Marple Date 21/6/22