



Meeting (No)

Full Council Meeting (3)

Time & Date

26th July 2022 at 6.00pm

Location

Neston Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Kynaston (Mayor), Doughty, Griffiths, Hinks, Hudspeth, and Marple, Wastell and A Kunaj (Council Manager) and T Godfrey (Finance Manager).

In attendance: CWaC Cllrs Barker and Millar.

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

45 Apologies for absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllrs Davies (personal), Jones (personal), Samuels (business) Warner (business).

Absences: The absences of Cllrs Flockhart, Harper, Jackson and Townsend were noted.

46 Questions and comments from residents: None.

47 Minutes of the meeting

The Council's consultant's surname 'Cooper' (Pete Cooper) was added to item 44.

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 28th June 2022 as a true and correct record. The Mayor signed the minutes and the amendment.

48 Declarations of Interest: None.

49 Mayor's Report

The Mayor's oral report was received: The Mayor had represented the Council at Hip & Harmony and Little Actors events.

50 Council Manager's Report

The Council Manager's report FC3/50 was received.

51 Officer Delegated Decisions and Exceptions report

- a The Delegated Decisions report FC3/51a was received and considered.
- b The Exceptions report FC3/51b was considered. It was noted that since the report had been published, CWaC have confirmed that the total cost of the traffic calming measures (FC 28.06.22 item 20) will cost £10k and that the works would be completed this financial year. Cllr Gittins's member budget is funding half the project and CWaC would appreciate it if, Neston Town Council could fund the other £5k. This will be tabled at the next Full Council meeting.

52 Budget (Financial Reporting)

The Finance Manager presented the budget report for Council FC3/52.

The following budget lines were noted:

- 4064 subscriptions – overspent; budget £2,356, actual spend to date £2,615.

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- 4140 market and promotions – budget £2,500, spend to date of £1,527 with £1,000 of the budget committed for the Council’s consultation costs. M&TH committee will consider the Finance Manager’s recommendation on how to address this at their next meeting.
- 339 EMR Queens events £9,431 – There is approximately £8,100 of confirmed expenditure which has not yet been transferred from the EMR, with other grants expected. C&E will receive confirmation of the final and adjusted figures at their next meeting.

Item 58 was brought forward by common consent.

58 Investment of funds

The Finance Manager gave an overview of his recommendation; that NTC invest for a 95-day period some of the available balances held in the NTC accounts.

Resolved to provide delegated authority to the Finance Manager in liaison with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and Chair of Finance and Admin committee to, and on Council’s behalf, invest NTC funds for a maximum of 95 days with a bank who hold an appropriate credit rating, and is in their judgement, in order to mitigate the Council’s risk on the investment, is a low risk.

It was noted that this would not happen before 4th August 2022.

(See also, recommendation below, from F&A committee item 60b).

53 Diary of Neston Town council Meetings 2022 - 2023

Resolved to approve additional meetings dates for Full Council:

- 4th October 2022.
- 29th November 2022.

54 Parkgate Marsh – contribution

Members considered the detailed report FC3/54 for Council to make an additional contribution of £2,000 from EMR 325 (de-silting) towards the cost of Parkgate pool creation and associated dredging works planned for late summer/early autumn 2022.

CWaC Cllr Barker spoke on the matter and advised that there was some funding available for the project in the future, from The Mersey Dee Alliance.

The Finance Manager outlined that this additional offer of support of £2K will leave the Council with limited funds for following years and would mean a further increase on the Council’s precept in 2023/24. He cautioned that the Council would need to build up its reserves to provide ongoing support for his project.

Resolved for Council to make an additional contribution of £2,000 from EMR 325 (de-silting) towards the cost of Parkgate pool creation and associated dredging works planned for late summer/early autumn 2022.

The Finance Manager left the meeting

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55 Council Plan Consultation

Members received report FC3/55 and an overview from the Council Manager on the progress of the Council Plan consultation. The Mayor would encourage a collective approach for all councillors to be involved.

56 Community Safety Charter - "Be the Change"

Members considered paper FC3/56. Members were encouraged to sign up as individuals.

Resolved for the Council to sign up to the Community Safety Charter.

57 History Society storage of records

Members considered paper FC3/57.

Resolved to provide delegated authority to the Market Manager, in liaison with the Mayor, to assess capacity within the basement and liaise with the History Society and approve the space available for their use.

It was noted that a report from the Market Manager will be sent to the next Town Hall and Market Committee for further consideration.

58 Investment of funds – This item was carried forward to follow item 52 – above.

59 The minutes of the committee meetings

The minutes of the meeting in items 59a&b were noted.

a *Finance and Admin 12.07.2022.*

b *Community and Environment 07.07.2022.*

60 Recommendations from Committees/Subcommittee

a *Community and Environment 07.07.2022 item 38a*

Resolved that section C1 of the C&E terms of reference (recommend to the Council policies to protect, preserve and enhance the local environment and the amenities and interests of the community and to implement such policies that are agreed) be deleted and replaced by:

"Work collaboratively with stakeholders and partners to preserve and enhance the local environment and create positive innovation opportunities for environmental sustainability, nature recovery and healthy green spaces."

b *Finance and Admin Committee 12.07.22 item 12 FA1/12*

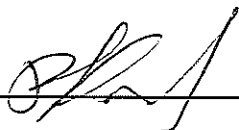
Members agreed that cash flow management, will be considered following the approval and implementation of a Treasury Management Policy and procedure.

61 Any other Items:

NC&YC: The Town Council as a partner, have received an invitation from the Trustees of Neston Youth and Community Centre to attend at a meeting to discuss the delivery of services in a collaborative way and the views of partners, for the benefit of the Neston Community. The details were unclear. The Town Council would be represented by the Mayor and an officer, at the meeting on 16th August 2022.

Meeting closed at 7.10pm

Signed _____



Dated _____

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