



Meeting (No) **Community & Environment Committee (2)**
Time & Date **6pm 1 December 2020**
Place **Remote meeting via Zoom**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Davies (Chair), Griffiths, Kynaston, Roe (from item 28), 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

18 Questions and comments from residents

Two residents stated that they were attending to listen to the discussion of agenda item 24 and would be interested to know whether the Town Council would be supporting the Slow Ways initiative.

19 Apologies for absence

The Committee received apologies for absence from Cllr Hutt (business) and Warner (business) and **RESOLVED** to accept the reasons for absence.

The absence of Cllr Flockhart was noted.

20 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Wastell and Kynaston both declared non-pecuniary interests in agenda item 26 because they are active members of Friends of West Vale Park.

Agenda items 24 and 28 were brought forward by common consent.

24 Slow Ways

Paper CE2/24 about the Slow Ways initiative was considered.

RESOLVED to support the Slow Ways initiative by promoting it within Neston and encouraging local individuals and groups to get involved.

The Committee requested the Transport Sub-committee to take the lead on this project and report back on progress.

Cllr Roe joined the meeting.

Two residents left the meeting.

28 Mosquito Monitoring and Forecast

- a To note that the 2020 mosquito forecast ended in November.
- b **RESOLVED** to continue mosquito monitoring during 2021 and assign a maximum annual budget of £800.
RESOLVED to reimburse mosquito monitoring volunteers for any relevant expenditure upon production of receipts.
- c **RESOLVED** to continue the Neston Life app Mozzie Watch forecast in 2021 at a maximum annual cost of £100+VAT. It was noted that the Neston Life app would be under new ownership from January 2021 and continuation of the forecast could not therefore be confirmed until the new year.

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21 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 13.10.20. The minutes to be signed at the next face-to-face meeting.

22 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Committee received the report and noted in particular that:

- discussions were continuing regarding an installation date for the Chester road car park sign and the Station Road finger post sign at the exist of the Wirral Way;
- planting maintenance work completed to the railway station approach.

23 Committee budget

The Committee's current budget and EMRs were reviewed and no further action was considered necessary.

24 Slow Ways

This item was considered earlier following agenda item 20.

25 Christmas lights

- a The Committee received an update from the G&O Manager on the installation of Christmas decorations and noted in particular that the installation was complete but that issues with the individual timers were being investigated.
- b The Committee was informed that installation of Christmas lights to the front of the Neston Methodist Church had been completed at a cost of £198+VAT which was within the total budget originally agreed. It was noted that this work had been approved by People Committee on 12.07.18 (minute 23) but that installation had been delayed at the request of Neston Methodist Church.

26 Grants update

The Committee considered an update on the administration of grants awarded during 18/19 and 19/20.

Hip & Harmony grant of £4,500 for "everyone has a story" project

It was noted that this project had been partially completed before the COVID-19 restrictions came into force and that the expenditure to date totalled £2,100.

RESOLVED that Hip & Harmony be informed that the remaining £2,400 could be retained for the purpose of allowing the project to resume following the lifting of restrictions but that if a decision was taken not to progress the project then the remaining £2,400 must be returned. Full end of grant accounts would be required upon project completion.

Friends of West Vale Park grant of £1,750 for the family fun day 2020

It was noted that this event had been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Friends of West Vale Park had confirmed that deposits of £549 had already been made in order to secure bookings but that refunds had not so far been requested.

RESOLVED that Friends of West Vale Park be informed that the current grant of £1,750 could be transferred to support the 2021 event but that if a decision was taken not to hold a fun day in 2021 then the remaining £1,201 must be returned along with any deposits refunded. Full end of grant accounts would be required upon project completion.

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Neston & District Art Society grant of £446 for the 2020 annual art exhibition

It was noted that this event had been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. **RESOLVED** that NADAS be informed that the current grant of £446 could be transferred to support the 2021 event but that if a decision was taken not to hold a 2021 exhibition then the total amount of £446 must be returned. Full end of grant accounts would be required upon project competition.

Little Actors grant £2,000 for Brightlights Theatre (Leverhulme Drama Festival 2020)

It was reported that the preparatory work for this project had been completed which involved spending the grant funding but that the drama festival itself had been cancelled just four weeks before the festival date because of COVID-19 restrictions. It was noted that the play was subsequently adapted and recorded in an audio format and that it was still the intention for Little Actors to perform the play at the 2021 Leverhulme Drama Festival should it go ahead. Given that the grant funding had been used for the purpose for which it was provided (ie festival preparatory work), the Committee **RESOLVED** that the project would be considered to be satisfactorily completed upon approval of end of grant accounts.

27 Transport Sub-committee

It was noted that a provisional date of 26.01.21 had been set for the first meeting of the sub-committee.

28 Mosquito Monitoring and Forecast

This item was considered earlier following agenda item 24.

29 Planning applications

Cllr Roe declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 29 because she volunteers for a charity operating from premises adjacent to 10A High Street.

The Committee considered planning application [20/03634/FUL](#), 10A High Street, Neston – construction of new office building; conversion of former stores building/barn into two self-contained residential units; and renewal of previously approved (17/01110/FUL) single storey rear extension to existing office premises.

RESOLVED to submit the following comment to the Planning Authority (Cheshire West and Chester Council):

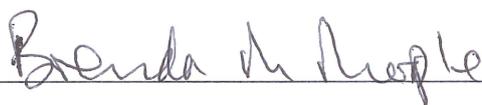
"Neston Town Council suggests that use of the service yard should continue to be available for adjacent High Street businesses. There is concern about the proposed amount of on-site parking which is likely to lead to congestion on Churchill Way, Park Street and High Street. The Town Council questions the need for the proposed security gates which will cause parking difficulties for Churchill Way residents who have no access to off-road parking."

30 Date of next meeting

The date of the next scheduled meeting was noted as 19 February 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Signed



Date

