



Meeting (No)

FULL COUNCIL (6)

Time & Date

6.30pm, 14th November 2017

Location

**Neston Town Hall, High Street,
Neston**

Minutes

Present: Councillors Cllrs Kynaston (Mayor), Barker, Carter, Chapman, Clayton, Cray, Griffiths, Howe, Marlow, Pilley and Yarker and Mrs Kunaj (Council Manager)

In attendance: Three member of the public; Mr Hadley and two representatives from Brio / Macmillan.

84 Questions and comments from residents:

The Brio / Macmillan volunteer representatives spoke about how they were working to bring a healthy approach to people who are affected by cancer, and wanted to bring awareness of the services that are on offer. The Mayor advised that Council are happy to pass this information on and to support them. Councillors would pass on their details to appropriate contacts.

Mr Hadley provided Council with a copy of his statement on road safety concerns in Neston, and a site plan. He read out the statement which contained two questions. The statement and questions would be put to the next Places committee for consideration.

The two representatives from Brio / Macmillan left the meeting.

85 Apologies for absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllrs Fleetwood (personal), Hine (business), Lloyd (business), Roberts (business) and Warner (personal).

86 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Chapman declared a pecuniary interest for item 100 Tree pruning on Allotments quotations.

87 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: To approve the minutes of 19.09.17 as a true and correct record. The Mayor signed the minutes.

88 Council Manager's Report: Received by members.

Cllr Carter confirmed that he would attend as the Council's representative at the Police Crime Commissioner's meeting.

89 Chairman's Announcements: *The National Landlord Scheme:* The Mayor was please to inform the Council that some previously vacant properties in Neston Town Centre are now occupied through the National Landlord Scheme. This scheme, in conjunction with the Principal Authority and on behalf of Local Charities will if requested, apply for short term tenancy in empty business properties. These can be occupied rent free.

The Mayor confirmed that she would try to use the Council's twitter feed and blog more frequently in the future.

90 Parkgate Ward Town Councillor vacancy

Members noted that the Statement of Persons Nominated had been issued by CWaC. A by-election to fill the Parkgate Ward vacancy will be held on Thursday 30th November 2017.

Mayor's initial and date

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91 Recommendations from Committees

1 Resources committee 03.10.17

Parkgate Allotment: Council appointed Cllr Barker as the lead councillor for the Parkgate allotment site (item 48c)

2 Places committee 05.09.17 & 10.10.17 respectively

- a. Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group: Appointment of an additional councillor member to the Monitoring Group was not made.
- b. Transport Working Group (TWG): Appointments of an additional member of the TWG and a lead member were not made.

3 People committee 31.10.17

- a. Neston Music Festival: **Resolved:** To appoint Cllr Pilley as the councillor representative to act as the focal point for the 2018 Festival.
- b. **Resolved:** To approve for a £700 contingency from budget line 4360 (grants and donations) to employ additional agency workers should there be insufficient volunteer support for the Neston Victorian Christmas Market.

92 Election of Members to Policy Committee (FC 16.05.17 item 12 & 27.06.17 item 47)

Appointment of one additional Members (making a total Committee membership of seven) to serve as members of the Policy Committee was not made.

93 Standing Committees

a). Council approved request from Cllr Barker to stand down from all committees except People committee, noting that this entitles him to continue as a member of the Policy committee.


b) Council approved request from Cllr Cray to retire from the People committee.

c) **Resolved:** To appoint Cllr Yarker as a member of the People committee.
Council requested for items 92 & 93 above, not to be tabled at the next meeting.

94 Finance

- a **Resolved:** To approve expenditure from 07.11.17 to 15.11.17 of £8,227.28 net for the Council's current account.
- b Members noted the payments authorised by RFO from the Council's current account from 05.10.17 to 06.11.17 £18,673.30 net.
- c Members noted the FairFX card expenditure from 01.10.17 to 07.11.17 of £471.95 net.
- d Members noted the income from 27.09.17 to 06.11.17 £8,875.63.
- e **Resolved:** To agree the reconciliations of the Council's bank accounts, current account, FairFX and savings account to the bank statements to 31.10.17. The Mayor initialled the balancing figures.

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95 Tree pruning on Allotments

- a **Resolved:** To provide delegated authority to the Governance & Operations Manager of up to £1,000 to make arrangements for the pruning of the overgrown trees in Parkgate Allotment, expenditure to come from Allotments budget line 4180.
- b **Resolved:** To vire sufficient funds from Environmental improvements budget to Allotments budget to cut overgrown trees in Raby Park Road allotment. (see item 100 below)

96 Minutes of Committees & Working Groups

The minutes of the following committees were noted.

Resources committee: 03.10.17

Places committee: 10.10.17

Policy committee: 24.10.17

People committee: 31.10.17 & 03.11.17

- 97 Other Items:** Road Safety issues in Neston to go to Places committee (see item 84)

98 Next meeting

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting was 23rd January. This will include the Council's budget 2018/19.

Cllr Chapman and Mr Hadley left the meeting.

Part 2: Items considered in the absence of the press and public

99 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved: To exclude members of the public and press for the remaining items because of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

100 Tree pruning on Allotments

Resolved: To approve quotation of £2,500 with Molyneux Groundworks and Site Clearance for the management (by pruning) of the overgrown trees at Raby Park Road.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm

Mayor's signature



Date

23/1/18