



Meeting (No) **PLACES COMMITTEE (9)**
Time & Date **6pm 28 November 2017**
Place **Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllr Roberts (Chair), Chapman (from agenda item 96), Griffiths, Kynaston and Warner.

In attendance: Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager, Cllrs Barker and Lloyd, one resident and two representatives of RoadPeace.

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

85 Questions and comments from residents

RESOLVED to temporarily suspend the meeting to allow a representative of RoadPeace to address the Committee.

Mrs Fielding (representative of RoadPeace) spoke to agenda item 91. Mrs Fielding stressed her concerns about the safety of the junction of Raby Park Road and the A540.

Following Mrs Fielding's comments, the meeting was resumed.

Mr Lloyd spoke to agenda items 91 and 96. Mr Lloyd stated that it was important for the Town Council to have a robust position on transport and traffic issues. Mr Lloyd emphasised the positive contribution that had been made by the Transport Working Group and felt it was unfortunate that this group was no longer functioning, especially as Neston was so poorly served by public transport.

86 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

The absence of Cllr Cray was noted.

87 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Agenda items 91 and 96 were brought forward by common consent.

91 Transport Issues and Highways Safety

- a The Committee considered background information regarding transport and highways safety issues and noted in particular the updates provided to the Places Committee on 05.09.17 (minute 46) and 10.10.17 (minute 70).
- b The Committee considered communication from a local resident regarding traffic safety on roads around the Neston area and the resident's request that Neston Town Council makes a formal request to CWaC for a full road safety survey and new road safety plan for the A540 between Liverpool Road and Hanns Hall Road. The Committee agreed that the main issues contained within the resident's communication would be covered by agenda item 91d.
- c The Committee noted correspondence from a local resident to CWaC regarding traffic problems in Neston (copied to Neston Town Council for information and consideration).

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- d The Committee considered the proposal as outlined in paper PL9/91d.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) The Town Council expresses its support for linked lights installation at the junction of Raby Park Road and the A540 that will make it safer for all road users and urges CWaC to review its current criteria to justify such a scheme.
- (ii) The Town Council considers that there are a number of traffic issues in the town and requests that CWaC undertake a review of traffic flows in and around the town centre in addition to its reconsideration of the A540 junction with Raby Park Road. In doing so, the Town Council particularly draws attention to the difficulties on Brook Street, which contains both the main bus stop for the town and delivery facilities for two major supermarkets.

The Committee agreed that the priority was 91d(i) – junction of the A540 and Raby Park Road. It was noted that CWaC Councillor Barker would be asking a question on this issue at a future CWaC meeting. The Committee agreed that the other three local CWaC Councillors should be contacted, explaining the Committee's resolution and asking if they would be willing to support to CWaC Cllr Barker's question.

Cllr Chapman joined the meeting.

Two representatives of RoadPeace left the meeting.

96 Transport Working Group

- a The Committee noted that Council did not appoint a member/lead for the Transport Working Group.

RESOLVED to temporarily suspend the meeting to allow Committee members to discuss with Mr Lloyd issues relating to the Transport Working Group.

- b The Committee considered the future of the Transport Working Group and possible next steps.

Following discussion with Mr Lloyd, the meeting was resumed.

The Committee agreed that it would be beneficial for the Group, in liaison with officers, to have significant input into the purpose, priorities, layout and content of the transport information on the website. The Governance and Operations Manager agreed to raise this issue with the Media Editorial Board.

The Committee confirmed the strategic importance of the Council's Transport Standard.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Chapman and Lloyd would join the Transport Working Group with Cllr Chapman taking the role as Group Lead.

Mr Lloyd had agreed to become a member of the Group and the Committee agreed that Mr Allcock (Wrexham-Bidston Rail Users' Association) should also be invited to join the Group.

Mr Lloyd left the meeting.

88 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to approve minutes of the meeting held on 10.10.17. The Chair signed the minutes.

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89 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Committee received the Governance and Operations Manager's report and noted in particular that:

- a CWaC planning updated was scheduled for 30.01.18 – places should be booked in advance;
- Flintshire County Council were currently consulting on pre-deposit proposals (Local Development Plan);
- the latest planning aid update included advice on neighbourhood plan monitoring and review;
- Welsh Water would be holding an information event on 5 December (2pm-6pm) at NCYC to explain plans to upgrade the waste water network and help reduce flooding to properties in the area.

90 Neston Neighbourhood Plan

- a The Committee received oral feedback on the Monitoring Group meeting held on 15.11.17 and noted in particular that the terms of reference and the methods of monitoring were currently being discussed by the Group.

- b The Committee noted that Council did not appoint an additional member to the Monitoring Group.

The Committee noted that Cllr Warner had stepped down as a member of the Monitoring Group.

- c **RESOLVED** to appoint Mr Mike Shipman as the Chair of the Monitoring Group as recommended by the members of the Monitoring Group.

91 Transport Issues and Highways Safety

Agenda item 91 was considered following agenda 87.

92 Marsh Working Group

- a The Committee considered the note of the Marsh Working Group held on 13.10.17 and noted that a replacement RSPB site manager should be in post by the end of December.

- b **RESOLVED** to purchase three replacement mosquito traps at a total cost not exceeding £2,000 from budget line 4230 (marshes/mosquito monitoring) if the University of Liverpool was not able to supply traps for monitoring purposes (Governance and Operations Manager to pursue the option of using traps owned by the University in the first instance).

93 Strategic objectives

- a The Committee considered the Places Committee's current objectives for 2017/18. No changes were made.

The committee noted that the Transport Working Group had not met during the current council year.

The Committee agreed to request Neston Looking Better Group to investigate 'neglected areas'. The lead councillor for the Neston Looking Better Group agreed to take this request forward.

- b Review of the Committee's contribution to the Council's strategic objectives – this agenda item was not discussed.

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94 Task & Finish Group – contract for the provision and maintenance of floral arrangements

The Committee received an oral progress report from the Group lead and noted that the Group was formulating a draft specification.

The Committee agreed that an extraordinary meeting would be held at 6pm on 16 January 2018 to consider the draft contract specification.

95 Town Centre Environment

The Committee considered concerns raised by the Civic Society regarding the condition of the land around Aldi/Ladies Walk/railway station. Committee members noted the maintenance work that had been undertaken by Aldi. The Committee agreed that no further action was necessary by the Town Council.

96 Transport Working Group

Agenda item 96 was considered before agenda item 88.

97 Other items

There were no other items.

98 Next scheduled meeting

An extraordinary meeting to be held at 6pm on 16.01.18.

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The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

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