



Meeting (No) **PLACES COMMITTEE (7)**
Time & Date **6pm 4 December 2018**
Place **Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Roberts (Chair), Chapman, Edwards and Griffiths

In attendance: Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager), Transport Working Group Chair and two residents.

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

67 Questions and comments from

A resident reiterated concerns that he had raised at previous Places Committee meetings about the safety of the A540 junctions through Neston. The resident also reiterated details of an A540 traffic incident that he had related to Council on 27.11.18.

Another resident suggested that a safety survey should be carried out of the A540 junctions with Hinderton Road and Raby Park Road/Upper Raby Road and felt that expansion had been permitted within the settlement without a corresponding adjustment of traffic flows.

68 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Kynaston (personal) and Wastell (personal).

The absence of Cllr Yarker was noted.

69 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Edwards declared a pecuniary interest in agenda items 70 and 74 as both were of significance to planning application 18/04026/FUL.

Agenda items 75, 76 and 77 were brought forward by common consent.

RESOLVED to temporarily suspend the meeting as per Standing Order 5a xx to allow the Chair of the Transport Working Group to respond to comments made by residents (agenda item 67) and also to comment on paper PL7/75a.

75 Working Group Meetings

a Transport Working Group 27.11.18

In response to comments made by residents (agenda item 67), it was stated that:

- Campaigning for improvements to the A540 and its junctions within the Neston Town Council area was a stated TWG objective.
- The main focus was the need for the A540 to be included in the Major Roads Network as this would enable the road to be incorporated into a strategic response from CWaC which was important both for economic purposes and safety reasons.
- The response from the Department for Transport on inclusion of the A540 in the Major Roads Network was not expected until early 2019.

RESOLVED to resume the meeting.

Chairman's initials and date:

DR 26. Feb 19

The Committee considered the notes of the TWG meeting held on 27.11.18 and agreed the TWG's objectives as detailed in the meeting notes.

RESOLVED to adopt the following position on the recent disruption to rail services:

"Neston Town Council is disappointed that the new rail franchise in the town has been accompanied by a complete failure in the service. It calls upon Transport for Wales to maintain the full service and to make immediate improvements in its arrangements for notifying the public and interested bodies of any future failures. Neston Town Council instructs its officers to request a meeting with the local manager from Transport for Wales and requests that TfW offer an immediate concession by excluding the Borderlands line from the planned increase in rail fares in January 2019 - and not increasing fares on the line until a half-hourly rail service is offered. It believes that such a gesture of good will would encourage areas in the English borders to be more confident in the future priorities of Transport for Wales."

The TWG Chair left the meeting.

b Neston Looking Better Group 21.11.18

Item deferred until the next Places Committee meeting.

c Marsh Working Group

Committee noted that a meeting has been scheduled for 11.01.19.

76 Neston Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group

The Committee supported the appointment of Mr P Stowe as a member with specialist knowledge/skills.

One resident left the meeting.

77 Planning applications

- a The Committee reviewed planning application 18/04132/FUL telecommunications equipment, Long Acres Road, Neston (construction of a 2.5MW flexible gas-fired power plant) and chose not to submit a comment.
- b The Committee noted decisions of the Borough Council in relation to planning applications considered by Places Committee.

Cllr Edwards temporarily left the meeting.

70 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to approve minutes of the meetings held on 06.11.18 and 13.11.18. The Chair signed the minutes.

Cllr Edwards returned to the meeting.

Cllr Chapman temporarily left the meeting.

71 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Committee considered the Governance and Operations Manager's report. There were no additional questions.

72 Committee budget

The Committee noted the Committee's budget and EMR.

Cllr Chapman returned to the meeting.

73 Strategic objectives

The Committee accepted the draft Places Committee objectives without alteration.

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Cllr Edwards left the meeting.

74 Sewerage capacity

The Committee considered correspondence from Welsh Water and guidance from CWaC's Planning Policy Team on Neston's sewerage capacity as detailed in paper PL7/74.

Agenda items 75, 76 and 77 were considered earlier following agenda item 69.

78 Other items: none.

79 Next scheduled meeting: noted as 26.02.19 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Signed



Date

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