



Meeting (No) **SOCIETY & CULTURE COMMITTEE (10)**
Time & Date **6pm 18 April 2017**
Place **Town Hall**
Document **Draft Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Loch (Chair), Barker (from agenda item 143), Chambers, Clayton and Kynaston.

Absent: Cllrs Fleetwood and Jilani.

In attendance: Miss Duncan (Governance and Operations Manager), Cllrs Griffiths, Lloyd and Cllr Shipman.

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

137 Questions and comments from residents

None.

138 Apologies for absence

No apologies received. The absence of Cllrs Fleetwood and Jilani was noted.

139 Declarations of Interest

None.

140 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to approve minutes of the meeting held on 20.03.17. The Chair signed the minutes.

141 Governance & Operations Manager's report

Minute 129: badges for junior mayor/deputies had been purchased at a cost of £58.80+VAT/carriage. Options and the associated financial implications of purchasing a chain would be investigated.

Minute 130: display materials for use at the Village Fair and Parkgate Carnival had been purchased at a total cost of £825.70+VAT/carriage.

Minute 131f: the grant application from 1st Little Neston (Eagle's Nest) Senior Section had been rejected on the grounds that a separate application relating to the same event had been refused on a previous occasion.

An update was given on the level of response to the offer of financial support for entrants of the 2017 Liverpool to Chester Bike Ride. It was agreed to also send details to the event organisers.

Committee members expressed concern that a report of the Victorian Christmas event had not yet been received.

Cllr Lloyd joined the meeting.

142 Budgets

The Committee considered the budgets to 31.03.17. It was explained that the projected actual figure related to the point at which the precept was set. Committee members asked if in future the projected actual figures could be a more realistic reflection of the current position.

Cllr Barker joined the meeting.

Chairman's initials and date:

16 MAY 2016 DL

143 Grants

- a The Committee considered a report on the current grants procedure.

RESOLVED to agree procedures for 2017/18 as follows:

- To run two schemes during 2017/18 (the main grants programme and the small grant awards).
 - Main grants programme (for amounts above £300) to be considered three times per year.
 - Small grant awards (for amounts up to and including £300) to be considered at the next scheduled meeting following receipt, with an application deadline of two weeks prior to each meeting date. Any applications received less than two weeks before the meeting would be held over until the following meeting. Groups to be asked to submit simple accounts with each application.
 - Interim report forms no longer to be issued for projects lasting longer than six months. For such projects committee members would instead be nominated to visit projects as appropriate and report back to committee.
- b The Committee considered the grants table for 2016/17 and noted that there were no outstanding end of grant accounts for the current year.
- c The Committee noted Council's decision of 04/04/17 regarding delivery of events as contained in report FC11/147.
- d The Committee considered making a payment towards the cost of providing entertainment for Ladies Day 2017.

The Governance and Operations Manager explained that Hip & Harmony had not yet been able to return end of grant accounts for the Hip & Harmony Foundations project due to the fact that CWaC had not issued any invoices (problems with finalising the details of the lease agreement). The Governance and Operations Manager confirmed that she maintained regular contact with CWaC and the grant applicant and was assured that this situation would be resolved in the near future. Under these exceptional circumstances, the Governance and Operations Manager recommended that it was reasonable to consider the grant application from Hip & Harmony for Ladies Day 2017 entertainment. The Committee accepted this recommendation.

RESOLVED to make a payment of £3,984.17 to Hip & Harmony towards the cost of providing entertainment for Ladies Day 2017.

It was agreed to write to the Female Society explaining that in future years the Council would expect the Female Society to make any grant applications relating to Ladies Day and take responsibility for purchasing services.

It was agreed that Cllr Kynaston, as the Committee's representative for the Female Society, should feedback that the Council would wish to see inclusive entertainment including both female and male artists.

Cllrs Shipman and Lloyd left the meeting.

144 Purchase of bunting

RESOLVED to provide delegated authority to the Governance and Operations Manager to purchase up to 20 x 10 metre lengths of multi-coloured bunting at a cost not exceeding £150+VAT.

145 Christmas Lights Working Group

The Committee considered notes of the Christmas Lights Working Group meeting held on 23.03.17 and noted that the Group would report to the People Committee following a meeting scheduled to take place with the Christmas lighting contractor.

Chairman's initials and date:

The Committee suggested that the Christmas Lights Working Group also investigated the option of replacing the tree in Market Square with a Christmas scene to be lit by spotlights.

146 Press release

None.

147 Other items

None.

148 Next meeting

To be recommended at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 16 May 2017.

149 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED to exclude 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.

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

150 Installation of bunting

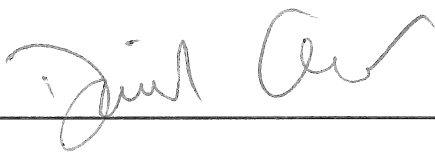
RESOLVED to approve installation of bunting in Neston Town Centre using the current contractor at a cost of £1,550 plus £40 per week inspection fee and call-out rate of £100 per call-out (costed to budget line 4361 Ladies Day).

151 Christmas lights for 2017

RESOLVED to approve continuation of the contract with the current provider for an unmetered electricity supply for Neston's Christmas lights.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Signed



Date

16 MAY 2016