



Meeting (No) **SOCIETY & CULTURE COMMITTEE (5)**
Time & Date **6.00 pm 25 OCTOBER 2016**
Place **Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Loch (chair), Chambers, Clayton, Fleetwood, Jilani, Kynaston and Lloyd (substitute for Cllr Barker) and Miss Duncan (Governance and Operations Manager)

In attendance: Cllr Griffiths

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

59 Questions and comments from residents: none.

60 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr Barker (business).

61 Declarations of Interest: none.

62 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to approve minutes of the meetings held on 06.09.16 and 03.10.16. The Chair signed the minutes.

Cllr Lloyd arrived.

63 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Committee received the written report. In addition the Governance & Operations Manager reported that she had attended an initial meeting about the possible production of a 2018 Neston calendar and would be in a position to add an agenda item to the next S&C committee meeting.

64 Finance

- a** The Committee considered the budget to 17/10/2016. The Committee made no comments on or changes to the budget.
- b** The Committee received the report of the budget planning meeting held in August. It was agreed to recommend to Council, via F&GP, that for 2017/18 budget line 4330 (Christmas lights) could be reduced by £2,000, 4150 (tourism) could be reduced by £2,000 and 4360 (grants) could be reduced by £3,532, thereby producing the required saving of £7,532.
- c** The Committee agreed to recommend to Council, via F&GP, that £2,000 of budget line 4150 (tourism) be vired to the Town Centre Committee for the specific purpose of supporting projects instigated by the Assets and Events Manager.
- d** There was no other action to be taken.

65 Strategic objectives

- a** The Committee received the strategic objectives report.
- b** The Committee added a new objective to develop the concept of a youth council in support of strategic objective 9 and updated the current performance rating for all objectives. It was also agreed that CWaC's Community Engagement Officer should be invited to a future meeting.

Chairman's initials and date:

RL 10/1/17.

66 Christmas lights

RESOLVED:

- a) to install battery-operated wreaths decorated with baubles to each of the three lamp posts outside the West Vale shops (£650+VAT per year based on a three year contract, with current contractor), and
- b) to install additional Christmas lights to Market Square at a cost of £1,285 (a one year contract, with current contractor) plus £250 for installation of a power supply.

67 Play areas

The Committee received an oral update and noted there was an aim to hold a public consultation in November on potential developments to the Sytchcroft play area. The results of the consultation to be reported to Council in December. Play Areas Working Group minutes will be available for the next S&C meeting.

68 Grant Publicity

- a **RESOLVED** to provide delegated authority for the Governance and Operations Manager to purchase a roller banner for use at council-funded events at a cost not exceeding £75.00 from budget line 4303 (display materials)
- b The Committee agreed that the banner should incorporate the Council logo and that the text should say "Supported by Neston Town Council".

69 CH64 Events Group

- a The Committee received notes of the CH64 Events Group meeting on 13/09/16 (produced by the CH64 Events Group Chair) and also received an oral report of the meeting on 18/10/16.

It was agreed that there could be occasions where it would be appropriate for Town Council Task & Finish Groups to share information with the CH64 Events Group. It was agreed to recommend to Council that, under such circumstances, a Task & Finish Group should nominate a representative to attend a CH64 Events Group meeting.

- b The Committee members agreed that they would welcome the opportunity to meet with members of the CH64 Events Group if such a request was received. The Committee asked for this to be communicated to the Chair of the CH64 Events Group. It was also agreed that, should such an invitation be received from the CH64 Events Group, it would be appropriate to extend the invitation to all councillors, rather than restricting attendance only to S&C members.

Cllr Jilani left the meeting.

70 Other items: none.

71 Next meeting

This was noted as Tuesday 29 November at 6pm.

72 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.

Chairman's initials and date:

KL 10/11/17

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

73 Country Trail booklet

RESOLVED to provide delegated authority to the Governance & Operations Manager to seek clarification regarding VAT on the quotations tabled and then to choose the most cost-effective option.

The meeting ended at 7.45pm.

Signed

Kay Loh

Date

10/1/17