



Meeting (No) **SOCIETY & CULTURE COMMITTEE (9)**  
Time & Date **10am 20 March 2017**  
Place **Town Hall**  
Document **Minutes**

**Present:** Cllrs Loch (Chair), Carter (substitute for Cllr Chambers), Clayton, Fleetwood, Griffiths (substitute for Cllr Kynaston) and Montgomery (substitute for Cllr Barker) and Miss Duncan (Governance and Operations Manager), Mrs Evans (Assets and Events Manager) and Mrs McMahon (Support Officer).

**Absent:** Cllr Jilani.

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

**122 Questions and comments from residents:** none.

**123 Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Barker, Chambers, Fleetwood and Kynaston.

**124 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Carter declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 131(d).

**125 Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** to approve minutes of the meeting held on 28.02.17. The Chair signed the minutes.

**126 Governance & Operations Manager's report**

In response to queries raised at the previous meeting, the Governance & Operations Manager explained that a report relating to the Victorian Christmas event would be submitted to the Society and Culture Committee for consideration following the next scheduled Council meeting.

Mrs Evans joined the meeting.

**127 Budgets**

The Committee considered the budgets to 14.03.17.

**128 Annual Report**

The Committee agreed that the Chair would write a contribution for the Annual Report, making mention in particular of the grants programme and the Victorian Christmas event.

**129 Junior Mayor**

**RESOLVED** to approve delegated authority to the Governance and Operations Manager to purchase from budget line 4371 badges for the Junior Mayor project at a cost not exceeding £375.

**130 Neston Village Fair**

**RESOLVED:**

- To have a table at the village fair, using the same specifications as 2016.
- To provide delegated authority to the Assets and Events Manager to purchase (in consultation with the Committee Chair) display boards, items of merchandise, information leaflets and councillor name badges up to a maximum value of £1,500 from budget line 4303 (display materials).

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Mrs Evans left the meeting.

### **131 Grant applications (small grant awards)**

To Committee considered approval of grant applications.

- a RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £300 to Neston Netball towards the cost of purchasing new kit.  
Strategic objective 8.
- b RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £300 to Neston Entertainers towards the cost of purchasing new sound equipment.  
Strategic objective 8.
- c RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £300 to Neston Players towards venue hire costs.  
Strategic objective 8.
- d RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £299 to Little Neston Methodist Church for the purchase of a heavy duty vacuum cleaner.  
Strategic objective 8.  
Cllr Carter did not take part in discussion or voting for agenda item 131(d).
- e RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £250 to 1<sup>st</sup> Ness Guides for the purchase of commemorative badges.  
Strategic objective 8.
- f RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £300 to 1<sup>st</sup> Little Neston (Eagle's Nest) Senior Section towards travel costs for a trip to London, subject to the Governance and Operations Manager making further enquiries and being satisfied that the trip's purpose was educational.  
Strategic objective 8.
- g RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £150 to Neston Riverside WI towards the purchase of wool.  
Strategic objective 8.
- h RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £250 to 1<sup>st</sup> Ness Brownies for the purchase of uniform tops for a Brownie trip with the request that the printed tops include "Supported by Neston Town Council".  
Strategic objective 8.
- i RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £160 to Rainbows (Hinderton Division) for the purchase of commemorative badges.  
Strategic objective 8.

### **132 Neston's Countryside Trail**

**RESOLVED** to make a payment of £100 towards the cost of producing directional signs and information signs on the route of Neston's Countryside Trail from budget line 4303 (display materials).

### **133 Health and Wellbeing**

**RESOLVED** to pay the entry fees for a number of Neston residents to enter the Liverpool to Chester Bike Ride 2017 if they are under the age of 18, in full time education or in receipt of state benefits. Entry fees to be paid on a first come, first served basis up to a maximum cost of £600 from budget line 4301. Entrants to complete the official entry form, add a declaration that they meet the criteria for financial support and return both documents to Neston Town Council for submission along with the necessary payment.

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**134 Press release**

The Committee agreed to issue press releases relating to agenda items 131 and 133.

**135 Other items:** none.

**136 Next meeting**

This was noted as 6pm on 18 April 2017.

The meeting ended at 11.30am.

Signed Kay Losh Date 18/4/2017.