



*Meeting (No)* **SOCIETY & CULTURE COMMITTEE (6)**  
*Time & Date* **6.00 pm 29 NOVEMBER 2016**  
*Place* **Town Hall**  
*Document* **Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Cllrs Loch (Chair), Chambers, Clayton, Fleetwood, Kynaston and Lloyd (substitute for Cllr Barker) and Miss A Duncan (Governance and Operations Manager).

**In attendance:** Georgina Clarke, Brio Leisure's Macmillan Volunteer Manager.

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

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

**75 Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Barker (business) and Cllr Jilani (business).

**76 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Kynaston declared non-pecuniary interests for agenda items 82 and 83b.

**RESOLVED** to temporarily suspend the meeting for the duration of agenda item 77 in order to facilitate discussion between Ms Clarke and Committee members.

**77 Brio Leisure/Macmillan Cancer Support partnership**

Ms Georgina Clarke gave a presentation on a new initiative to provide emotional, social and practical support for local people affected by cancer. The Committee discussed with Ms Clarke various options for increasing awareness of the scheme and attracting volunteers, including the possibility of using a market stall. It was agreed that the Council Manager would be the appropriate point of contact should Ms Clarke wish to pursue any of the suggested options.

The meeting was resumed after agenda item 77 and Ms Clarke left the meeting.

**78 Minutes of the last meeting**

The Governance & Operations Manager informed the Committee that a typographical error had resulted in incorrect minutes being detailed on the agenda. Under these circumstances, the minutes of the last meeting could not be considered and would instead be tabled for approval at the meeting on 10.01.17.

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

The Committee received the report and noted that the Governance and Operations Manager would be attending CH64 Events Group meeting for the foreseeable future.

**80 Finance**

- a** • The Committee considered the budget to 22/11/2016, year end projection and accompanying notes. The Committee **Resolved** that budget line 4301 be renamed Annual Town Meeting to more accurately reflect its purpose.
- The Committee considered its requirements for financial year 2017/18 and agreed to make recommendations to the Finance & General Purposes committee as set out in paper SC6/80a (total £65,560).
- b** The Committee noted that £8,000 of budget line 4360 (grants and donations) had been vired to 4331 for the Christmas event on 3 December.

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## **81 Strategic objectives**

The Committee reviewed progress to date of the committee's annual objectives and noted that an invitation had been made to the Community Engagement Officer to attend an S&C meeting early in 2017.

## **82 Emma Hamilton event – April 2017**

The Committee considered the proposal and agreed that Cllr Kynaston would seek further advice from the Assets and Events Manager and submit a revised proposal to the next meeting.

## **83 Grant applications**

The Committee considered approval of grant requests.

- a RESOLVED** not to approve a grant payment to 1<sup>st</sup> Ness Guides: Trip to India 2017.
- b RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £1,220 to Friends of West Vale Park: Family Fun Day 2017 (strategic objective 8).
- c RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £2,000 to Little Actors Theatre Company: 2017-18 Repertoire in Neston (strategic objective 9).
- d RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £475 to Neston & District Art Society: Annual Exhibition (strategic objectives 1 and 8).
- e RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £2,113 to Neston Village Fair Committee: Neston Village Fair 2017 (strategic objectives 7 and 8).
- f RESOLVED** to approve a payment of £4,974 to Train to Change: Neston's Lift up 2 Work II (strategic objectives 8 and 9).
- g** The Committee considered the grant request of £1,825 from Wirral Community Narrowboat Trust (Cruises for Elderly Neston People) and agreed to consider the application at the next meeting after further information had been obtained regarding the charity's level of reserves.

## **84 Interim report on review of grant procedure**

The Committee considered the interim report and noted that consultation with previous grant applicants was in progress and a report would be provided to the next meeting.

## **85 Neston 2018 calendar**

The Committee agreed in principle to participate in the production of a Neston calendar for 2018 up to a maximum of £500 (from 17/18 budget) and suggested that school pupils should be encouraged to participate.

## **86 Play Areas working group**

The Committee received an oral update and noted Cllr Carter's expression of thanks to CWaC officers for their support in facilitating improvements to the Ropewalk play area. The Committee noted that the Sytchcroft consultation would be completed in January after which the design would be refined. Funding opportunities were being explored. A report to be submitted to Council in the New Year.

## **87 Female Society**

- a** The Committee noted that Cllr Kynaston would be the Town Council's representative on the Female Society.
- b** The Committee received an oral update of the Female Society's meeting held on 31.10.16 and noted that the Society was considering options for submission of a grant application for Ladies Day.

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## **88 Licensing application**

The Committee noted that Neston Town Council had applied to CWaC for a time limited performance licence for 03/12/16.

## **89 Press release**

The Committee agreed that a press release should be issued detailing the successful outcomes from the first grant to Train to Change and announcing Neston's Lift up 2 Work II programme.

## **90 Other items:** The Chairman advised that a possible end of grant year small grant programme would be submitted for consideration at the January meeting which would aim to make best use of any funds remaining in budget line 4360.

## **91 Next meeting**

This was noted as Tuesday 10 January at 6pm.

The meeting ended at 7.50pm.

Signed

*Kay Losh*

Date

*10/1/17*