



Meeting (No)

Time & Date

Location

**Extraordinary Meeting of the
Town Centre Committee (5)**

9 am 28TH November 2016

Town Hall, High Street, Neston

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Wilkie (Chair), Clayton, Lloyd, Montgomery and Shipman (substitute for Cllr Fleetwood) and Miss A Duncan (Governance and Operations Manager).

In attendance: Cllrs Barker, Chambers and Carter and two residents.

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

85 Questions and comments from residents:

Mr Rob Ward spoke in relation to agenda item 88 and stated that he was concerned about the way cycling was included within committee terms of reference (currently only mentioned in Planning & Environment terms of reference) and felt that cycling fell also within the health and wellbeing terms of reference of the Society & Culture Committee. Mr Ward noted that there was no mention of the Neston Cycle Town initiative within the meeting papers and queried why this initiative and also the cycle ride event were the responsibility of the Town Centre Committee. Mr Ward stated that at the 2015 Liverpool to Chester Bike Ride a questionnaire was carried out in Market Square and the responses were very positive, with many respondents commenting on the attractiveness of the town and that they would visit again.

Mr Robert Perry also spoke in relation to agenda item 88, explaining to the Committee that he was involved with the Lees Lane conservation area where cycle racks had been installed but where better cycle links were necessary. Mr Perry felt that it was important to think more strategically about cycling, consider the economic argument and to remember that many peripheral groups and organisations wanted to endorse the cycle town initiative.

The Chair thanked Mr Ward and Mr Perry for their contributions. He explained that, whilst cycling was part of the health and wellbeing agenda of the Society and Culture Committee, the Town Centre Committee had taken responsibility for the cycle event because it was originally envisaged as having the potential to increase footfall within the town centre and increase business.

The Committee noted the comments made about terms of reference of the various committees and accepted the need to revisit the responsibility for cycling within those terms. The Committee acknowledged the need for good communication.

The Chair emphasised that this meeting was scheduled for 9am as the response deadline to Pennine Events was 5pm on the 28th.

86 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr Fleetwood (personal) and to note that Cllr Shipman was substituting for Cllr Fleetwood.

The absence of Cllrs Jilani and Kynaston was noted.

87 Declarations of Interest: none.

Chairman's initials and date:

SW 28/11/16

88 Liverpool to Chester Cycle Ride 2017

- a The Committee noted the revised estimate of costs of the Liverpool to Chester cycle ride 2016 report TC5/88a as detailed in appendix 'a' (£3,278 net).
- b The Committee considered the report TC5/88. The written comments provided by Mr Andy Mills giving his view on the benefits of the bike ride were repeated, having originally been shared with the Committee at the meeting on 1 November. The Committee then considered the financial implications of supporting the 2017 race.

RESOLVED not to reassess the decision taken at Town Centre Committee on 01.11.16 regarding the 2017 event but to invite the Society and Culture Committee to consider ways in which the Council could support the event and Neston participants as part of its health and wellbeing agenda.

89 Other Items: none.

90 Next meeting

This was noted as Tuesday 31 January 2017.

Cllr Barker, Mr Ward and Mr Perry left the meeting.

91 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

92 Town Hall maintenance

RESOLVED to approve a quotation of £610+VAT for two replacement kitchen fire doors and confirmed that the expenditure to be costed to budget line 4417 (responsive maintenance).

The meeting ended at 9.45am.

Signed



Date

31/1/17