

	Meeting (No)	Full Council (3)	
	Date	11th July 2023	
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	Wirral Way 50th Anniversary		FC3/44

Bunting Request (44a)

A request has been made by Cheshire West & Chester Council that the Town Council extends the time frame of the summer bunting in the Town Centre until the Wirral Way anniversary in October 2023. This would be an extension to the Town Council's current contracted arrangements to include safety monitoring for insurance purposes, for an additional 13 weeks.

The additional cost is **£400.00**

Due to the weather and condition of the bunting, the period can be reviewed at the end of each month. To decide if bunting is in good condition and still safe.

This special rate (one off), as the bunting is new and we have been monitoring it weekly.

Neston Networking & Wirral Way Anniversary Stakeholders Event (44b)

On 4th July 2023, Neston Town Council co-hosted a stakeholders' event in partnership with Cheshire West & Chester Council's Rural Communities and Engagement Team and Unitary Councillors, to provide an opportunity to bring the various community groups and businesses of Neston together. The main focus of the event was to discuss the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the Wirral Way in October 2023, and create a calendar of events building up to the main occasion.

Attendees were split into five working groups to discuss and share ideas on how Neston, as a community, can host events, and rebrand existing events, incorporating the logo and new banner for the anniversary celebrations.

Neston Town Council provided refreshments for the event and hosted a further networking opportunity after the presentation and group workshops had reached their conclusion.

The Town Council has been approached to lead a series of themed walks around the town and/or co-ordinate cycle trips to support the Wirral Way 50th anniversary.

The summer themed market on the 11th August will host a councillor stall promoting the Wirral Way and the upcoming celebrations.

Financial Support Request for the Wirral Way Celebrations (44c)

It is intended that a community event will take place in early October, possibly Sunday 1st, at the entrance to the Wirral Way to mark the 50th anniversary.

In order to help facilitate, and to make this occasion a memorable one, a request has been made from Cheshire West for the Town Council to consider a financial donation which would help to fund either a wood or willow sculpture, or other arts installation at the entrance to the Wirral Way which will be produced on event day.

Budget line *303/4363 Community Event Donations* would be the most appropriate place to allocate funds from should the Council wish to do so.

Recommendations:

- a) To resolve whether to extend bunting installation in Neston Centre until October 2023 and the associated costs.
- b) To determine whether the Town Council wishes to co-ordinate themed walks and/or cycle rides and how this will be delivered.
- c) To consider making a donation to the Wirral Way anniversary community event.

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