



<i>Meeting (No)</i>	<b>Extraordinary Meeting of the Community &amp; Environment Committee (4)</b>
<i>Time &amp; Date</i>	<b>5pm on Tuesday 22 August 2023</b>
<i>Place</i>	<b>Neston Town Hall</b>
<i>Document</i>	<b>Minutes</b>

**Present:** Cllrs Doughty, Griffiths, Jones (substitute for Cllr Marple) and Townsend

**In attendance:** A Duncan (Community & Environment Manager) and Cllr Warner.

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

**RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Jones as Chair for the meeting.

#### **35 Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

#### **36 Apologies for Absence**

The Committee received apologies from Cllrs Davies (personal), Hardcastle (personal) and Marple (personal) and **RESOLVED** to accept the reasons for absence.

#### **37 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

#### **38 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**RESOLVED** to accept as a correct record the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 18.07.23. The Chair signed the minutes.

#### **39 Planning applications**

Windy Ridge, The Runnell, Parkgate CH64 3TQ

The Committee reviewed planning application 23/02198/FUL (erection of outbuilding) and **RESOLVED** to submit the following comment to the Planning Authority:

Neston Town Council is concerned that there is no purpose given for the outbuilding. It will be very close to the neighbouring house and the height of the building is not specified. The Town Council would like to see a condition that the building can only be used for agricultural purposes.

#### **40 Wirral Way – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- a The Committee received an update on progress to date. It was noted that a dedicated page had been created on the Town Council's website that contained details of the two events that had been organised to take place on the Wirral Way during the anniversary weekend along with details of other related community events and volunteering opportunities.

It was reported that a Wirral Way anniversary planning meeting had taken place with interested community representatives who shared suggestions about how the town could both celebrate and build on the achievements of the first 50 years. This feedback had been categorised into four main areas:

- celebrating the first 50 years, including capturing the memories of local residents,
- health and wellbeing, including providing a varied programme of opportunities for using the Wirral Way,
- biodiversity, natural history and nature support,

Chair's initials and date:

- making improvements to the Neston section of the Wirral Way, including maintenance, signage and infrastructure enhancement.

The Committee agreed that work should begin to capture local memories and establish a Neston Friends of the Wirral Way group. It was also agreed that the four feedback categories should be considered as part of the Committee's objective setting at the next scheduled meeting.

Cllr Warner left the meeting.

**RESOLVED** to spend up to £150 (budget 4301 community engagement) on sundry items in support of the planned anniversary events such as refreshments, signage, publicity or printing costs and authority to spend the agreed amount was delegated to officers.

- b **RESOLVED** to reprint 1,000 copies of the Neston Countryside Trail leaflet at a maximum cost of £300.

**RESOLVED** to vire £100 from budget 4301 (community engagement) to 4304 (information leaflets/guides) in order to meet the cost of reprinting.

#### **41 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting would be held on 10.10.23 at 6pm.

#### **42 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**RESOLVED** that, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item (paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs of any particular person).

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

#### **43 Quotations for Remembrance Sunday Traffic Management**

The Committee noted that three companies had been invited to submit quotations for the provision of the traffic management scheme (road closure) required for the 2023 Remembrance Sunday commemorations and that two quotations had been received.

**RESOLVED** to appoint Quantum Traffic Management to provide a traffic management scheme for the 2023 Remembrance Sunday commemorations at a cost of £740+VAT.

The meeting closed at 5.25pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_