Meeting 18

Present

Neston Town Council: Cllrs T Derraugh, P Hughes, J Wilkie

Community volunteers: P Baker (Chair), M Eveleigh, R Hetherington, R Hughes, R Nickson, T Nolan D Wallace

In attendance: M Suckley, Administration Officer, NTC

		ACTION
01.	Apologies for Absence	
	D Clark	
02.	Declarations of Interest	
	None	
03.	Minutes and Matters Arising from meeting 20 January DW analysing and summarising postcards from local primary schools data.	DW
	summarising postcards from local primary schools data.	TN, PB
	TN reported that the Leahurst questionnaire had closed on Fri 21 Feb. The total	111,112
	number of Veterinary students attending University of Liverpool is still to be established to calculate an accurate response return. Preliminary analysis revealed	TD
	out of 243 students responding, 76% support the idea of purpose-built residential accommodation in the Neston area. TN and PB to discuss findings with Catherine Anderson at University of Liverpool to identify if any 'in-house' developers would be interested in building purpose-built accommodation. It was also reported that, due to Welfare Reform and the bedroom tax, there may be legitimate spare capacity in social housing for students in the Neston area.	The Clerk
	It was noted that the proposal 'that the Council considers planting trees on the grassed verges of CWaC highways, initially focussing on Liverpool Road, using Greening of Neston budget monies' had been placed before the Council's P&E Committee. P&E had requested more detailed information. TD agreed to refer the matter back to P&E for it to be considered as a Town Council project.	
	Discussion took place regarding T&FGs focussing on non-NP issues. Concern was expressed by some Members that this T&FG may be working outside its remit. TORs state that T&FGs are tasked with researching and collecting information to help produce a NP. The Clerk to advise CSG Members on approved TORs.	
04.	Update of Meeting with Neston High SchoolPB and TN had met with Mr Dool, Headmaster and discussed the future proposals for Neston High School. PB and TN to meet with the School's Council.	
05.	Appointment of Consultants updatePB and JW had met CWaC and Plus Dane representatives to receive feedback regarding the Consultants' specification.	JW

	Suggestions included protecting the ownership of the NP and ensuring there are compatible software systems between all parties. CSG members approved specification brief. JW to contact CWaC and Plus Dane for their approval. A proposed list of consultants will be given to the Clerk. Invitations for bids will be sent from the Clerk's office as per the Council's Financial Regulations. A news article on the successful consultant selected will be uploaded onto the Council's website and included in the next available edition of Neston Matters.	Office
	Proposal for P&E – that the Town Council approves the Draft Specification Brief for NP Planning Consultants.	
06.	Planning Aid England timescale updatePB stated that Planning Aid England support has been tremendously helpful for CSG although it was recognised that further support is now limited.	
07.	Revised Project Plan timescales updatePB reported that Anne Mosquera, Senior CWaC NP Planning Officer had advised CSG that realistically Neston's NP deadline may now be end of 2015. JW to circulate updated Project Plan to all CSG.	JW
08.	'Top 12' Assets of Community ValueMembers to produce a short list of Top 12 Assets of Community Value from QofL/Transport T&FG and send to office. This item to be placed on the next CSG agenda for discussion.	All CSG Office
09.	To Note – Minutes of meeting with CWaC and Plus Dane – Noted.	
10.	To Note – Minutes of QofL/Transport T&FG 16 Jan – Noted.	
11.	To Note – Minutes of Housing T&FG 16 Jan – Noted.	
12.	To Note – Minutes of Econ Dev/Retail T&FG 16 JanRH reported that Econ Dev/Retail were still exploring 4 priorities – Improve Town Centre, Visitor Economy, Clayhill Development and Promotion of flexible working/individual business set up with the aim of establishing proposals relevant to NP.	
13.	Date of Next MeetingMonday 17 March 2014 at 7pm at Neston Town Hall.	

Meeting closed 9pm.