



Meeting (No) **Community & Environment Committee (6)**
Time & Date **6pm 13 April 2021**
Place **Remote meeting via Zoom**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllr Davies (Chair), Griffiths, Hutt, Kynaston, Roe (from item 65), Samuel (from item 63) and Wastell.

In attendance: Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager) and Cllr Bolderson.

The meeting was preceded by a minute's silence in memory of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

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

61 Questions and comments from residents

There were no questions or comments from residents.

62 Apologies for absence

The Committee received apologies for absence from Cllr Warner (business) and **RESOLVED** to accept the reason for absence.

The absence of Cllr Flockhart was noted.

Cllr Samuel joined the meeting.

63 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Kynaston declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 68(i) and stated that she was a board member of Ellesmere Port and Neston Community Transport.

64 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 09.02.2021. The minutes to be signed at the next face-to-face meeting.

Cllr Roe joined the meeting.

65 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Committee received the report and noted in particular that the Friends of West Vale Park had confirmed their intention to hold the Family Fun Day on 1 August 2021. As agreed on 21.12.20 (minute 26), the grant of £1,750 already provided for the cancelled 2020 Family Fun Day would be carried forward and utilised for the 2021 event.

66 Committee budget

Budgets and earmarked reserves were considered.

67 Grant funding and donations (PSED)

The Committee noted advice on the Public Sector Equality Duty in relation to grants and donations.

68 Grant applications

Cllr Roe declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 68h and stated that she was a member of Neston Players.

- a **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £1,500 to Chapter (West Cheshire) for a mental health resilience course in Neston.

Chairman's initials and date:

BM

1/6/21

- b **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £2,500 to Little Actors to support the 2021-22 season of theatre.
- c **RESOLVED** not to provide a grant to Amber Button Community CIC for a nail academy project.
- d **RESOLVED** not to provide a grant to Amber Button Community CIC for a pop-up beauty academy.
- e **RESOLVED** not to provide a grant to Amber Button Community CIC for a hygge through play project.
- f **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £2,500 to Friends of Park Fields for a biodiversity education project.
- g **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £2,000 to Neston Air Cadets for essential equipment replacement and groundwork repair.
- h **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £450 to Neston Players for improvements to website and social media platforms.

Cllr Kynaston temporarily left the meeting.

- i **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £1,130 to Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport to support community transport in Neston.

Cllr Kynaston returned to the meeting.

69 Neston Music Festival

- a It was noted that the next Neston Music Festival would not take place until 2022 and publicity would begin in early 2022.
- b **RESOLVED** to retain the current earmark reserve of £1,000 to be used for publicity for the 2022 Neston Music Festival.

70 NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day – 5 July 2021

It was agreed that a message of support should be displayed on the Town Council website and that details should be passed to Rev'd Dawson so that he may, should he so wish, mention the event at the Sunday service on 4 July.

71 Great British Spring Clean 28 May to 13 June

It was agreed to email all Neston Town Councillors to encourage them to make a personal pledge and ask them to take pictures of themselves cleaning and the amount of rubbish collected. Photographs to be displayed on the website.

At 8pm the Committee **RESOLVED** to temporarily suspend standing order 1y ("Meetings shall not exceed a period of 2 hours") in order to complete the remaining items of business.

72 Repair/replacement of the bicycle pump located at The Parade

It was agreed that at a future meeting the Committee would compare the cost of repairing the pump with the cost of permanently removing the pump and making good the ground.

73 Replacement of bench in Well Lane

RESOLVED to replace the bench in Well Lane with a recycled plastic bench (make/model approved previously) at a cost of £458+VAT from EMR 335 (Environmental Improvements).

74 Christmas lights

The Committee considered a report on the provision of Christmas lights for 2020 and agreed to establish a task and finish group to investigate and report back on:

Chairman's initials and date:

Bm m. 1/6/21

- a) possible cost-saving options for Christmas 2021, and
- b) the request made by Drake Road residents for lights in the trees along this road.

Cllrs Samuels, Griffiths and Roe were appointed to the task and finish group.

75 Transport Sub-committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 30.03.21 were noted.

76 Date of next meeting

To be agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 4 May.

77 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 items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person).

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

78 Bicycle pump at The Parade – removal and replacement

Consideration of quotations to remove and replace the bicycle pump was deferred until a future meeting.

79 Replacement of damaged bench in Well Lane

The Committee noted that three companies had been approached to provide quotations and that two quotations had been received.

RESOLVED to appoint P&A Benbow to remove and replace the bench at a cost of £275+VAT. Cost to be assigned to EMR 335 (Environmental Improvements). It was noted that the approved quotation was based on the assumption that the ground was suitable to secure the new bench. If the ground was found to be in a poor state once the existing bench was removed then concrete would need to be added and this would incur an additional charge.

Cllr Kynaston left the meeting.

80 Protocol for marking the death of a senior national figure

RESOLVED to approve Neston Town Council's protocol.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed Brenda M. Marple Date 1/6/21