



Meeting (No)

FULL COUNCIL (11)

Time & Date

6.30pm, 4th April 2017

Location

Neston Town Hall,

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Shipman (Mayor), Barker, Carter (from item 173), Chambers, Clayton, Fleetwood, Griffiths, Kynaston, Lloyd, Marlow and Montgomery and Mrs Kunaj (Council Manager)

In attendance: Two member of the public

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

168 Questions and comments from residents:

Mr Hadley spoke in relation to road safety (A540/B5134 junction). Mr Hadley felt that a new road safety scheme was needed to improve traffic flow and safety. He emphasised that additional funding had been made available to address congestion and he requested that CWaC representatives attend a public meeting in order to discuss and progress matters. Mr Hadley submitted a letter and diagram for our records and asked Council three questions.

In answer to those questions:

1. It was confirmed that a response to the collision study was not received or expected so soon from CWaC.
2. The Governance and Operations Manager had made a request to CWaC for a comprehensive study of the traffic flow along the A540, and had since sent a reminder.
3. Neston Town Council may upon knowing the results of the traffic flow study, consider making a formal request for a new safety scheme; this would be considered in due course by the appropriate committee.

169 Apologies for absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllrs Cray (business), Loch (personal), Roberts (business) and Pilley (personal)

Absent: Cllr Jilani

Cllr Carter was assisting a local resident and would attend at this meeting.

170 Co-option of members

- a. No applications were made for Riverside Ward.
- b. Nominations were not received.

171 Declarations of Interest: None

172 Minutes of the last meetings

Resolved: To approve the minutes of 21st February and 28th March 2017 as a true and correct record. The Mayor signed the minutes.

173 Council Manager's Report was received.

Cllr Carter arrived

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174 Chairman's Announcements

As this was the last Council meeting of the year the Mayor took the opportunity to thank his fellow councillors for their forbearance, and thanked all councillors for their support.

177 Minutes of Committees Item 177a *Project Partner Committee minutes 09/03/17 was brought forward by common consent – see below*

One member of the public left the meeting

Members noted the minutes.

175 Recommendations from Committees

a Project Partner Committee 09/03/17

Members received the information and recommendations as outlined in the document FC11/175a

Resolved unanimously: That;

1. The project partner agreement should be put on hold for the foreseeable future, due to the difficulties outlined in report FC11/175 in establishing this arrangement.
2. The project partner draft contract be retained for the future use, if and when circumstances change which demonstrate benefits from such an arrangement.
3. The Council should decide if and how to commission and deliver events in the future, given the experience of the 2016 Xmas event, in liaison & partnership with community groups, and in the context of the Council's strategic objectives.

176 Delivery of Events

The report and motion outlined in the document FC11/176 was considered.

1. The Council should continue to support, encourage, nurture and fund all community groups, organisations and individuals for events, where grant applications fulfil the council's strategic objectives and where the council determine affordability of applications within the budget set.
2. The Council should agree to specifically deliver events, in collaboration with whichever partners are willing and appropriate, which fulfil the council's strategic objectives, and where the council determine affordability of such events within the budget set. This arrangement should be administered through the Society and Culture Committee, funded in part by the grants budget, and in consultation with the Council Manager and Assets and Events Manager.
3. The Council wish to make clear that, in supporting this motion, there is NO intention to 'take over' delivery of events in the town and NO intention to disrupt community cohesion. Instead, it wishes to help boost and sustain the town's community events programme, contribute to making Neston a thriving area, and work with all partners to achieve these aims within an affordable envelope.

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An amendment was accepted by the Proposer and Seconder for insertion of the words 'and commission' to item 2, to make the motion read ...'specifically deliver and commission events ...'

Resolved: That the motion as amended be approved.

177 Minutes of Committees

- 1 The Finance and General Purposes Committee draft minutes were noted.
 - a *Project Partner Committee 09/03/17 - This item was carried forward by common consent – see above*
 - b *Finance and General Purposes Committee 21/03/17*

178 Sytchcroft play area

The report outlined in the document FC11/177

Resolved: That; £12.5K of NHB earmarked reserve, already agreed in principle to fund this project, be released when required up on implementation. And for the funds to be paid to CWaC, who are operating as project manager.

Members were informed that there had been a potential to secure funding of £130K but now looked likely to be much less (circa £50K) as the project had not meet the post code criteria. Part of the scheme however, could go ahead on a reduced budget, members were happy to support this.

A request was made for the minutes to record thanks to Cllr Lloyd for her efforts with this project.

179 Other Items:

Cllr Lloyd announced that she would be resigning at the end of the Council year; she had enjoyed working with the councillors and staff and would miss everyone but felt that she had reached the limit of what she could do for the Council.

Cllr Lloyd was thanked for all of her work particularly regarding the finance.

Cllr Chambers announced that although she found being a Councillor enjoyable it was very time consuming, she would be happy to assist with future projects but she would be resigning.

Cllr Chambers was thanked for her work and commitment over the last twelve months.

- 180 Next meeting:** 16th May (Annual Town Meeting) at Neston Town Hall at **6.10pm following the installation of Junior Town Mayor and Deputies** at which it was expected Members of the Council would be present at 6.00pm

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

181 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved: To exclude members of 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.

Mr Hadley left the meeting. Council Manager elected to leave for item 182

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182 Recommendations from Working Groups

Human Resources Committee 07/02/17 (item 62)

The report FC11/182 and recommendations (i-x) were considered.

Resolved: That the HR committee be authorised to implement the recommendations with appropriate HR advice regarding staff consultation, and be within current budget except points 'v', 'vi' and 'vii' which shall be reconsidered by them.

It was noted and accepted that since the submission of the motion Council had resolved that in future Council's HR matters would be included in the terms of reference of the new Policy Committee and this would be appropriate.

Council Manager returned to the meeting

183 Staff accrued hours

Resolved: To approve payment for accrued hours to end of March from financial year 2016-17.

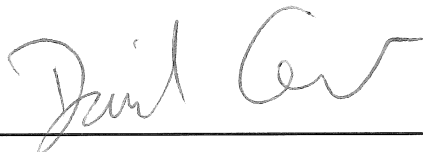
184 Staff resignation

Notification of resignation was received and accepted.

Resolved: That delegated authority be provide to the Council Manger to seek a replacement for the position and to implement the same arrangements as used for the current post.

Meeting closed at 8.03pm

Signed



Dated

16 MAY 2016