

Meeting (No)

Time & Date

Location

Meeting of the Council (4)

9th October 2018 at 6.30pm

Town Hall, High Street, Neston

Minutes

Present: Councillors Cllrs Kynaston (Mayor), Bennoch, Carter, Chapman, Edwards, Griffiths, Lloyd, Marlow, Roberts, Warner and Wastell and Mrs Kunaj (Council Manager, from item 61).

In attendance: Nine residents

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

53 Apologies for absence were received by Cllrs Barker (personal) Clayton (personal), Pilley (personal) and Yarker (business)

54 Co-option of members – *This item was deferred to follow item 63*

55 Declarations of Interest: None.

56 Questions and comments from residents

A resident read out his statement on the A540/ Hinderton Road Junction

Dr Lloyd (TWG Chair) read a statement on the Neston Transport Strategy.

Cllr Kynaston read out a statement from CWaC Councillor Louise Gittins.

57 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17.07.18 were approved as a true and correct record. The Mayor signed the minutes.

58 Chairman's Announcements. The Mayor reported on a number of events and activities that she had attended in Neston and elsewhere. The Mayor reported that she, with other Cllrs and the Council Manager had attended a ChALC session on the Code of Conduct. This brought attendees up to date on minor revisions but focussed on the legal obligations of Councillors in regard to conduct with each other and the public.

She reminded Cllrs that they all receive a copy of this when they join the Council. She also reminded Cllrs that, although everyone is enthusiastic in their contributions at meetings, respect and consideration in their dealings with each other is part of that code.

59 Council Manager's Report - *This item was deferred to precede item 64*

60 Election of Members to Standing Committees

a Committee members did not wish to withdraw their committee memberships.

b **Resolved** appointments to serve on the following committees

- People - one vacancy. Cllr Bennoch was appointed.
- Places - one vacancy. Cllr Wastell was appointed.
- Resources – two vacancies. Cllr Lloyd was appointed.

61 Representatives of Outside Organisations

Chairman's initial and date

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Borderlands Steering Group:

- a. **Resolved** for two representatives to sit on the group.
- b. Nominated Cllr Edwards to join Cllr Wastell, as the Council's joint representatives on the Group

Council Manager arrived

62 Neston Transport Charter

Members considered proposal for amendment to the recommended Charter (item 63.2.d), to include enhanced safe cycle routes along the A540 and cycle safety throughout the town as outlined in paper FC4/62.

An amendment to the proposal was tabled, to include pedestrians and cyclists.

Resolved that the currently proposed Charter as outlined in item 63.2 would include pedestrians and cyclists.

Footpaths were considered, however it was thought that they would be inappropriate for the Neston Transport Charter. Council request that Places committee agree a form of words for the amendment to the Charter.

63 Recommendations from Committees

2 *Places committee 25.09.18 – This item was brought forward*

Resolved That the draft Charter as amended, and associated documents (Transport Standard and Rail Position Statement) be adopted.

(It was noted that these were three separate documents).

Council requested that a special request be made for CWaC Cllrs to attend at the next Places committee meeting.

Eight residents left the meeting

63 Recommendations from Committees

1 *Policy committee 18.09.18*

- a. Council adopts the draft Complaints Policy and Procedure.

A named vote for item 'a' was requested

Vote in favour: Cllrs Kynaston, Bennoch, Carter, Chapman, Griffiths, Lloyd, Marlow, Roberts, Warner and Wastell.

Against: None *Abstain:* Cllr Edwards

Resolved to adopt the draft Complaints Policy and Procedure.

- b. **Resolved** to approve the draft Strategic Objectives.

- c. **Resolved** to continue with the services provided by Bowcock Cuerden LLP.

2 *Places committee 25.09.18 – this item was carried forward to follow item 62.*

54 Co-option of members – This item was carried forward

- i. Two applications for co-option to the Council for Little Neston Ward were considered: Sion Ivor Jones and Robert George Scott. A vote took place.

Resolved to Co-opt Sion Ivor Jones as a Ward Councillor for Little Neston Ward.

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ii. Two applications for co-option to the Council for Riverside Ward were considered: Simon Davies and Robert George Scott. A vote took place. **Resolved** to Co-opt Simon Davies as a Ward Councillor for Riverside Ward.

59 Council Manager's Report - This item was carried forward

The report was noted.

64 Amendment to Committee scheduled dates

Resolved that in order to assist with the budget processing for 2019/20 that the Policy and Places committee meetings are held in reverse order of the current schedule, so that Places committee will be held on 06.11.18 and Policy committee 13.11.18

65 Finance

- a Council noted expenditure items of £22,455.06 from the Council's current account as authorised by RFO for 01.08.18 to 31.08.18, and FairFX card payments of £242.91 to 31.08.18.
- b Council noted income of £32,262.78 for 01.08.18 to 31.08.18.
- c **Resolved** to approve reconciliation of the Council's three bank accounts to 31.08.18. The Mayor signed the balancing figures.

66 External Audit Report and Certificate 2017/18

Council noted that the External Auditors have reported that in their review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in their opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. And no other matters affecting their opinion need to be drawn to the attention of the authority.

67 Fun Palace at Neston Library 06.10.18

Resolved that retrospective approval be provided for the use of the Council's projector screen by CWaC at Neston Library to aid with their Fun Palace event. Policy committee are to consider the formalisation of officer's delegated authority.

68 Grant Application

Resolved to approve a small grant application of £500 from Little Actors Theatre Company to fund a rehearsed reading of a play written to show the effect of WWI on children.

69 Minutes of Committee meetings

Council noted the following minutes:

- a *People Committee: 12.07.18 & 31.07.18*
- b *Resources Committee: 04.09.18*
- c *Policy Committee: 18.09.18*
- d *Places Committee: 14.08.18 & 25.09.18*

70 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting date of the Council, 27.11.18 was noted.

71 Any other Items. None.

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72 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved to exclude the 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.

The remaining members of the public left the meeting.

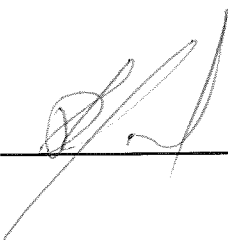
PART 2: Items considered in the absence of the press and public

73 Staff Job Title

Resolved to amendment of job title for Support Officer to Market, Asset and Admin Co-ordinator for the period of time that the uplift in job role was in place.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed



Date

27/11/18