



Meeting (No) **PEOPLE COMMITTEE (9)**
Time & Date **6pm 16 April 2019**
Place **Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Carter (Chair), Bennoch, Edwards and Griffiths.

In attendance: Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager), Cllr Kynaston and Cllr Lloyd.

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

85 Questions and comments from residents: none.

86 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to accept apologies for absence from Cllr Barker (business).

87 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Kynaston declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 96.

88 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED to approve minutes of the meeting held on 19.02.19. The Chair signed the minutes.

89 Governance & Operations Manager's report

The Committee received the Governance & Operations Manager's report and noted in particular:

- the pre-meeting with the local police sergeant/PCSO would be rescheduled for the new council year;
- an agreement had been made with the Council's current installation contractor to install bunting (as per minute 82a) at a cost of £1,650+VAT plus £40 per week inspection/repair fee and possible call-out rate of £100 per call-out;
- replacement bunting purchased (as per minute 82b) at a cost of £123.50+VAT and delivery charge of £17.99.

90 Committee budget

Committee budgets considered. No action was taken.

91 Project Rural Matters

The Committee received an update from the Town Council's PRM representative and noted that, of the £10,000 NHB funds passed over to the Police for the purchase of two CCTV cameras, only £5,000 had been spent on the purchase of one CCTV camera (installed at Sytchcroft). The Committee requested that the Council Manager enter into discussions with PRM for the return of the remaining £5,000.

92 Woodfall Play Area

The Committee considered a proposal to work in partnership with CWaC to upgrade Woodfall Play Area. It was noted that £5,000 had previously been set aside from NHB EMR as a contribution towards retiling the swimming pool (minute 29, Council 22.05.18) but that it was unlikely that this project would be progressed.

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The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that the £5,000 NHB EMR currently set aside for retiling of the swimming pool be reallocated as a contribution towards the cost of upgrading Woodfall Play Area (work to be undertaken in partnership with CWaC).

Cllr Lloyd left the meeting.

93 Grant applications (small grant awards)

RESOLVED to grant Friends of Park Fields a payment of £250 towards the cost of refurbishing the entrance near Parkgate Primary School. The Committee requested before and after photographs of this remedial work and agreed that a grant application for maintenance of the remaining four entrance points could be considered at a future date.

94 Junior Mayor/Deputies

- a The Committee received an update on the junior mayor/deputies for September 2019. Schedule to be agreed with head teachers.
- b It was agreed to recommend that Policy Committee should investigate the possibility of undertaking DBS checks for mayors/deputy mayors.

95 Village Fair

- a The Committee received an update on preparations for the Town Council stand at the 2019 Village Fair and agreed the theme for the day should be based on strategic objective 4: campaign with partners to enhance and protect the local environment.
- b **RESOLVED** to:
 - provide a budget of £350 (budget line 4301, community engagement) for display and associated materials, and
 - delegate authority for this expenditure to the Governance & Operations Manager in liaison with the Village Fair Task & Finish Group.

96 Ladies Day

- a The Committee considered an update from the Committee's Female Society representative regarding entertainment for Ladies Day 2019.
- b The Committee discussed the Female Society's restriction on membership (ie single sex membership). It was decided that advice should be sought from the Equalities and Human Rights Commission to inform the Town Council's position on offering financial support to organisations with such membership restrictions.

RESOLVED, subject to the Equalities and Human Rights Commission confirming that it is appropriate for Neston Town Council to support Female Society events, to:

- allocate £1,792.60 from budget line 4360 (grants & donations) which, with the addition of EMR £1,507.40 (minute 74b), provides a total of £3,300 for the provision of entertainment at Ladies Day 2019;
- delegate authority to the G&O Manager, in liaison with the Committee's Female Society Representative, and with the agreement of the Female Society, to make a donation to a constituted community group to provide entertainment for Ladies Day 2019. Cost not to exceed £3,300.

A request was made for the Committee's representative to engage with the Female Society about options for the Society to provide additional financial support for the provision of Ladies Day entertainment.

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97 Other items

There were no other items for discussion or noting for the next agenda.

98 Next meeting

Date to be confirmed at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 21.05.19.

The meeting closed at 7pm.

Signed *Sin Jy* Date 11/6/2019