



Meeting (No) **PEOPLE COMMITTEE (8)**  
Time & Date **6pm 19 February 2019**  
Place **Town Hall**  
Document **Minutes**

The scheduled pre-meeting with the Manager of MHA's Ellesmere Port & Neston Live at Home Scheme did not take place.

**Present:** Cllrs Carter (Chair), Barker, Bennoch, Edwards and Warner (substitute for Cllr Griffiths).

**In attendance:** Miss A Duncan, Governance & Operations Manager, Cllrs Wastell & Kynaston.

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

**69 Questions and comments from residents:** none.

#### **70 Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies for absence from Cllr Clayton (personal) and Cllr Griffiths (personal).

#### **71 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Warner declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 79b and Cllr Carter declared non-pecuniary interests in items 79f and 79g.

#### **72 Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** to approve minutes of the meeting held on 11.12.18. The Chair signed the minutes.

#### **73 Governance & Operations Manager's report**

The Committee considered the Governance & Operations Manager's report.

#### **74 Committee budget**

- a The Committee budget was considered. No changes were made.

Agenda item 74b was, by common consent, considered following agenda item 79.

#### **75 Project Rural Matters**

Update report from the Town Council's representative – this item was deferred to the next meeting.

#### **76 Strategic objectives**

- a The agreed Committee objectives were considered.
- b Analysis of grant applications (strategic objective 5 – vulnerable groups) – this item was deferred to the next meeting.
- c It was agreed that there should be one junior mayor and two deputies per academic year (September to July) and that the positions should be rotated between three primary schools:
  - 2019/20 Parkgate (Junior Mayor), Woodfall (Deputy), St Winifride's (Deputy);
  - 2020/21 Woodfall (Junior Mayor), St Winefride's (Deputy), Parkgate (Deputy);
  - 2021/22 St Winefride's (Junior Mayor), Parkgate (Deputy), Woodfall (Deputy).

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The Committee appointed Cllr Barker to be the school liaison Councillor for 2019/20.

- d The Committee agreed that the strategic objective progress rating should remain unchanged, with the exception of CCTV installation which should be green as a result of new CCTV installation at Sytchcroft.
- e The Committee considered the strategic objectives update report. No changes were made.

## **77 End of grant accounts**

- a **RESOLVED** to approve end of grant accounts from Hip & Harmony (Ladies Day Entertainment 2018) - £3,996.82
- b Cllr Barker declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 77b.  
**RESOLVED** to approve end of grant accounts from Hip & Harmony ("Next Level" Youth Projects) - £4,743.97.
- c **RESOLVED** to approve end of grant accounts from Train to Change (Neston's Lift up to Work III) - £5,244.

## **78 Visits to grant recipients**

Positive oral feedback was received from councillors on visits to Little Actors and Hip & Harmony.

## **79 Grant applications**

- a **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £2,500 to Little Actors Theatre Company for Theatre Club & Drama Tots Community Theatre.
- b **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £1,000 to Friends of Stanney Fields Park for repair and refurbishment of gates.
- c **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £500 to Heath Lane Nurseries for community gardening activities (health and wellbeing).
- d **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £1,200 to Neston Village Fair Committee for the Village Fair 2019.
- e **RESOLVED** not to provide a grant to MHA for the Neston social hub.

Cllr Barker assumed the Chair for the duration of agenda items 79f and 79g.

- f **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £780.60 to Neston Community Cybercentre for the cost of broadband over a 12 month period.
- g **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £500 to Neston Community Cybercentre for purchase of an inkjet printer.

Cllr Carter resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

- h **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £100 to Neston Riverside WI for the purchase of wool.
- i **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £4,500 to Hip & Harmony for the "It's Not OK" project.
- j **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £4,779 to Train to Change for Neston's Lift Up 2 Work IV.

Agenda item 74b (to consider creating an EMR for any grant budget remaining at the end of the financial year) was considered following agenda item 79.

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**74b RESOLVED** to create an EMR for the grant budget remaining (£1,507.40) to be used towards the cost of Ladies Day 2019 entertainment.

**80 Funding for Ladies Day 2019**

The Committee's Female Society representative currently liaising with the Female Society's Secretary regarding entertainment for 2019. Update to be provided for next People meeting.

**81 Christmas 2018 – entertainment/lights switch-on**

The Committee considered the report of the 2018 event and associated expenditure.

**82 Bunting**

- a **RESOLVED** to provide delegated authority to the Governance & Operations Manager to arrange for the existing contractor to install bunting in the town centre during June/July 2019 at a cost not exceeding £1,700 plus £40 per week inspection fee and call-out rate of £100 per call-out.
- b **RESOLVED** to provide delegated authority to the Governance and Operations Manager to purchase 13 x 10m lengths of replacement bunting at a cost not exceeding £170+VAT and delivery. Purchase to be made in financial year 2019/20 from budget line 4361.
- c **RESOLVED** to purchase Chester Road car park signs for the 2019 Ladies Day/fair at a maximum cost of £70+VAT & delivery. Purchase to be made in financial year 2019/20 from budget line 4362.

**83 Other items:** none.

**84 Next meeting**

The next scheduled meeting was noted as 16 April 2019 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Signed  Date 16/4/19