



<i>Meeting (No)</i>	Community & Environment Committee (9)
<i>Time & Date</i>	6pm Tuesday 8 April 2025
<i>Place</i>	Neston Town Hall
<i>Document</i>	Minutes

Present: Cllrs Marple (Chair), Davies, Griffiths, Swaffer and Townsend

In attendance: A Duncan (Community & Environment Manager) and CWaC
Cllr Keith Millar

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

99 Public Participation

There were no comments from members of the public.

100 Apologies for Absence

The Committee received apologies from Cllr David Ruscoe (personal) and **RESOLVED** to accept the reason for absence.

The absence of Cllr Doughty was noted.

101 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received.

102 Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 04.03.25. The Chair signed the minutes.

103 Community & Environment Manager's Report

The Community & Environment Manager's report was received. It was noted that £99.86 (including VAT & delivery) had been spent using the C&E Manager's Equals card since the last scheduled meeting. It was also noted that the cost of officer attendance supporting the Junior Council at the Village Fair would be met from budgets 4301/4371.

104 Committee Budgets

The month 11 Committee budget and the current earmarked reserves were received.

105 Community Event Donations

- a A costed project outline was considered. **RESOLVED** to approve a donation of £1,700 to Neston Village Fair Committee for the Neston Village Fair 2025.
- b A costed project outline was considered. **RESOLVED** to approve a donation of £1,000 to Friends of West Vale Park for the West Vale Park Family Fun Day 2025.
- c A costed project outline was considered. **RESOLVED** to approve a donation of £1,500 to Neston Female Society for entertainment for Ladies Day 2025.

Chair's initials and date:

106 Community Grants

- a **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £2,500 to Little Actors for the 2025-26 season of theatre from Neston Town Hall.
- b **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £469 to Ness Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Ranger Supporters' Association for the purchase of a gazebo.
- c **RESOLVED** to refuse a grant request from 1st Ness Guides for the purchase of a gazebo at a cost of £469.

CWac Cllr Millar joined the meeting.

- d **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £654 to Neston Singers for the Neston Singing in the round project.
- e **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £1,500 to 2375 (Neston) Air Cadets Association for the purchase of a squadron banner.
- f **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £500 to Friends of West Vale Park for additional financial support for the 2025 West Vale Park Family Fun Day.
- g **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £500 to Neston Pirate Samba for workshops for young people culminating in a performance at the Southbank Centre in London.

107 Community Partnership Steering Group (Neston & Willaston)

- a A summary of the meeting held on 15.01.25 was noted.
- b **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Swaffer to represent the Town Council at the Community Partnership Steering Group meetings.

108 Neston Looking Better Group

Meeting notes from 24.10.24 and 27.02.25 were noted.

109 Town Council Noticeboards

RESOLVED to purchase a replacement noticeboard for Little Neston at a cost of £2,250+VAT and delivery and a replacement Town Hall board for Council notices at a cost of £1,200+VAT and delivery. The Committee noted that it had been decided previously that all replacement noticeboards would be provided by the same supplier to ensure a uniform look across the town (minute 122, 13.02.24).

RESOLVED to delegate authority to officers to arrange installation of the two noticeboards at a maximum cost of £900+VAT and to use the same contractor engaged to install replacement noticeboards during 2023/24.

110 Bunting

- a **RESOLVED** to purchase replacement bunting at a maximum cost of £500+VAT and carriage charge (budget 4301).
- b **RESOLVED** to approve installation of bunting in the High Street area by the existing contractor at a maximum cost of £3,000+VAT from budget 4361 (Ladies Day bunting). Bunting to remain in place for eight weeks from Ladies Day.

Chair's initials and date:

111 Allotment Site Risk Assessments

RESOLVED to approve risk assessments for the Raby Park Road, The Ropewalk and Marshlands Road allotment sites and the associated risk assessment for site works.

112 Mosquito Monitoring

RESOLVED to approve purchase of a replacement mosquito trap at a maximum cost of £850+VAT and delivery.

113 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting would be agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 20.05.25.

114 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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item (paragraph three: information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person).

CWaC Cllr Millar left the meeting.

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

115 Remembrance Sunday Traffic Management

It was noted that five companies had been approached to provide quotations and one quotation had been received.

RESOLVED to appoint Core Highways to provide a traffic management scheme for the 2025 Remembrance Sunday road closure at a cost of £1,485+VAT.

It was noted that officers would arrange a meeting between Cllrs Davies and Jones and a Core Highways representative to finalise road closure/diversion signage.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.

Signed _____ Date _____