



RECORD OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR NESTON TUESDAY 5th May 2026

In attendance: Nine NTC councillors, three members of the public and Z. Dean (Chief Officer).

The Mayor, Cllr S. Davies, welcomed everyone who was in attendance and opened the meeting.

1. Record of the Meeting

The record of the Annual Town Meeting, which took place on Tuesday 6th May 2025, was unanimously accepted.

2. Annual Report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr S. Davies thanked the Chief Officer and staff for the Annual Report and introduced the 2025/26 report. Cllr Davies reiterated that Neston is a great place to live and the town is fortunate to have a large number of volunteers who undertake a lot of positive work throughout the town. The Mayor expressed thanks to Cllr Griffiths for her work in the gardens around the town.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr C. Braithwaite formally thanked Council staff for the quality of the Annual Report.

3. Presentations from Grant Recipients

Two short presentations from representatives of local groups who benefitted from Neston Town Council funding during 2025/26 were received:

Mr Andrew Langshaw – Representing 2375 (Neston) Sqn Air Cadets thanked the Town Council for assisting the local air cadets with regular grants, of which a variety of projects have been invested in over a number of years, including Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, climbing kit, laptops, and a new banner kit which was used at the Neston Remembrance Parade in November 2025. Cadet membership supports young people aged 13-20, helping them to build confidence, make friends and learn essential life skills. The cadets support local town events, including setting up the village fair.

Mrs Nikki Ruscoe – Representing Neston Village Fair. A recent location change has allowed the fair to continue operating, whilst ensuring public safety at the same time. The fair supports a large number of local charities and provides an opportunity for them to showcase what they do. The fair is also a great fundraising platform for these local groups. Nikki thanked the air cadets for their invaluable support volunteering at the event and assisting with the set up. There will be a free bus service for the 2026 event to take people to the fair and funds will be re-invested for future events.

4. Question Time

No questions were raised by members of the public who were present.

Attendees were treated to a short rousing performance, on the newly refurbished stage, from Neston Samba Pirates, featuring a number of different performers across Stuart Hardcastle's local groups. Stuart thanked the Town Council for their grant, and

expressed how much it had helped to ensure a group trip to London was able to take place for young people to perform during summer 2025. The group now has fifty members, including twenty teenagers. The Neston Samba Pirates have been invited to Oslo to play for the Prime Minister.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 6.45pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Signed_____ **Dated**_____