



Meeting (No) **Market & Town Hall Committee (1)**
Time & Date **6pm, Tuesday 23 June 2026**
Place **Neston Town Hall**
Document **Minutes**

Present: Cllrs S Adderley, S Davies, J Jardine, S Jones, P Kynaston, N Ruscoe, In attendance: N McMahon (Market & Town Hall Manager), J Harding (Community Engagement Officer)	
PART 1: Items to be considered in the presence of the press and public	
1	Election of Chair
	The Mayor, Cllr S Davies, opened the meeting and requested nominations for the position of chair. A nomination for Cllr Jones was received from Cllr Kynaston and seconded by Cllr N Ruscoe. RESOLVED to elect Cllr Jones as Chair of the Market & Town Hall Committee for the ensuing year. Cllr Jones chaired the remainder of the meeting.
2	Election of Vice-Chair
	A nomination for Cllr N Ruscoe was received from Cllr Kynaston and seconded by Cllr Adderley. RESOLVED to elect Cllr N Ruscoe as Vice-Chair of the Market & Town Hall Committee for the ensuing year.
3	Public Participation (maximum of three minutes per person)
	No members of the public were present.
4	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies were received from Cllrs Warner (business), and Marple (personal). RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllrs Warner and Marple.
5	Declarations of Interest
	No declarations of interest were received.
6	Minutes of the Last Meeting
	RESOLVED to accept and sign the minutes from the Market & Town Hall Committee meeting held on 28.4.26. The Chair signed the minutes.
Agenda items 10a to 10e were brought forward by common consent	
10	Town Hall Sound System
a	RESOLVED to receive a report from Cllrs Jones & N Ruscoe regarding the Town Hall sound system.
b	RESOLVED to receive a report from officers regarding the Town Hall sound system.

c	RESOLVED to agree to pass all information and recommendations for the aspirations regarding the sound hall sound system to the Town Hall Vision Group for further consideration.
d	RESOLVED to give delegated authority to the Market & Town Hall Manager to progress recommendations and to purchase equipment, to enhance the current Town Hall speaker system and fit a hearing loop in the Main Hall, up to a maximum expenditure of £2000, in consultation with Officers and the IT consultant for technical support.
e	RESOLVED to request that £1,500 is drawn down from the special project fund, via Full Council, for the purpose of purchasing equipment, to enhance the current Town Hall speaker system and to fit a hearing loop in the Main Hall. Any additional expenditure would be met from the Responsive Maintenance budget.
J Harding left the meeting at 6.25pm	
7	M&TH Task & Finish Group Terms of Reference
	RESOLVED to confirm the continuation of the Neston Market 300 th Anniversary Task & Finish Group. The terms of reference for the group were approved with one amendment: <i>'No more than four Town Council members'</i> Councillors S Adderley, P Kynaston, N Ruscoe & B Marple were appointed as members.
8	Finance
a	RESOLVED to receive the revenue from Town Hall room hire, Market Square hire and market rent to 31.5.26
b	RESOLVED to receive the market 'Square payment terminal' fees from 1.4.26 to 31.5.26.
c	RESOLVED to receive a breakdown of HRGO costs from 1.4.26 to 31.5.26.
9	Market & Town Hall Manager's Report
	RESOLVED to receive the Market & Town Hall Manager's report. The committee wished for thanks to the Caretaker and Market Officer for his excellent work to improve the stage, as detailed in the report, to be noted.
11	Washing Machine
a	RESOLVED to receive a report regarding the purchase of a domestic washing machine.
b	RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a domestic washing machine, up to a maximum cost of £400.
12	Date of next meeting
	The committee noted that the next scheduled meeting will held be on 22.9.26 at 6.00pm.
13	Exclusion of the Press and Public
	To consider 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 involves 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.
PART 2: Items to be considered in the absence of the press and public	
	There was no confidential business.

The meeting closed as 6.40pm