Neston Town Council	*Meeting (No)*	**Community & Environment**	
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	100th Anniversary of the Closure of Neston's Coal Mines		**CE5/57**

On 12th March 1927, the last shift left the Little Neston Colliery closing a chapter in history of Neston as the only mining town on the Wirral peninsula. To commemorate this, there are a few events going on the weekend 12th to 14th March involving Neston Civic Society, Neston Library and Mersey Morris.

On Sunday 14th March, Mersey Morris will be hosting an event as part of this commemoration. There will be Morris dances (including a dance written for the Neston miners), a local folk singer, a folk band, a poet performing a poem especially for the event and a role of honour for the 42 women, men and children who died working in the mine.

As this is not part of the standard repertoire of Mersey Morris and the performers, extra practice and rehearsal time will be required. Also, Mersey Morris will incur additional costs with members travelling from Liverpool, Frodsham and Oswestry, a poster produced by a graphic artist and additional performance equipment for the dance.

The usual fee for Mersey Morris for a special event like this is £200 but the officers of the side have agreed to do this as a gift to the town. In the light of this, I propose that the C&E Committee makes a donation of £100 to Mersey Morris from account code 4363 (community event donations) to cover the costs that will be incurred.

Cllr Braithwaite