



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 21ST MAY 2012**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr W Burton	Cllr A Arnold	Cllr M Rouse
Cllr S Overall	Cllr A Winchester	Cllr J Chaplin
Cllr B Ashton	Cllr J Yates	Cllr R Wood
Cllr N Clarke	Cllr E Every	Cllr P Eden (arrived 7.15 pm)
Cll R Hobbs	<i>District Cllr S Friend-Smith</i>	<i>District Cllr J Friend-Smith</i>

The Mayor welcomed everyone to his first Full Council meeting. He also welcomed his Chaplain, Reverend Alan Hulme and invited him to say a prayer before the start of the meeting. Following this Reverend Hulme left the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Griffin-Singh and Brear.

2. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM – as per standing order 83 b

No intentions were declared.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH APRIL & MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH MAY & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 16th April were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1187, 1188, 1189 and 1190 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1187, Item 3 – The Mayor had tabled draft Terms of Reference for the new City Centre Management Committee. Members agreed to pass any comments/amendments to this document on to the Clerk. This will be enclosed with the letter being sent out to organisations/businesses included within the Terms of Reference, inviting them to attend the first meeting. Representatives from these will be co-opted onto membership of this Committee. It was also unanimously agreed to appoint Cllrs Yates, Winchester, Arnold, Every and Overall as Council members of this Committee.

Page 1188, Item 11 – Cllr Rouse informed members that he had attended a meeting at the Larkfield Centre that morning, along with Cllrs Arnold, Chaplin and Griffin-Singh. They had met an officer of the County Council who had informed them that the County Council were looking for partners for the building. It was felt this building was capable of being sub-divided and used by several organisations. Members agreed this will be discussed at the next Full Council meeting, when further information can be considered regarding how this Council could work with the County Council to explore the options for this building.

The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on the 14th May were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1191, 1192, 1193 and 1194 refer. There were no matters arising.

4. QUESTION TIME

District Cllr Jeremy Friend-Smith congratulated the Mayor on his appointment and wished him well for the year. District Cllr Sheila Friend-Smith informed members she had passed on strong remarks to the members of the Transport and Development Committee of ECDC, that the City of Ely Council should be involved in the retail assessment of the City Centre, which is currently being undertaken by ECDC. Within the Section 106 priorities the issue regarding the extension of the footpath under the High Bridge through Cawdle Fen had now been included as a priority. County Cllr Bell had requested this be assessed and costed by Cambs County Council. She reported that the Perspective Group had taken pictures of the new pathway to the West of Ely and agreed to forward these to the Clerk.

5. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The past Mayor, Cllr Yates had attended the City's Environmental Action Day walkabout and debrief; the inaugural meeting of the Youth Forum; the St George's Day Dinner organised by the Huntingdon Royal Society of St George; Fenprobe's AGM; Ely Military Band rehearsal; Rotary Club concert; Ely Eel Day and Town Crier Competition; Prickwillow Village Council meeting; Youth Awards and the King's School Senior School Speech Day and Prize Giving.

The newly elected Mayor, Cllr Burton had attended the Ely Eel Day and Town Crier Competition and the Youth Awards.

6. PLANNING

Reports of a planning committee meeting held on the 14th May 2012 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

District Cllr J Friend-Smith left the meeting at 7.35 pm.

7. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

Notification of closure of Silver Street, Ely – between the 9.7.12 – 11.7.12

Notification of tree works:- the Old Fire Engine House, 25 St Mary's Street, Ely; 76 Lynn Road, Ely; 1 Elysian Close, Ely; 75 Deacons Lane, Ely; 18 New Barns Road, Ely; play area at Willow Walk, Ely; Walpole Court, Ely; 101 Lisle Close, Ely; 46A Prickwillow Road, Ely; 28 Barton Road and 38 Parade Lane, Ely. Refusal of application for site to rear of Ely House, 1 Redman Close, Ely (felling of conifer hedge)

Tree Preservation Order – 69 Arundell, Ely

Stagecoach changes for 10 June – Cllr Eden informed members these changes would come into effect from the 10th June 2012 and would be across the whole of Cambridgeshire. The current service to Cambridge will remain the same frequency, but will not run via Waterbeach and Landbeach, which will make slightly shorter journeys. An hourly service will run all day to Chatteris. The service to Littleport has been reinstated to hourly, instead of two hourly and will go via High Barns and the hospital. The new Ely service, funded by Sainsbury's is currently subject to review. It is expected this will be revised to include King's Avenue and Prickwillow Road. Unfortunately, it will not go to Prickwillow as the small population does not make it viable.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) ADMINISTRATION – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 9th July.

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 28th May.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Hobbs reported the new funbox at the skate park at St John's Road had now been installed and looked very good. The new MUGA at High Barns had also been installed and was being well used. A press release to publicise these new installations will be issued shortly.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 23rd May.

(iii) ELY IN BLOOM – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 22nd May.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – No report.

14. FINANCE

The following were approved for payment:

PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHQ NO
ECDC	360.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	506.00	paid by direct debit
Talk Talk	15.31	paid by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	26.71	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	78.94	paid by direct debit
ESPO	107.35	paid by direct debit
ESPO	47.59	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	344.45	paid by direct debit
KiddiVouchers	250.28	108541
Travelodge	1281.95	paid by credit card – paid by direct debit
Screwfix	230.30	paid by credit card – paid by direct debit
Firemart	12.59	paid by credit card – paid by direct debit
Royal mail	72.00	paid by credit card – paid by direct debit
LightMedia Displays Ltd	1314.60	108543
City Cycle Centre	70.27	108545
Mr Chinery-Colyer	80.00	108546
Marston Robing Ltd	1162.00	108547
March Brass 2000	150.00	108548
Mr P Holden	20.00	108549
Quadrant Security Group	2794.76	108551
Countryside Services	300.00	108552
Argos Business Solutions Ltd	70.51	108553
FP Mail Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
Zurich Municipal	106.00	108554
Direct Caterers	572.00	108555
CCTV Volunteer	14.08	108556
CCTV Volunteer	24.64	108557
CCTV Volunteer	7.04	108558
CCTV Volunteer	23.20	108559
CCTV Volunteer	14.08	108560
CCTV Volunteer	23.36	108561
CCTV Volunteer	78.72	108562
CCTV Volunteer	39.68	108563
Simpson’s Nurseries Ltd	90.00	108564
Deeping Direct Deliveries	38.40	108565
G & J Peck Ltd	495.47	108566
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	32.85	108567
CoolerAid Ltd	4.80	108568
1st Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd	172.06	108569
Barclays	27.18	paid by direct debit
Ely Pubwatch	25.00	108570
Ely College	20.00	108571
ESPO	63.88	108572
Gordon Harrison	154.95	108573
Lancaster Printing	216.00	108574
1st Ely Scout Group	72.00	108575
Latta Hire Ltd	1980.00	108576
Cambridge Newspapers Ltd	66.00	108577
ECDC	1.00	108578
ESPO	22.39	108579

Finance continued

Ely Tyre Services	239.60	108580
BHMA Ltd	54.00	108641
Gordon Harrison	2482.80	108642
British Telecommunications	56.16	paid by direct debit
Cambs County Council	20.00	108542
Mr W Burton	2295.00	108544

Payments relating to staff since meeting on 16th April 2012

Salaries and wages	£8555.69
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2477.74
Pension fund payments	£2613.36

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 30th April 2012, which was tabled.