



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2015 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT:

The Mayor – Cllr E Every Cllr I Lindsay Cllr C Phillips Cllr S Austen
Cllr C Whelan Cllr M Lansell Cllr A Whelan Cllr A Arnold

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

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

There were no intentions.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2014 AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th November 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages AA05 and AA06 refer.

4. TO REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Mayor circulated the objectives from the previous year and gave a brief history of the acquisitions made and where they are at now. It was agreed the terms of reference would be reviewed by the Mayor, Cllr Lindsay and the Deputy Clerk.

5. TO DISCUSS BUDGETS

The Mayor advised members that budgets will need to be set for Sessions House, The Maltings and the Maltings Cottage and reported to this Committee. Cllr Whelan had prepared a draft profit and loss account for the Maltings, which was circulated to members. It was agreed one of these will be required for each of these 3 budget headings. It was agreed the Asset Register would be reported to the Asset and Acquisitions Committee.

6. TO DISCUSS EMAIL FROM CATHEDRAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

Members noted the email from the Cathedral Conference Centre. It was agreed this would be discussed further at the Sessions House Stage II Working Group. The Deputy Clerk raised the point that letting the building has implications regarding staff, which will need to be considered. Members preferred option 2 in principal, but this would need further discussion.

7. MALTINGS

The Mayor updated members on the Maltings and the progress that the Venue Manager has made. The Council will need to discuss the future of the Maltings in order to be able to move it forward. When setting the budget for 2016/17, staffing needs for the Maltings will need to be considered, in order to assist the workload of the Manager.

8. MALTINGS COTTAGE

The Mayor advised that the Council is seeking quotes to refurbish the building to a satisfactory shell. An advert had been placed in the local paper requesting organisations to express an interest in renting the cottage, to which some responses had been received. The Mayor advised that the final use of the cottage should enhance the Riverside. A decision on the future of the building should be made quickly.

9. MAGISTRATES COURT

Cllr Lindsay advised that the Court room is not adequate for Council meetings. In order to overcome this problem the Juvenile Court could be used for meetings, if a lift for disabled access is provided. Purcell Miller Tritton had been consulted and had submitted plans for the installation of a lift. However there are some issues with these, which need to be discussed by the Working Group.

Cllr Lindsay advised there are possible grants available to fund alterations and once complete there are rooms that could be let out to organisations.

10. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

(i) To note updates on access report recommendations for the Maltings and Sessions House.

The access report recommendations were noted by members.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business.