



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE ECDC COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GRANGE, NUTHOLT LANE, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 7TH MARCH 2016

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr E Every
Cllr S Friend-Smith
Cllr M Lansell
Cllr J Pearson
Cllr A Whelan
1 parishioner

Cllr C Phillips
Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr D Warman
Cllr S Austen

Cllr A Arnold
Cllr S Pittock
Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr C Whelan

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Rouse and Moakes.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH FEBRUARY 2016 AND MATERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th February 2016 were agreed, subject to the correction of the date for the Queen's beacon on page 1486, item 10 and signed as a true record. Pages 1485, 1486, 1487, 1488 and 1489 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1486, item 6 – Cllr Hobbs gave an update on the proposals for the toilets in Ely at the ECDC Community Services Committee meeting on the 15th March. He gave reasons for the closure of the toilets, but did feel the distance from the Barton Road car park to the toilets at the Cloisters could be too far for disabled people. He therefore, felt these toilets should not close and as other parish councils had been given the opportunity to contribute towards toilets in their parish. He requested the City of Ely Council consider contributing towards the cost of the Barton Road toilets from the Council's CIL funds. This would be for only one year e would be reviewed again. This was discussed at great length with several valid points being made by members. Cllr Pearson proposed that the City of Ely Council, in principle, would wish to provide a contribution to ECDC for the retention of the Barton Road toilets for one year, to be reviewed at the end of the year, subject to CIL money being available, with a contribution of £8000. This was seconded by Cllr Lindsay, with a vote then being undertaken. There were 8 votes for, 2 against and 3 abstentions. As there was a majority, the proposal was approved.

Members also agreed the Mayor would write to ECDC complaining about how this review had been undertaken. The City of Ely Council had not been informed of these recommendations, had not been consulted and not been given the opportunity to discuss as had other parish councils.

Page 1486, item 10 – The Mayor informed members Section 106 funding was not available for the beacon, so this will be funded from the Council's budgets.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded members of the lighting of the beacon for the Queen's 90th birthday on the 21st April. The Town Crier and the City of Ely Military Band will also be present. She thanked everyone that had made her Mayor's Ball on the 5th March such a great success. So far she had raised £4000, but was hoping to reach £8000 with her mile of coins and other charity events in conjunction with Ely Hereward Rotary Club. The Mayor was also holding a clean-up of the City on the 3rd April.

6. QUESTION TIME

The Mayor reported on behalf of Cllr Rouse in his capacity as a County Councillor advised members that the work at Lisle Lane would be starting on the new cycleway.

Cllr Hobbs in his capacity as a District Councillor reminded members of the ECDC meeting regarding the moorings and hoped that members would attend. He also reported that the roads/venues for the new cinema site were now being set out and it was expected to be operational for the Summer of 2017. The Mayor read out a letter from the Great Ouse Boating Association thanking everyone who was involved in putting the mooring plan into operation on the Ely waterfront. Cllr Hobbs also informed members of the record totals for recycling in East Cambridgeshire, which was now up to 61.01%.

Cllr Arnold left the meeting at 7.50 pm.

Mrs Holden, a parishioner gave her views on the proposals by ECDC for the closure of some of the public toilets in Ely. She said there was no accessible toilet at the Paradise Sports Centre. The disabled toilet at the swimming pool was actually through the changing rooms. The disabled toilet at the Cloisters was accessible and was very well used. The Sacrist Gate was the least desirable, as you cannot really use with a wheelchair. At Palace Green there was no accessible toilet, however Broad Street was fine for accessibility. She said that ECDC had not undertaken any consultation on the proposed toilet closures, only on whether to charge. She also said that ECDC had not written an impact equality statement, which should have been undertaken before any recommendations were made. This had now been written, but a month after ECDC had made a decision. She had submitted all these comments to ECDC and would be speaking at the Community Services meeting at ECDC, where this decision will be made.

7. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended a skills meeting with ECDC and the LEP regarding school/business strategies; a meeting of the Ely Chamber of Commerce; Ely College Primary Careers Exhibition; deciding with Ely Produce the recipients of their charity fund following the potato race; Form the Future Skills Seminar, Cambridge; attended a media course 'As Apprentice Ambassador'; attended a Sanctuary Board Meeting to register concern about reduction of wards, particularly at Bell Holt; discussion on Ely Timebank; SWAT analysis Council meeting; Governor meeting at Ely College; meeting at Ely College on skills/pos 16; opened 'Special Event', a new shop on Broad Street; Volunteers Celebration; Governor tours at Ely College; photoshoot at the Maltings for KD Theatre Productions; budget setting training at Ely St John's Primary School; met with the Dean; Cathedral presentation on expansion options and the Mayor's Ball.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the Market Place redevelopment presentation; the Lighthouse Centre Funding Fair; Volunteers Celebration; met with the Dean regarding the Masterplan presentation; attended the Osmand Lecture at the King's School and the Mayor's Ball.

8. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 8th February 2016 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Notification of tree work:- 35 Waterside, Ely; Croylands, 30 Cambridge Road, Ely; St Mary's Surgery, 37 St Mary's Street, Ely; 18 Lynton Close, Ely; 4 The Paddock, Ely; 8 Egremont Street, Ely; 9 Willow Walk, Ely; 34 St Mary's Street, Ely; 32-58 Bell Holt, Ely

Notification from the Local Government Boundary Commission regarding the Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire: Final Recommendations. *Cllr Phillips said that the Commission had not taken into account the comments made by East Cambs and it was a very disappointing set of new boundaries. An appeal has gone in against these proposals as these are not in the best interests of democracy for our region.*

Notification by CCC of replacement of road markings and studs following surface dressing works

Notification of night works on 11.4.16 between 21.00 to 06.00 at Egremont St nr to Tel ex along Downham Road, St Marys Street, Cambridge Road, Witchford Road to roundabout, Ely

Notification from Cambs County Council regarding the construction of a new dual use footway/cycleway facility on Lisle Lane, Ely

Notification of road closures for essential works to the level crossings:- Clayway No 3 footcrossing, Sat-Sun 7.5-19.6.16 23.00-11.00 and Coffue Drove footcrossing, Sat-Sun 7.5-19.6.16 23.00-11.00

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee had not met.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Lindsay presented a report of a meeting held on the 15th February, which was noted. Two lotus vases with plinths will be purchased and located at the front of the Sessions House. The tree inspection report from Haine Tree Services had been received. There were a large number of trees that were in need of attention and a quote was awaited for this work. It was agreed the budget for tree maintenance for 2016/17 would be administered from one pot in the Recreation and Cemetery budget, as opposed to being split across two committees. The Ely in Bloom Working Group would be circulating a flyer to retail shops to encourage them to have wall mounted displays or hanging baskets this summer.

(iii) RECREATION AND CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – No report as Committee had not met.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – No report as had not met. Cllr Lindsay informed members the official invitation to the twinning event at Ribe next year, had now been received.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – No report as had not met.

11. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

Community Panel – this will be held on the 6th April at the Larkfield Centre, High Barns, Ely.

Sessions House Stage II Working Group – a meeting will be arranged shortly to discuss how to move forward with a possible lift to the Juvenile Court.

12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – The Clerk informed members the Speedwatch Scheme at Prickwillow was now moving forward. She had approved the order for signs on behalf of the Council, which were being sponsored by a local company. Training had been undertaken and their first outing would be on the 10th March.

Cllr Hobbs also reported Prickwillow Village Council had received a grant of £6500 from ECDC's Community Fund to upgrade the external woodwork on the village hall.

City of Ely Allotments Association – Cllr Hobbs reported the Association had gained third place in the Tesco community grant scheme and received a grant of £8000.

Ely Museum will be holding an open evening on the 10th May at 7.00 pm.

13. TO AGREE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR ALAN BEWERS AS THE FULL-TIME ESTATES TECHNICIAN

Cllr Hobbs proposed the appointment of Mr Alan Bewers as the full-time Estates Technician. This was seconded by Cllr Lindsay and unanimously approved.

14. TO DISCUSS HOW THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THE DRAFT TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The Mayor felt members needed to discuss how the Council would consider the draft Transport Strategy for East Cambridgeshire. Members agreed to ask Sally Bonnett from ECDC to hold a seminar for the Council and explain the impacts of this Strategy. Once this had been done the Transport Working Group will meet to discuss formal recommendations to the next Full Council meeting. This Group will be led by Cllr Mansell. The Mayor also informed members the Council had been unsuccessful with the bid for Lynn Road under the Local Highways Improvement Scheme. The bid for Cambridge Road, which had been financially supported by this Council, had also been unsuccessful.

15. PILOT ELY TIMEBANK

The Mayor tabled a report giving information for noting on a proposed Ely Timebank. Following the success of the Littleport Timebank, a number of interested parties were drawn together to consider the merits of setting up a Timebank for Ely. Following research, which included funding, it was agreed that a pilot of the Ely Timebank (from April-October 2016) would be set up with a view to the scheme continuing beyond this date.

Mrs Holden, left the meeting at 8.25 pm.

16. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

ECDC	3451.00	paid by direct debit
British Gas	1318.00	paid by direct debit
British Gas	6639.00	paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease Ltd	243.27	paid by direct debit
Vodafone	68.01	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	307.03	paid by direct debit
ESPO	599.75	paid by direct debit
ESPO	446.62	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	469.71	paid by direct debit
Shire Leasing Plc	284.70	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	30.92	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	66.60	paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease	243.27	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	25.33	paid by direct debit
Vodafone	68.50	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	178.96	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	1703.48	paid by direct debit
Barclays	141.67	paid by direct debit
RGP Security Services Ltd	148.20	110447
City Cycle Centre	154.44	110449
Cambridge City Council	90.00	110450
Johnson Cleaners UK Ltd	150.00	110451
Gordon Harrison	296.50	110452
Cambs County Council	721.64	110453
CCTV Volunteer	21.60	110454
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Lunchbox	42.00	110456
Mr M Chinery-Colyer	88.20	110457
Countryside Services	348.00	110458
Ely Museum	4615.50	110459
D Jones	56.00	110480
ECDC	60.00	110460
Wider Plan Ltd	253.20	110448
SLCC	600.00	110461
Local World Ltd	359.28	110462

16. FINANCE continued

Labour-tech Recruitment Ltd	10.50	110463
Trade UK	119.49	110464
ESPO	91.13	110465
G & J Peck Ltd	257.08	110466
Purcell Miller Tritton	270.00	110467
CamAlarms Ltd	159.32	110468
BFS Group Ltd	677.56	110470
Nisbets	151.17	110499
Stand Up Comedy Nights	750.00	110471
Labour-tech Recruitment Ltd	194.88	110463
Cam Alarms Ltd	168.00	110468
1st Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd	24.12	110472
M Rogerson Ltd	78.00	110473
ESPO	21.44	110465
Amey Cespa (East) Ltd	44.29	110474
FuelGenie	170.88	paid by direct debit
Clocking Systems	282.00	110475
Worldpay Ltd	115.47	paid by direct debit
Konica Minolta Bus Sols (UK) Ltd	369.33	110476
Southern Electric	2362.92	paid by direct debit
Deeping Direct Deliveries	115.20	110477
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	110478
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	145.14	110479
Worldpay Ltd	115.47	paid by direct debit
Worldpay Ltd	249.46	paid by direct debit

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 8th February 2016

Salaries and wages	£14289.31
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£3639.14
Pension fund payments	£6053.22

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 29th February 2016