



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN ECDC'S COUNCIL CHAMBER, NUTHOLT LANE, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 6TH MARCH 2017

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr M Rouse
Cllr S Friend-Smith
Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr J Yates
1 parishioner

Cllr A Arnold
Cllr M Lansell
Cllr C Phillips
Cllr A Whelan

Cllr E Every
Cllr D Warman
Cllr S Austen
Cllr C Whelan

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Pearson and Moakes.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY 2017 AND MATERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 6th February 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to the inclusion of a paragraph between agenda items 15 and 16, which read "Cllr Arnold raised an objection to some councillors using their mobile phones during the meeting. The Chairman said that he hoped they would not be using them inappropriately." Pages 1561, 1562, 1563, 1564, 1565 and 1566 refer.

There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman noted the passing of Cllr Covell on the 14th December 2016. He recognised the contribution she had given to the Council and the City. Through being the Chair of the Chamber of Trade, she ensured the City always had Christmas lights. He informed members there was a group within the City, Ely Local Hero Awards who had arranged a volunteer of the year type award and he had been asked to be part of the judging panel. The new Mayor will present the award on the 19th June. He also reminded members of his Mayor's Ball on the 22nd April.

6. QUESTION TIME

Mrs Holden, a parishioner informed members that as part of the Sessions House Working Party, from her point of view and that of the Access Group, they had now come to the end of looking for an acceptable lift. They had looked at this in extreme detail and done everything reasonable to ensure accessibility and aesthetically acceptable to be in keeping with the building. She had spoken to ECDC regarding the Council's bid for Section 106 funding and on behalf of the Access Group had written a letter of support for this, highlighting the benefits to the community.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Rouse, in his capacity as a County Councillor, informed members the County Council had agreed their budget for 2017, which also included the 2% for social care. He gave an update on the new Archives. He reported the By-pass was now underway and he was keeping a close eye on what Cambs County Council is planning between the two roundabouts on the A142, as he felt they needed to come up with a really good solution. He also needed to look at the gateway plans to ensure they are fit for purpose. Cllr Hobbs felt that as the Council owns some of the land in New Barns Road, it should have a conversation with Cambs County Council, to ascertain whether any of this could be used to alleviate the parking issues in this area. Cllr Rouse felt this was a good idea and said the Council should engage in dialogue with them.

Cllr Hobbs, in his capacity as a District Councillor informed members there had been no increase in the council tax for ECDC. The current disturbance to road users on Downham Road and Cam Drive was to get the services to the new cinema site. The underpass was behind schedule, but they should catch up and be completed within the next two weeks.

Cllr Every, in her capacity as a District Councillor informed members that herself and Cllr Rouse were on the County Project Team for the By-pass. She also reported the Community Forum had been postponed until the 11th May. This will concentrate on the North of Ely, transport and an update on the By-pass.

Cllr Friend-Smith asked in relation to the Waterbeach development, were the County Council looking at improvements on the A10. Cllr Rouse confirmed that a motion was put to the County Council to look at improvements to the A10 about six months ago. Cllr Every also confirmed that they had found money for a feasibility study on the A10.

Cllr Every informed members that an ECDC Community hub had opened at the Lighthouse Centre, which was open every Thursday. This was a collective agency, being supported by ECDC with funding from the Police Commissioner. She also reported that representatives from Cambs County Council, ECDC and the City of Ely Council had spent a whole day at Ely College, giving Year 9 students information on what Councils are about.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Ely College Careers Event; presentation of a cheque from KD Theatre Productions; met with the Dean of Ely; met with ADeC; opening of Kings Lynn Annual Mart; presentation of certificates to USAF Christmas Lights Volunteers; official opening of G & J Pecks at Lancaster Way; Volunteers Day at the Maltings; visited a lift installation in Coventry; visited to Ely Southern Bypass Exhibition and met with Naomi Sherwood, Organiser of Ely Local Hero Awards.

9. PLANNING

A report of a Planning Committee meeting held immediately prior to this meeting was received.

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received: -

Tree work:- 2A The Turnpike, Ely; 20A Forehill, Ely; 3 Summerhayes, Ely; Chantry House, 11B Barton Road, Ely; Cemex UK Material Ltd, Queen Adelaide Way, Ely; Acremont House School, 30 Egremont Street, Ely; 81 Morton Close, Ely

Notice of TPO:- Land opposite Meadow View, Soham Road, Ely

Street Naming and Numbering:- 8 & 9 Back Lane, Ely; 58A Cambridge Road, Ely

Clerks & Councils Direct

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting, held on the 20th February, which was approved. The Mayor proposed the draft internal audit terms of reference and internal audit plan be approved and adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Phillips and unanimously approved. Members noted and approved the annual assessment of the risk management for the Council. The Council’s annual review of the Council’s policies and procedures had been undertaken by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The Mayor proposed these all be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Phillips, and unanimously approved. The Mayor signed all the policies and procedures. The Mayor proposed the policy regarding employee absence be approved and adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Friend-Smith and unanimously approved. Members noted and approved an annual review of the Council’s direct debits. The Mayor proposed the annual increase of the rent charge of the shared equity housing scheme by the RPI at January 2017 of 2.6% be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Moakes and unanimously approved.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Lansall informed members, Cllr Every had organised a litter pick on the 2nd April. He urged all councillors to attend and give their support to this event.

(iii) RECREATION AND CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. The meeting arranged for the 1st March had been postponed as the Committee would not have been quorate. Cllr Phillips proposed the annual increase to the cemetery fees be approved at 2%. This was seconded by Cllr Warman and unanimously approved.

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

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

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Notes of a meeting held on the 7th February were noted.

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

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

No reports.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – minutes of the Annual General meeting held on the 16th January 2016 were noted. Cllr Arnold informed members there were a couple of inaccurate details within the minutes and she will bring these to their attention. Cllr Every reported a working party between the different agencies had been formed to help deal with the issues of speeding and mud on the road in Prickwillow. Some action points will be put to Prickwillow Village Council for them to help with these.

City of Ely Allotments Association – Cllr Hobbs informed members that there were two allotment plots on Back Hill, on the Needham’s Foundation’s land, which were given for use by the King’s School due to the loss of the Barton Farm allotments. The fence on the boundary needs replacing and this is the responsibility of the City of Ely Council. He has asked the Allotment Association to contribute 50% of the cost of this. They will be considering this request at their next meeting. The Clerk is obtaining three quotes for this work. Members unanimously agreed to give authority to Cllrs Hobbs and Lindsay and the Clerk to proceed with this, with a maximum 50% amount up to £1500.

Ely Museum – Cllr Every gave an update, as the City of Ely Council is a major contributor to Ely Museum. She said they had received funding to take forward the development of the bid. Interviews for a Project Manager would be held next week.

High and New Barns Steering Group – Cllr Arnold confirmed this Group had now disbanded.

14. TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM SESSIONS HOUSE WORKING GROUP WITH REGARDS TO THE TENDERS FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF DISABLED ACCESS PROJECT AT SESSIONS HOUSE

The Mayor gave members a brief history on this project and confirmed that Purcell Miller Tritton had undertaken a tender evaluation of the four tenders received. They had recommended the cheapest quote from C D Hood Ltd be accepted at a cost of £119,287 plus VAT. The Mayor confirmed he and Mrs Holden had managed to visit the proposed lift in situ and agreed this would meet the Council's requirements. The Clerk reported the Council's VAT consultants would be visiting next week to discuss this matter. Cllr Hobbs proposed the Council accepts this quote in principle, subject to confirmation regarding the funding and claiming back of the VAT. This would be confirmed at the next Full Council.

15. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE NEW DRAFT CAPALC MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT CONSULTATION

Members agreed that with some input from Cllr Every, the Mayor would respond to this consultation on behalf of the Council.

The parishioner left the meeting at 8.15 pm.

16. FINANCE

Barclays	114.55	paid by direct debit
Vodaphone	68.01	paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease Ltd	243.27	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	2288.51	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	158.52	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	32.55	paid by direct debit
ESPO	524.98	paid by direct debit
ESPO	158.88	paid by direct debit
ESPO	417.67	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	436.70	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	1093.90	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	26.88	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	104.40	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	24.48	paid by direct debit
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Barclaycard	76.46	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	43.20	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
Newmarket Hampers	595.00	111017
Mitchell & Mayle Ltd	216.00	111018
Lunchbox	66.00	111019
RGP Security Services Ltd	234.00	111020
Cambs County Council	738.79	111021
Wider Plan Ltd	256.11	111022
Total Gas & Power	11.91	111023
Haine Tree Services Ltd	4926.00	111024
CamAlarms Ltd	180.00	111025
Fenland Leisure Products Ltd	354.00	111026
Glasdon UK Ltd	581.13	111027
Mr P Sindall	7.80	111028
City Cycle Centre	123.37	111029
Simon Bradley	250.00	111030
The Play Inspection Company	1524.00	111031
Trade UK	94.98	111032

16. Finance continued		
ESPO	80.65	111033
Gordon Harrison	126.90	111034
G & J Peck Ltd	472.35	111035
Chris Clowe	560.33	111036
Archant Community Media Ltd	72.00	111037
Purcell Miller Tritton	942.01	111038
Mr M Chinery-Colyer	90.00	111039
Caterfix Ltd	341.27	111040
M Rogerson Ltd	11924.52	111041
Securitas Security Services Ltd	48.00	111042
Newmarket Hampers	1020.00	111043
BFS Group Ltd	290.13	111044
Newmarket Hampers	420.00	111043
The CCTV Training Academy	1920.00	111045
NVCS Ltd	191.06	111046
Jewson Ltd	53.69	111047
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	37.39	111048
G & J Peck Ltd	4.09	111035
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions (UK) Ltd	369.33	111050
Cooleraid Ltd	9.48	111051
RGP Security Services Ltd	78.00	111052
Urban Forestry(BSE) Ltd	2784.00	111053
Lyrcco UK Ltd	37.37	111054
Stoke Ferry Timber Ltd	362.33	111049

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 6th February 2017

Salaries and wages	£15131.71
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£4685.02
Pension fund payments	£6805.06