



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE VERNON CROSS ROOM, ELY MUSEUM, MARKET STREET, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 11TH DECEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson, Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr E Every

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr S Friend-Smith

Cllr J Yates

Cllr S Austen

Cllr D Warman

Cllr P Moakes

Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr M Lansell

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Whelan and Cllr Pearson.

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 20TH NOVEMBER 2017 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 20th November 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1623, 1624, 1625, 1626, 1627, 1628 & 1629 refer. There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced there would be an Extraordinary Full Council meeting on the 15th January to discuss the Maltings Cottage.

6. QUESTION TIME

As there were no members of the public present there were no questions.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Every, in her capacity as a County Councillor, updated members on the work she had carried out on her County Council Committees. She also confirmed that the Bypass was on schedule. As a District Councillor, she informed members of the Quality Charter Steering Group, which is an independent group who oversee the quality of what new buildings will look like. This covers the whole of Cambridgeshire.

Cllr Austen, in her capacity as a District Councillor, reported that the Licensing Committee had approved the new fees with regard to taxis.

Cllr Rouse, in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members the Local Plan was currently under consultation. He gave an update on the last Planning Committee meeting.

Cllr Hobbs, in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members the new swimming pool was on schedule for a handover on the 14 April 2018. As Mayor he congratulated all those involved in the Christmas Lights and asked the Chairman to pass on the Council's thanks.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the USAF Mildenhall Thanksgiving Service at Ely Cathedral; the open day at Elyte Fitness; started Ely Festival 5k Fun Run; presented prizes to best Guy competition at Ely Lantern School; attended Military Wives concert; attended Air Ambulance meeting; switched on Ely's Christmas lights; opened Queen Adelaide Christmas Craft Market; attended Councillor Christmas Dinner; presented prizes at Year 11 Ely College awards; attended the Household Cavalry concert and the Christingle Service at Ely Cathedral. The Deputy Mayor had attend Ely Choral Society Carol Concert at St Mary's Church.

9. PLANNING

A report of the Planning Committee meeting, immediately prior to this meeting was received.

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Notification of tree work:- Vera James House, Chapel Street, Ely; 78 St Marys Street, Ely; 7 Beech Lane, Ely; Verge adjacent to electric sub station, Davison Road, Ely; 6 Three Cups Walk, Ely; 28 Douglas Court, Ely; Acremont House, 28 Egremont Street, Ely

Notification of road closures:- Shippea Hill Turnpike to facilitate carriageway reconstruction works – 22.1.17 to 2.3.17; Shippea Hill level crossing – 01.00 hrs to 08.00 hrs on 25.2.17

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as Committee had not met.

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

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Arnold presented a report of a meeting held on the 27th November, which was approved. Members felt the Christmas Lights looked excellent this year. The Chairman agreed to pass on thanks to all those involved.

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

(vi) ELY/RIBE – The Group had met and due to organisations wanting to join the Association to link with those in Ribe, they will need to change their constitution. The Council will be consulted on this before it is formally adopted.

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

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

There were no reports.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – notes of a meeting held on the 13th November 2017, were noted.

East Cambs Access Group – the Chairman's Report for 2017 presented at their AGM was noted.

Needham's Foundation – Cllr Friend-Smith informed members a meeting had been held on the 4th December. Governors had agreed to provide an additional £1000 grant to each Ely School.

Trinity Dole – Cllr Phillips informed members he had attended a meeting held on the 7th December. He gave a brief background on the charity and how they allocated their funds to the public. One of the Council's representatives is a past councillor, Mr Walter Bebbington. He had decided to retire, so the charity will be writing to the Council to request a new representative is appointed. It was agreed the Mayor would write a letter of thanks to Mr Bebbington.

Ely Museum – Cllr Every reported the Museum had presented at the Asset Committee at ECDC and had received a very positive response. They will present again in February and would then like to attend a Full Council meeting of the City of Ely Council to provide an update on their progress.

14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE TABLES AND CHAIRS LICENCE RENEWAL – LEMON TREE DELI, 9 MARKET STREET, ELY

Members discussed this application and unanimously agreed to support this. However, it was requested that their ‘A’ board be positioned within this area and not on the public open space. The applicant should ensure the barriers are also in place, as visually impaired people find it very difficult when there are tables and chairs in the highway. If a barrier is in place this aids their movement and prevents them from bumping into the tables and chairs.

15. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON MARKET PLACE AND MARKET STREET, ELY STREET PARKING PLACES AND NO STOPPING ORDER

After a lengthy discussion the Mayor proposed the Market Place and Market Street, Ely Street Parking Places and no Stopping Order be supported. This was seconded by Cllr Rouse and a vote undertaken. There were 10 votes in support, 1 against and 2 abstentions. It was therefore agreed to support this Order. Concern was raised over the amount of street clutter along the pavement frontage of some shops and it was agreed as this was currently being tackled by the East Cambs Access Group, they should continue to try and resolve this problem. The Mayor did agree to write to Cambs County Council regarding enforcement of this problem, if this was felt necessary.

16. TO PASS A RESOLUTION THAT MISS C INMAN AND MR D BATES BE SPECIFIED AS PENSIONABLE EMPLOYEES UNDER REGULATION B1(5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS 1986 (AS AMENDED)

The Mayor proposed this resolution be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Yates and unanimously approved.

17. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ECDC REGARDING ELY WIFI

ECDC had requested that if this project moved forward then the City of Ely Council would need to give permission for relays to be placed on some of the CCTV columns. This was unanimously agreed.

The Mayor proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, regarding agenda item 15, that this be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 be exercised. This was seconded by Cllr Rouse and agreed to go into Committee at the end of the meeting.

18. UPDATE ON STRUCTURAL REPORT FOR OLIVER CROMWELL HOUSE

Due to the confidential nature of this item it will be discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting

19. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments

LEX Autolease	243.27	paid by direct debit
Barclays	154.86	paid by direct debit
ECDC	415.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	261.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	1166.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	862.00	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	26.16	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	27.48	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	2867.07	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	122.76	paid by direct debit
ESPO	49.18	paid by direct debit
ESPO	274.69	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	315.82	paid by direct debit
EE Ltd	91.20	paid by direct debit
Worldpay (UK) Ltd	115.74	paid by direct debit

16. Finance continued

The following invoices had already been paid prior to the Full Council, due to due date of payment with the approval of the Chairman

Infiniti Graphics LLP	60.00	111494
Mr Baxter	84.00	111495
Mr M Chinery-Colyer	70.00	111496
Morelock Signs Ltd	76.00	111497
A Arnold	23.06	111498
Lunchbox	64.75	111499
Mr P Eden	15.20	111501
Mr M Chinery-Colyer	17.10	111500
Twenty Pence 2000 Ltd	14.40	111502
Shefs	5640.00	111503

The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

Gordon Harrison	16.14	111505
Heelis & Lodge	350.00	111506
Ensign Solutions Ltd	55.20	111507
Jewson Ltd	57.34	111508
Warren Access	504.00	111509
CCTV Volunteer	16.20	111510
SLCC	282.00	111511
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	7.40	111512
Total Gas & Power	9.08	111513
Trade UK	41.38	111515
ESPO	206.12	111516
G & J Peck Ltd	54.11	111517
Escape Mobility Company Ltd	114.00	111518
BFS Group Ltd	362.01	111519
B H Doors & Engineering Ltd	446.40	111520
Shefs	4464.00	111504
RGP Security Services Ltd	655.20	111521
Radio Facilities Ltd	13.82	111522
Anglia Artistes (UK) Ltd	1058.00	111523
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	1665.22	paid by direct debit
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	100.63	111524
Simpson's Nurseries Ltd	149.52	111525
ECDC	78.00	111526
Total Gas & Power	9.23	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	2858.96	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	63.72	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	43.95CR	
Cooleraid Ltd	4.74	111527
Ely Electrical Services	181.80	111528
EMG Motor Group	300.00	111532
RGP Security Services Ltd	374.40	111521
S Bradley	500.00	111530
Speedy Asset Services Ltd	74.46	111531

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 20th November 2017

Salaries and wages	£0.00
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£0.00
Pension fund payments	£0.00

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 30th November 2017 which was tabled