



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, 3RD APRIL 2018

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson, Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr J Pearson

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr I Lindsay

2 members of the public

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr S Friend-Smith

Cllr J Yates

Cllr A Whelan

Cllr D Warman

Cllr P Moakes

Cllr E Every

Cllr M Lansell

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Phillips and Cllr Austen.

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 5TH MARCH 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 5th March 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to the addition of an 'I' in the heading of item 17 to read 'Chairs'. Pages 1647, 1648, 1649, 1650, 1651 and 1652 refer. Matters arising – Page 1652, item 12 – Cllr Arnold informed members this issue had now been resolved.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded members of the launch on the 4th April, of the Council's takeover of the Tourism Information Centre at Oliver Cromwell's House, Tourism and Ely Town Centre. He hoped that all councillors and staff would be able to attend as this would be a formal welcome to the team. He also thanked the Clerk for all her hard work, ensuring everything was done on time, to allow this service to come over on the 1st April. He also reminded members of the Councillor Seminar on the 9th April and the Town Crier Dinner on the 5th May.

6. QUESTION TIME

Mrs Holden, a parishioner, informed members that the hedge on Cambridge Road had now been cut back. This just left the puddle near the pedestrian crossing to be sorted. She asked if there was an update on the lift. Cllr Lindsay reported the steel fabricator had been booked to erect the steel in the lift shaft, unfortunately he had been taken ill. The Clerk will chase the contractor for a new date for this work to be carried out. Mrs Holden felt that the Council had not received the standard as expected from Purcell Miller Tritton. She felt we had seriously been let down and that perhaps the Council should consider sending a letter to them, regarding this.

Ms Haynes, a parishioner asked Cllr Every for an update on 'A' boards. She understood that Cllr Every would be having a meeting with County regarding this. Cllr Every said that she was not aware of any meeting. Cllr Arnold said that she had informed East Cambs Access Group that it was hoped to have this meeting and that it had not been arranged yet. Cllr Every said she would be happy to meet with County and will contact them direct to arrange this. Cllr Rouse said that letters had been sent to shops in Littleport regarding a similar problem with 'A' boards. Mrs Holden informed members the County Council had told them that they would not monitor, but if someone did so,

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they would take action. However, they have been monitoring and provided them with the evidence, but they had still not taken any action.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Every, in her capacity as a County Councillor, informed members the Children and Young Peoples Committee met a few weeks ago. She gave an update on funding issues regarding the local schools. She also informed members of the Innovate and Cultivate Fund and the Market Towns funding from the Combined Authority. A plan will be drawn up for Ely to see what the best use of this funding will be, with this Council being consulted when it is undertaken by the Combined Authority.

Cllr Hobbs, in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members the official opening of the Hive will be on the 11th May.

Cllr Rouse, in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members the next meeting of the ECDC Planning Committee will be considering the planning application for the proposed care home at Cam Drive.

Cllr Every, in her capacity as a District Councillor, informed members the waste contract had now transferred to ECDC and extra recycling bins can be purchased for £25. ECDC had also had a successful relaunch of the Community Safety Partnership. She was working on drawing up a new tree strategy for ECDC.

It was noted that Sgt Priestley was leaving Ely Police Station due to a promotion. Members agreed the Mayor should send a formal letter for his work and support to this Council.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had met with the new High Sherriff, Dr Harter; attended the Hereward Rotary Charter dinner; met with the Police regarding anti-social behaviour at the Leisure Village; attended the Easter coffee morning at Soham Lodge Care Centre; attended a concert by Ely Choral Society; attended a service at St Mary's Church for 100 years of the RAF; had a tour of Ely Army Cadets; attended the ECDC Parish Conference and the Good Friday Service at Ely Cathedral.

9. PLANNING

A report of the Planning Committee meeting, immediately prior to this meeting was received. The Mayor said that Planning is always very difficult and sometimes controversial, but he hoped members came to these meetings without preconceived ideas, as independent councillors. However, he had been contacted by a member of the public regarding a planning statement that had been made in a political leaflet. He asked Cllr C Whelan, how she could make this statement. Cllr C Whelan said she did not wish to respond to his question at this time. Cllr A Whelan invited the Mayor to put his concerns in writing to Cllr C Whelan.

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Notification of tree work:- 39 Back Hill, Ely; Old Bishops Palace, Palace Green, Ely; 32 Nutholt Lane, Ely; 16 Downham Road, Ely

Notification of road closures:- A142 Stuntney Causeway between Queen Adelaide and Quanea Drove, Ely – 29.5.18 – 17.6.18 (19.00 – 07.00 hrs); Victoria Street, Ely – 11 – 13.06.18; Ely Road (B1362), Queen Adelaide – 00.01 hrs – 23.55 hrs on 22.4.18; West Fen Road, Ely – 11-13.4.18

Notification of bus service changes

Email from Cambs County Council regarding policy on tables and chairs licence renewal

Thank you letter from the Chairman of the Isle of Ely Arts Festival regarding the use of the Maltings

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee had not met. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are currently undertaking the annual review of the Council's Policies and Procedures.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Lansell presented a report of a meeting held on the 20th March, which was approved. Members noted that a meeting had taken place with Balfour Beatty to discuss arrangements for use of hanging brackets and Christmas decorations on the new lampposts. Permission has been granted for brackets to be installed on the columns in the Market Place. The list of current traffic/parking issues that had been brought to the attention of councillors by parishioners were noted. It was agreed that some of these issues were for the attention of the police and Cambs County Council. Any additional issues should be reported to Cllr Lansell so they can be added

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to this list. Cllr Every said she was working with County Council on trying to move forward the adoption of King’s Avenue. Cllr Every also informed members of the large number of complaints about how the waste is being dealt with at the Witchford Recycling Centre. Cambs County Council are being very difficult. A County Councillor is looking into these complaints. The Mayor had agreed to write to ECDC regarding the under used trader spaces at Barton Road car park. Cllr Lindsay asked if he had received any response from this. The Mayor said he had sent a letter but had not received a response. He agreed to raise this at meeting he has next week. It was agreed to purchase eight Speed Watch signs to be erected in the Speed Watch zones. It was hoped these would help maximise the influence of Speed Watch. Cllr Whelan reported she had taken part in a couple of Speed Watch sessions last week. The new equipment is working very well. The planned work for the replacement lantern programme by Balfour Beatty was noted.

- (iii) RECREATION & 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 – Minutes of a meeting held on the 13th March were tabled and noted.
- (vii) YOUTH FORUM –No report as Group had not met.

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

There was nothing to report.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

City of Ely Allotment Association – minutes of meetings held on the 15.11.17, 20.12.17 and 21.2.18 were noted. Cllr Warman informed members that the Chairman of the City of Ely Allotment Association had done a really good job liaising with County regarding the Bypass work and the affect this would have on the allotments at Stuntney Causeway. The Mayor asked if Cllr Warman was able to report on the possible merger of the Association and the Horticultural Society. She confirmed she was unable to do so. He expressed his concerns regarding the condition that if they were to be wound up that all their assets would transfer to this Council. This is a condition in the existing lease with the Association, but with regards to the Horticultural Society, this Council does not want to end up with responsibilities that it does not necessarily want. Members unanimously agreed the Mayor should discuss this issue with the Chairman of the Allotment Association and that the Council would support the merging of these two organisations, but the Council would be protected on any winding up process, if this was to occur.

Stuntney Village Council – Cllr Every reported that they had their first meeting with the Project Manager for the Bypass, but unfortunately, she had been unable to attend. She understood this had been a very lively meeting and a further meeting has been booked. They are addressing the issues they have as they wish to ensure the community benefits from this project.

14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC’S CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED TREE WORK AS PART OF A PLAN FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT NEWNHAM STREET CAR PARK, BORDERING THE ATRIUM CLUB, 39/41 NEWNHAM STREET, ELY

Members unanimously agreed to support these proposals. They felt it would much improve and tidy up this area. However, due to the loss of the trees they requested that if replacement trees cannot be planted in this area, they should be planted in another area of Ely.

15. TO FORMALLY APPOINT MS J FAIRWEATHER AS A VENUE AND ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT AT THE MALTINGS FROM THE 10TH APRIL 2018 AND TO PASS A RESOLUTION THAT THEY BE SPECIFIED AS A PENSIONABLE EMPLOYEE UNDER REGULATION B1(5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS 1986 (AS AMENDED)

The Clerk informed members that following advertising and interviews, Ms Fairweather was being recommended for formal appointment as a Venue and Administration Assistant at the Maltings. The Mayor proposed that she be appointed and a resolution passed that she be specified as a pensionable employee under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as amended). This was seconded by Cllr Arnold and unanimously approved.

The two parishioners left the meeting at 8.00 pm.

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MAYOR
8th May 2018

16. TO FORMALLY APPROVE A FURTHER 12 MONTH AGREEMENT TO ADeC FOR CINEMA SCREENINGS AT THE MALTINGS

The Mayor informed members of the recent meeting with ADeC. They had confirmed that their cinema numbers were still good and were working extremely well with the Maltings staff. He proposed the Council agree to approve a further 12 month agreement with ADeC for the cinema screenings at the Maltings. This was seconded by Cllr Moakes and unanimously agreed. Cllr Every requested that a record be kept of the number of times that the Maltings is used for free by charities and organisations. This can then be quantified at the end of the year.

17. TO FORMALLY APPROVE AND SEAL THE LEASE WITH REGARDS TO OLIVER CROMWELL'S HOUSE

ECDC have now sent a proposed lease to the Council's solicitors. A copy will be forwarded to councillors for their information. The Mayor will report back to councillors once the solicitors have given their advice on this matter. The formal approval and sealing of this document will be deferred to a future Full Council meeting.

18. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION REGARDING ELY LEISURE VILLAGE EGRESS, DOWNHAM ROAD, ELY – PROHIBITION OF ENTRY ORDER 2018

Members unanimously agreed to support this Order.

20. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments

LEX Autolease	243.27	paid by direct debit
EE Ltd	91.20	paid by direct debit
ECDC	267.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	1407.38	paid by direct debit
ECDC	460.67	paid by direct debit
ECDC	888.00	paid by direct debit
Worldpay	251.84	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	680.53	paid by direct debit
ESPO	143.40	paid by direct debit
ESPO	446.52	paid by direct debit
ESPO	783.80	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	208.16	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	60.76	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	2437.45	paid by direct debit
Siemens	569.40	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	150.00	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	343.61	paid by direct debit

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

Ely Museum	7619.00	111635
Plugtest Ltd	630.00	111636
City Cycle Centre	35.20	111637
Trade UK	81.03	111638
Twenty Pence 2000 Ltd	619.20	111639
Cooleraid Ltd	17.94	111640
HM Revenue & Customs	4427.72	111641
Total Gas & Power	8.01	111642
Ensign Solutions Ltd	151.80	111643
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	111644
Balfour Beatty Living Places Ltd	1385.89	111645

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Gordon Harrison	165.16	111646
City Cycle Centre	26.64	111647
Konica Minolta Bus Sols Ltd	369.33	111648
ESPO	63.53	111658
ECDC	17.92	111651
Playsafety Ltd	814.00	paid by BACS
Deeping Direct Ltd	115.20	paid by BACS
Savills (UK) Ltd Client Receipts Acc	264.50	111649
Trade UK	25.48	111650
Argos Business Solutions Ltd	23.51	111652
Nisbets	71.88	111653
CCTV Volunteer	6.30	111654
CCTV Volunteer	10.80	111655
Infiniti Graphics LLP	40.00	111656
RGP Security Services Ltd	93.60	111657

The following invoices have not been paid prior to the meeting

CamAlarms Ltd	180.00	111664
Information Commissioner	35.00	111665
Shefs	1200.00	111666
K Ellis	1500.00	111667
Newmarket Hampers	2338.80	111662
Greene King Brewing & Retailing Ltd	199.08	paid by direct debit
Barclays	205.67	paid by direct debit
Cambs County Council	866.79	111668
Jewson Ltd	45.90	111669
FuelGenie	163.45	paid by direct debit
S Bradley	270.00	111659
Lunchbox	25.20	111660
ECDC	1553.80	111670

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 5th March 2018

Salaries and wages	£17183.27
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£5252.90
Pension fund payments	£7675.32

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 28th February 2018