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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER 2019**

PRESENT: Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk to the Council

Cllr M Rouse, Mayor

Cllr S Bellow

Cllr S Austen

Cllr D Warman

Cllr K Wilkins

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr R Morgan

Cllr E Every

Cllr A Whelan

Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr R Denness

Cllr C Whelan

NOT PRESENT: Cllr M Downey

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Carlsson Browne.

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 21ST OCTOBER 2019 AND MATTERS
ARISING**

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 18th November 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1798, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803 and 1804 refer. There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor spoke regarding the recent General Election and the decisive public decision.

He hoped that Councillors could now concentrate on the issues that are important to Ely and its parishioners.

He informed members the Mayor's Pantomime Gala Evening will be on Thursday. There will be a collection for the Mayor's Charity. He reported the Lights Switch-On event on the 29th November had been a superb evening.

6. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No reports were given.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended Launch of new book 'The Misericords and Choir Stalls of Ely Cathedral', met with the Dean of Ely, with Cllr Every, Tree planting at Isle of Ely School, Arthur Rank Hospice Santa Run, Welcoming staff and students from the JFS to Ely, Judging Christmas shop window displays, Anglo-American Thanksgiving Eve Service in Ely Cathedral, Ely College Christmas Fayre, Methodist Church Christmas Fayre, Eco Ely Tree-planting, Lily House Christmas Fayre, Big Bash for Charity at the Maltings, Ely College Presentation of leavers certificates,

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT continued.....

Mrs Cromwell's Christmas Feast, Oliver Cromwell's House, Cheque presentation by Ely Allotments & Gardens to EARTH, Dementia Choir at Methodist Church, Children's Society Christingle, Memory Tree Blessing at the Old Palace, Central Band of the Royal British Legion, Sing! Together concert at Needham's Hall, Presentation of Shield and certificates for Best Dressed Window, Staff and councillors get together at Oliver Cromwell House, Presentation of Bronze Window Award to Milan Barber Shop, Visit to re-opened King's Arms, Ely Military Band on the Market Place, Ely Museum's Father Christmas in the Session's House, Littleport Band and Community Choir in Ely cathedral, Ely Choral Society in St Mary's Church, Therapy Dogs at Waitrose, Artistic Roller Skaters party at Paradise Centre, City of Ely Military Band Christmas Concert and Carols by Candlelight 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:- car park Ely Railway Station, Station Road, Ely; 30 Back Hill, Ely; 31A & 33 Cambridge Road, Ely; Squadron ATC Cadet Centre, 18 Heaton Drive, Ely; St Etheldreda Catholic Church, Egremont Street, Ely; 36 Waterside, Ely; grass verge adjacent to 28 Cambridge Road, Ely; 33 Egremont Street, Ely; 23 Yorke Way, Ely; The Old Palace, Palace Green, Ely; 35 St Mary's Street, Ely; 15 Columbine Road, Ely

Notification of road closures:- Market Street, Ely – 6.1-8.1.19; Footpath 17 and 57, Ely (Mile End Road, Prickwillow) – 20.12.19-19.6.20; Ely Road, Queen Adelaide – 11-12.1.20

Street Naming & Numbering:- Central Hall, Market Street, Ely

Thank you letter from regarding Citizens Advice Rural Cambs for their grant

Annual report from Town Crier

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – Cllr A Whelan presented a report of the meeting held on the 2nd December 2019 which was accepted by members. Cllr A Whelan proposed the budget for 2020/21 with a precept of £601,391.00 and gave a detailed explanation of what is expected from the Maltings and Visit Ely. She also advised at the next meeting of Full Council, the Council's Strategic Plan will be put forward and therefore budgeting will need to go beyond one year to support this. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Every and unanimously approved by members. Cllr Every advised members' that both the Maltings and Visit Ely need support from Councillors in order for them to be successful.

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

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

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

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – Cllr Morgan presented a report of the meeting held on the 9th December 2019, which was accepted by members. He advised members a meeting will be held with ECDC on Tuesday regarding the Maltings Cottage.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – no report as had not met. A quiz night had been held in the Council Chamber on the 15th November, which had been a great success. There are no exchange visits planned for the coming year.

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

(viii) TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE – Cllr Warman reported on the meeting held on the 21st November 2019, the minutes of which will be available at the next Full Council meeting. She reported the Ranger is doing well. Shop Mobility needs to be hosted somewhere else and members were requested to make suggestions for this.

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

CIL Working Group – notes of a meeting held on the 10th December 2019 were approved. Cllr Austen proposed that the Council accept and approve the recommendation of the Group that £80,000 be allocated to support the replacement of retractable seating. Cllr Every and Cllr A Whelan could not support this application and Cllr Whelan suggested that other avenues of funding are explored, such as sponsor a seat. It was agreed to form a working party to look at different options. This will consist of Cllrs Every, Morgan and Bellow. Cllr A Whelan agreed to help if the group requires any assistance. The Deputy Clerk advised members that should the seating fail this will have dire implications on the running of the Maltings. There was no vote taken by members on Cllr Austen's proposal. Cllr Lindsay proposed that £53,000 be allocated to the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing to St Johns School, on Beresford Road. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Every and unanimously approved by members. Cllr Every advised members' that the success of this bid is dependent on how it is sold at the meeting of the Minor Highways Improvement Scheme to be held on 14th January 2019. She requested that other Councillors attend with her if possible. Cllr Denness will attend.

Communications and PR Working Group – Cllr Every reported the next edition of the ElyI will be January.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Cllr Phillips reported he and Cllr Denness had attended a meeting of the Trinity Dole Charity.

14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON A TABLES AND CHAIRS LICENCE APPLICATION – LEMON TREE DELI, 9 MARKET PLACE, ELY

Members unanimously agreed to support this application. However, it was requested that any 'A' boards be positioned within this area and not on the public open space. The applicant should ensure that 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 CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH MINERALS WASTE LOCAL PLAN: PROPOSED SUBMISSION PLAN CONSULTATION – 15.11.19 – 9.1.20

Members did not comment on this consultation as the proposal falls outside of the Parish of Ely.

16. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON A PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT CHURCH FARM, THE HAMLET, CHETTISHAM, CB6 1SB

Members had no objection to this proposal.

17. TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FROM INTERVIEW PANEL TO APPOINT THE TOURISM/SALES AND EVENTS OFFICER 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 Mayor informed members of the process undertaken and proposed the Council formally appoint Mrs K M White to the position of Tourism/Sales and Events officer and the Council pass a resolution that they be specified as a pensionable employee under regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as amended). This was seconded by Cllr Austen and unanimously approved.

18. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE AND CAMBRIDGESHIRE CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND NATIONAL COMMUNITY ENERGY CAMPAIGN AND TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO APPOINT A CLIMATE CHAMPION FOR THE COUNCIL

Cllr A Whelan presented her Climate Change Emergency proposal, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes. She proposed that the Council declares a Climate Change Emergency and forms a working party to move this matter forward. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Lindsay and unanimously approved by members. The working party will consist of Cllrs Denness, A Whelan, Wilkins, Lindsay and C Whelan.

Members agreed to refer the correspondence regarding the Local Electricity Bill to the working party.

19. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments and BACS payments

ECDC	908.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	491.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	933.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	275.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	1733.00	paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease	695.29	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	325.38	paid by direct debit
Barclays	237.12	paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	62.11	paid by direct debit
Plan Communications Ltd	116.99	paid by direct debit
Worldpay	124.66	paid by direct debit
Worldpay	100.89	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	284.72	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	3167.74	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	48.80	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	215.41	paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	paid by direct debit
ESPO	239.03	paid by direct debit
ESPO	1008.08	paid by direct debit
ESPO	358.54	paid by direct debit
ESPO	92.98	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	1026.80	paid by direct debit
Haven Power Ltd	6.95	paid by direct debit
Haven Power Ltd	34.28	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brew & Retailing Ltd	2850.15	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brew & Retailing Ltd	3064.10	paid by direct debit
Shire Leasing Plc	242.70	paid by direct debit
Liquidline Ltd	274.60	paid by direct debit
Mr Todd	705.00	paid by direct debit
Rotary Clubs of Ely	1786.60	paid by direct debit
S Blake	1149.50	paid by direct debit
East & Smith Air Conditioning Ltd	6255.60	paid by direct debit
Hey Bendalls Ltd	1200.00	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

Infiniti Graphics (Ely) Ltd	80.00	113001
Mrs A Hayter-Smith	200.00	113002
T J Rollason	150.00	113004
Shefs	1665.00	113005
R Manning	307.00	113006
Elyi Magazine	285.60	113007
Greg Blunt Decorators Ltd	7080.00	113008
Anglia Artistes (UK) Ltd	1650.00	113009
Eden Farm Hulley's	185.11	113010
RGP Security Services Ltd	936.00	113011
Greg Blunt Decorators Ltd	7788.00	113012
RGP Security Services Ltd	360.00	113013
Jolie Booth	135.00	113014

19. FINANCE continued.....

The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

Cooleraid Ltd	14.60	113015
Discover Newmarket	444.00	113016
Warren Access	1532.40	113017
Thompson Media Partners Ltd	200.00	113018
Shefs	83.16	113019
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	59.12	113020
Elveden Farms Ltd	2334.00	113021
Aztek Services Ltd	180.07	113022
SLCC	376.00	113023
Arco Ltd	36.58	113024
BFS Group Ltd	956.63	113025
ATS Heritage	300.00	113059
The Play Inspection Co Ltd	2154.00	113026
Cambridge City Council	72.00	113027
Mile Tree Brewery Ltd	159.69	113028
Ely Museum	9474.25	113029
Fen Farm Supplies	115.80	113030
FloHeat Services Ltd	330.00	113031
GB Seating Ltd	1464.00	113032
Ensign Solutions Ltd	153.60	113033
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	113034
Ely & Soham Electrical Services Ltd	162.90	113035
Verve Digital Ltd	120.00	113036
Mrs E Gardener	68.80	113060
ECDC	171.60	113037
Sun Traffic Ltd	1428.00	113038
Mrs A Bennett	24.80	113039
CCTV Volunteer	10.80	113040
Securitas Security Services (UK) Ltd	235.20	113041
Businessclean (Cambridge) Ltd	1116.44	113042
G & J Peck Ltd	37.51	113043
Speedy Asset Services Ltd	100.92	113044
Total Gas & Power	8.88	113045
East Cambs Street Scene	749.98	113046
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions (UK) Ltd	622.64	113047
S Neill	900.00	113049
Trade UK	171.20	113048
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	824.93	113051
St Mary's Church PCC	275.30	113052
Infiniti Graphics (Ely) Ltd	34.99	113053
HM Revenue & Customs	543.13	113054
Ely Cathedral	100.00	113055
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	6.45	113051
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	44.96	113051
3Rd Ely Guides	33.00	113056
Shefs	834.00	113057
DBL Promotion	200.00	113058
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	48.40	113051
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	30.00	113051
ATS Heritage	900.00	113059
Glasswells	540.00	113060
Jewson	123.99	113061
Argos	68.58	113062

19. FINANCE continued.....

The Hungry Roundhead	298.00	113063
Konica Minolta	111.08	113047
City Cycle Centre	41.88	113064
Gordon Harrison	113.10	113065
Cambs County Council	197.98	113066
Speedy Hire	127.38	113044
Espo	64.16	113048
Total Gas & Power	136.76	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	476.56	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	1236.62	paid by direct debit
Chess	209.36	paid by direct debit

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 18th November 2019

Salaries and wages	£29,981.36
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£7,947.31
Pension fund payments	£13,967.59

Members noted the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 30th November 2019.

City of Ely Council – Meeting 16th December 2019

Climate Emergency Proposal:

- 1) Declare Climate Emergency
- 2) Two separate areas:
 - a. CoEC assets and behaviours
 - b. Ely beyond direct CoEC control
- 3) Public involvement essential
- 4) Appoint working party including external people
- 5) WP to consist of
 - a. Chair – to act as Climate Change Spokesperson (not champion)
 - b. People with specific responsibilities (to be determined by the WP) eg:
 - i. Planning,
 - ii. electric car charging
 - iii. Website
 - iv. Facebook page
 - v. Food
 - vi. Land and ecology
 - vii. School
 - viii. Plastic free Ely
 - ix. Lobbying
- 6) WP to work with external groups:
 - a. ECDC
 - b. CCC – consider proposals being drafted and how these link to CoEC and Ely
 - c. EcoEly
 - d. Climate action groups
 - e. Other groups?
- 7) WP to critique the environmental impact of actions of the City of Ely Council and its Committees
- 8) WP to develop policies based on public involvement to aim for CoEC to achieve zero carbon
 - a. What is zero carbon
 - b. What do we need to do to achieve that
- 9) WP to seek to achieve zero single use plastics
- 10) WP to develop proposals for a reduction of waste with a commitment to:
 - a. Refuse
 - b. Reduce
 - c. Reuse
 - d. Recycle
- 11) Develop a 'How To ...' (in conjunction with other bodies/agencies) series to help residents and businesses understand small steps they can take.
- 12) WP to investigate lobbying higher level authorities/national bodies
- 13) WP to instigate an electronic survey of the residents of Ely on Climate change
- 14) WP should, in conjunction with appropriate committees, consider areas including, but not limited to:
 - a. Solar Panels

- b. EV Charging
- c. Carbon footprint calculator
- d. CCC Carbon neutral Cambridgeshire
- e. Public Transport (CIL)
- f. Car sharing
- g. National Lottery climate change fund
- h. Rewilding verges and meadows & gardens (Rec & Cem, Environment)
- i. Tree planting schemes (Rec & Cem, Environment)
- j. School involvement (Youth Panel)
- k. Litter picks (Environment)
- l. LED lighting (Assets & Tourism)
- m. Sustainable heating & Lighting (Assets & Tourism)
- n. Crowd funding energy schemes
- o. Car share schemes
- p. Cycle facilities at CoEC properties
- q. Support Schools with 'walking bus' initiatives
- r. Tetra cycle

Recognising the Climate Change Emergency

Resolution for City of Ely Council meeting on 16 December 2019

The recent 2018 IPCC report on Climate Change [1, 2] states that we have already caused a 1°C rise in global temperature. The difference between the impacts of global warming of 2°C and 1.5°C is much greater than previously thought and we are currently heading for a catastrophic 3°C rise. In the last few weeks, the World Meteorological Organization has published research demonstrating the increasing carbon dioxide levels along with concentrations of other gases that are damaging our planet and our health and that of our children.

Time is running out and there is we need to achieve Net Zero Carbon by 2030. We acknowledge that this target is challenging and beyond the target set by Government, and the risk of slippage is therefore high. However, the need to commit to aggressive reduction targets and carbon neutrality as quickly as possible is such that even school children are taking action. We must remember who has the most to gain or lose from decisions we make now.

Growing numbers of parish, town, district and county councils are declaring a Climate Emergency. This is a non binding commitment partly symbolic, but is a genuine commitment to work towards a specific measurable target. It might seem that a Parish Council can't really do much, but by declaring a climate emergency as policy we could.

We can start by acknowledging the problem and accepting that action is needed.

Climate change is relevant to many of our activities, creating/maintaining green space in the City, working to improve public transport, providing feedback on wider council strategies for transport, housing as well as specific feedback on planning applications. This proposal provides justification to treat climate change as a factor in future decision making.

This could also be a route for getting help with some projects if they are in the context of working towards a carbon neutral community.

We can help to break the 'crowd mentality' where no-one steps into action because we all think someone else is better able to act. If other councils and governments see communities and councils stepping up, it becomes easier to join them.

All levels of government, national, regional and local, have a duty to secure our community from the negative impacts of climate breakdown. Local government should not wait for national government to change their policies.

If school children can put national government to shame over their response to climate change and specifically the IPCC report, then surely so can parish councils.

Proposal that City of Ely Council:

- Join other councils in declaring a Climate Emergency

- Form a Climate Emergency Working Group in accordance with the attached
- Report to each City of Ely Council meeting on Climate Change Working Party progress
- Acknowledge that each of us is responsible for working to deal with the Climate Change Emergency and that all members will be advised of working party meetings and will seek to attend
- Chairs of Committees to prepare a climate impact assessment of the activities of their Committees
- Prepare a climate impact assessment for all proposed Council policies, projects and proposals

Alison Whelan
Ely North

References.

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- [1] The IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/>
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