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**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON
MONDAY, 27TH JULY 2020**

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson - Clerk to the Council

Cllr S Austen, Mayor

Cllr S Bellow

Cllr E Carlsson Browne

Cllr A Whelan

Cllr I Lindsay

1 Parishioner

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr R Morgan

Cllr K Wilkins

Cllr E Every

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr D Warman

Cllr M Downey

Cllr R Denness

Due to technical difficulties the Mayor, Cllr Austen was unable to Chair the meeting from the beginning, but took over the Chair from item 8. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Morgan chaired the meeting, whilst Cllr Austen was not able to do so.

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

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 29TH JUNE 2020 AND MATTERS ARISING AND MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING AND MAYOR MAKING HELD ON THE 13TH JULY 2020 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 29th June 2020 were agreed and will be signed as a true record. Pages 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847 and 1848 refer. There were no matters arising.

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Making held on the 13th July 2020 were agreed as a true record. Pages 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852 and 1853. There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

6. QUESTION TIME

A parishioner said that they wished to comment on item 18. They felt that Ely was very inclusive and considered that all lives mattered and although black lives mattered, everyone in Ely matters.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Bailey gave her apologies as she was unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr Every, gave a report in her capacity as both a County Councillor and District Councillor. A copy of her report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

Cllr A Whelan, in her capacity as a District Councillor, informed Councillors that at the Finance & Assets Committee it had been agreed that ECDC's governance statement was not fit for purpose and will be redrafted. The Equality and Diversity Policy also needed reviewing and concern had been expressed regarding the quality of this document. This will be going back to the Committee in September. The finance report for the first quarter showed that Covid-19 had cost ECDC £500,000. The results of the bus and cycling consultation should be available shortly. Cllr C Whelan, in her capacity as a District Councillor, informed Councillors they had received a presentation regarding the Community Safety Partnership. It was agreed to invite the officer to attend the next City of Ely Council, Full Council meeting.

Cllr Downey, in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed Councillors he has had a fairly busy couple of weeks, with regard to the Splashpad, BLM motion and being on the Covid-19 Working Group.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had not attended any engagements due to the lockdown. She did thank everyone for making her virtual Mayor Making very pleasant.

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:-

Street Naming and Numbering:- 15A Beech Lane, Ely

Notification of Road Closures:- Bridge Road, Ely – 10 – 17.8.20; Black Horse Drove, Ely – 12 – 14.9.20 and 20 – 21.9.20;

Victoria Street, Ely – 10 – 14.8.20

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 3rd August.

(ii) CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 10th August.

(iii) ASSETS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 24th August. Cllr Morgan informed members he had attended a meeting with the Mayor, Cllr Rouse, the Clerk, the Deputy Clerk and ECDC councillors and officer regarding the Maltings Cottage. This was going to be discussed at ECDC's Finance and Assets Committee and a letter will be sent following this, instructing the City of Ely Council on the work they wish them to undertake on the cottage.

(iv) TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 17th August.

12. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

CCTV – Cllr Every informed members the CCTV Working Group continues to meet on a regular basis. A review of the current cameras is currently being undertaken and is moving forward.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Stuntney Village Council – Cllr Lindsay informed members he had attended a meeting on the 8th July. At this meeting they had discussed possibly naming part of the bypass, after a past resident. The Clerk will be working with them to move this forward.

14. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTION:-

Local Electricity Bill

That City of Ely Council:

- i. acknowledges the efforts that this council is making to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;
- ii. recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;
- iii. further recognises
 - a. that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
 - b. that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils and local community co-operatives to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
 - c. that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;
- iv. accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of 187 MPs; and
- v. further resolves to write to the local MP asking them to support the Bill in Parliament and to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.

Cllr Morgan proposed the Council accept this motion. This was seconded by Cllr Arnold and following a vote was unanimously approved. It was also agreed this should be referred to Climate Change and Environment Committee to move forward.

15. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC'S LICENSING ACT 2003 – STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

Members agreed they would make no comment on this consultation, but members may wish to respond to the consultation as individuals.

16. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MODEL MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT CONSULTATION

Members agreed to refer this consultation to the Governance Working Group to look at and make comment. All Councillors were urged to look at the Council's adopted Code of Conduct Policy, to ensure they abide by these, as there are consequences if this Code is not adhered to.

17. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE TABLES AND CHAIRS APPLICATION FOR THE RIVERSIDE INN, 8 ANNESDALE, ELY

It was unanimously agreed to support this application. However, the applicant should ensure that barriers are 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. There must also be enough space between the outside space and the highway and does not cause an obstruction, as there are many cyclists and pedestrians that use this route.

18. TO CONSIDER MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR DOWNEY AND SECONDED BY CLLR C WHELAN REGARDING BLACK LIVES MATTER

Council notes:

1. In the UK 26% of instances of police using firearms are against Black people, despite Black people making up only 3.3% of the population. 51% of young men in custody in the UK are from Black, Asian or minority ethnic backgrounds, despite these groups making up only 14% of the UK population. The 2017 Lammy Report concluded that 2 “BAME individuals still face bias, including overt discrimination, in parts of the justice system”. Most recently, we’ve seen that BAME people are 54% more likely than 3 white people to be fined under the new coronavirus lockdown laws.
2. Here in Ely, Black people face being stopped by police just because they are Black. An example of this happening in Ely was recently posted on social media.
Data from Stop Watch shows that in 2018/2019, police officers in Cambridgeshire subjected Black people to stop and search at a rate of 6 times more than white people.
3. The police killing of George Floyd in June 2020, has led to protests against the killing of Black people by police everywhere from Floyd’s home of Minneapolis, to the UK, Japan, and New Zealand. The world knows George Floyd’s name, and his death has fuelled a movement to end police violence against Black people.

City of Ely Council extends our solidarity to the Black Lives Matters movement and believes that:

- A. Racism in all forms, both structural and in individuals, continues to be a serious and often unseen problem throughout the UK, including in the City of Ely. The needs and challenges of Black people may differ from those of Asian people and also those of other minority ethnic groups and the Council will ensure that this is reflected in our approach to equality, diversity and inclusion.
- B. Although progress has been made in combating racism in all its forms, more work is needed to eradicate it entirely.

This Council, representing people in Ely, welcomes its duty to actively lead that work locally. Council resolves to meet the challenge head-on with immediate action to:

- I. Review and recommend concrete actions to ensure that we maintain an actively anti-racist outlook, ensuring Ely is a welcoming and inclusive place for all.
- II. Commit to taking an active part in Black History Month.
- III. Write to the Minister for Schools asking the government to provide resources to schools to support them in providing further historical context for events normally only seen through the lens of white British history.
- IV. Ask the Police & Crime Commissioner to put in place measures to ensure that arrest and custody measures are proportionate.
- V. Write to the MP representing Ely to ask that rather than spending money on another race inequality review, the Government implements recommendations of previous reviews - specifically including but not restricted to, the Lammy and Windrush recommendations.

On a long-term basis this Council believes there is a need to further address racism, and therefore resolves to, over time:

- VI. Ask officers to regularly review our progress on the measures above, report progress to the Personnel Finance & Governance Committee and recommend to Council any additional steps required to achieve these goals.
- VII. Ask the Governance Working Group & the Strategic Plan Working Group to review and examine the internal structures of the City of Ely Council to ensure Black Asian and Minority Ethnic people are not

18. TO CONSIDER MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR DOWNEY AND SECONDED BY CLLR C WHELAN REGARDING BLACK LIVES MATTER CONTINUED

disadvantaged. Ask them to work to understand specifically how many minority ethnic people the council employ, where they are working, what barriers, if any exist to their career progression and recommend any changes required to our staff policies and procedures to ensure that they are inclusive.

- VIII. Act on any concerns raised about street names which derive from individuals or organisations that have racist links.
- IX. Ask the Police & Crime Commissioner to report on what measures have been put in place to reduce the disproportionality of BAME people affected by the use of stop and search powers seen locally and nationally and how often are these measures are reviewed; and to provide a regular report as to initiatives and progress.
- X. Ask the Combined Authority to produce a toolkit for businesses to help broaden their understanding of race inequality in the workplace, including but not limited to materials, signposts to relevant local groups and training that can be provided for staff, and links to relevant networks.

It was resolved this Council, by a majority, approve this motion. Cllr Downey will produce an Action Plan with dates and lead this forward. A press release will be issued by the Chairman of the Council.

19. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments and BACS payments

Lex Autolease	695.29	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	30.84	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	100.29	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	1326.05	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	101.44	Paid by direct debit
Chess ICT Ltd	209.36	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	113.85	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	135.77	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	134.69	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	48.72	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	258.71	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	737.45	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	948.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	923.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	499.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	1821.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	279.00	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Plan Communications Ltd	116.99	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	78.66	Paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	298.81	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	62.93	Paid by direct debit
Haven Power Ltd	34.28	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	314.19	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	48.00	Paid by direct debit
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	569.40	Paid by direct debit
Shire Leasing Ltd	242.70	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	250.00	Paid by direct debit

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19. FINANCE CONTINUED

Francotyp Postalia Ltd	72.00	Paid by direct debit
Mena Boughey	250.00	Paid by BACS
Marston Robing	2436.00	Paid by BACS
Safesite Facilities Ltd	553.44	Paid by BACS

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

Clearview Communications Ltd	7366.80	113318
Ely Art Society	405.00	113319
J Allwood	324.00	113320
R Hobbs	271.00	113321

The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

Soham Pest Control	99.00	113322
ATS Heritage Ltd	300.00	113323
CamAlarms Ltd	196.20	113324
Ensign Solutions Ltd	107.96	113325
Jewson Ltd	26.02	113326
Trade UK	73.95	113327
Millennium Pest Control Ltd	66.00	113328
Eden Farm Hulley's	240.92	113329
J Littleboy	335.00	113330
Total Gas & Power	9.62	113331
G & J Peck Ltd	1.15	
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	17082.24	113332
Middle Fen & Mere IDB	83.16	113333
K Edmondson-Brown	25.00	113336
Anglian Water	90.10	113334
Anglian Water	27.20	113335
Lemon Tree Deli Co	51.00	Paid by BACS
Expressions Academy of Performing Arts	342.00	113337
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	504.00	113338
Cambs County Council	3979.25	113340
John Lewis Partnership	120.00	113341
Anglian Water	39.28	113342
Jewson Ltd	26.02	113326
J Knighton	22.00	113343
S Carnevale	160.00	Paid by BACS
Anglian Water	84.47	113344
Barclays	76.65	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	180.00	113345
CoolerAid Ltd	30.00	113346
Mrs A Bennett	23.00	113347
Lemon Tree Deli	17.00	Paid by BACS

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 29th June 2020

Salaries and wages	£28,919.71
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£7,860.08
Pension fund payments	£9,241.90

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 30th June 2020

The meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

Due to enforced social distancing caused by the Coronavirus, this meeting took place by video communication, accessed by the Zoom meetings facility.

**City of Ely Council– Cambridgeshire County Council and East Cambridgeshire District
Update – 21 July 2020**

**Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr Lis Every, Cambridgeshire County Councillor – Ely North**

Full Council met on 21 July 2020. Three motions were fully debated concerning the British farming's high production standards post-Brexit; issues concerning Covid-19 and care homes and for particular interest to this City Council meeting, the Black Minds Matters Motion which had had cross party input and discussion prior to the debate and which was passed unanimously.

Members received a full briefing from the Director of Education updating the education programme to date during Covid-19 and advising the situation for September school start. Members passed on congratulations to all the schools on the work they had done during these challenging times and the creative way each school was dealing with its own particular circumstances for September.

A new format for the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee working for our children in care and care leavers was agreed with the formation of a Children in Care Council who would be participating in 3 of the 6 Committee meetings which monitor the experiences of the young people for whom the County Council elected members take on the role of Corporate Parent.

East Cambridgeshire District Council – Ely East

The Full Council was held on 16 July 2020. At this meeting the petition of over 1,000 local signatures for the Splash Pad was received. The petitioners were advised that it was usual for Town and Parish councils to provide local play facilities which had been recognised by the presentation of the petition to the City of Ely Council as well who were considering the allocation of CIL:/S106 funding for this purpose. If this was progressed the District Council would assist in identifying and facilitating a suitable location for the Splash Pad.

Three motions were discussed. In line with the ECDC constitution if the subject matter was already to be discussed at a Committee meeting, the Local Electricity Bill was referred to the Operational Services Committee and the Black Lives Matter was referred to Finance and Assets Committee when the motion was widely discussed with many actions being passed unanimously at F&A Committee. The motion to ban the release of all types of helium-filled balloon and sky lanterns on property and land owned by the District Council and the resolution that ECDC would ask all Parish and Town Councils within East Cambridgeshire to pass a similar motion, was passed.

The Operational Services Committee received a presentation from the Manager of the Community Safety Partnership which was very well received. Requests to assist in their own parishes were received from some Committee members who were pleased to know that a programme of awareness raising and training would be available for delivery to all Parishes and Town Councils over the coming year and that there would be strong links with all the post-Covid-19 working parties that were now in existence.

The ECDC Post-Covid-19 has met for the first time and will be meeting again this week.

Work on the bus review and the pop-up cycling and walking schemes continue to progress and we await confirmation for our submission for the latter. Some suggestions have been put forward to a second Tranche for which there will be some funding as they were not considered to be 'pop up' but were considered to be beneficial to the agenda.

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