



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL  
STREET FURNITURE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM  
ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012**

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**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Elaine Griffin-Singh      Cllr. Nigel Clarke      Cllr. Anthony Winchester      Cllr. Alison Arnold  
Cllr. John Yates

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Philip Eden and Cllr. Will Burton.

**2. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM- *as per standing order 83b*).**

No intentions were received.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011) & MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages STL 140 & 141 refer.

There were no matters arising.

**4. BUDGET UPDATE**

Members noted the budget update dated 6<sup>th</sup> February 2011. There were no significant variances.

**5. DOG BIN AUDIT WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

Cllr. Griffin-Singh and Cllr Burton have now cross referenced the audit with requests for new dog bins from parishioners. Thirteen locations have been identified where the installation of a dog bin would be beneficial. The committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of installing dual purpose bins that could also be used for general litter. It was agreed that the cost of purchasing nine new dog bins would be explored.

**6. LITTER BIN AUDIT WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

Cllr. Griffin-Singh requested that members check their local community and report any gaps in litter bin provision at the next meeting.

**7. BENCH AUDIT WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

The bench audit has now been completed and their locations plotted on the map. It was agreed that the 'sponsor a bench scheme' could now begin.

**8. OUTDOOR EATING & DRINKING ARRANGEMENTS**

Cllr. Yates reported that Cambridgeshire County Council now have a standard policy for Cambridgeshire. A meeting has taken place to discuss where they would like to see pavement licensing occurring. An individual or an organisation can apply to the County Council for a license. The City of Ely Council is then consulted and a decision is made as to where and how the applicant will be licensed. There will be a charge of £315 for permits over a certain size. The license will have to be renewed every two years at a cost of £100. The City of Ely Council's role will be to ensure that the organisations/individuals operate within the terms of their license.

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*\*Due to the fact that the Mayor had to leave early to attend another meeting, items 10 & 14 were brought forward and discussed before item 9, whilst he was still present.*

*With regard to items 9,11,12 & 13, due to the absence of the Mayor, the meeting became inquorate and decisions made can only be recommendations of the Street Furniture committee members still present. These recommendations will be circulated to all Street Furniture Committee members for their formal approval before the next Full Council meeting.*

#### **9. REQUEST FOR A BUS SHELTER AT THE A142 ROUNDABOUT**

With reference to a previous request for a bus shelter to be erected near to the roundabout at Lancaster Way Business Park, Cllr. Griffin-Singh reported that she has spoken with representatives of Grovemere Property and they have agreed that they could offer a donation of £1500 towards the cost of installing a bus shelter. It was agreed that costs would be finalised and that this committee would recommend that the Council would pay the balance if the budget allows.

#### **10. CITY CENTRE TEAM**

Cllr. Yates reported that as a result of discussions with the Ely Trading Association, he has written to ECDC proposing that a City Centre Management Team be set up. Cllr. Yates has approached organisations such as the Police, Highways, and the Cathedral to gauge interest and the response has been positive. Cllr Yates will be putting forward a proposal to ECDC.

#### **11. RE-FURBISHMENT PARTNERSHIP COMMITMENT**

This informal partnership agreement between the City of Ely Council, ECDC and the County Council has not been active for several years. Members present agreed that they would not seek to resurrect this partnership but would continue to make ECDC aware of items of street furniture that needed attention. Those present also agreed that they would like to retain the budget previously allocated and put it towards other works.

#### **12. REQUEST FOR A CITY OF ELY FLAG**

Cllr. Arnold proposed that a City of Ely flag should be purchased to be flown on the Market Place on the days when no other civic flags are flown. The members that were present agreed to this in principle. Quotes would be sourced.

#### **13. STREET LIGHTS ON FOREHILL**

Cllr. Griffin-Singh commented that some of the new street furniture that has been erected at the bottom of Forehill is not in keeping with other street furniture in the city centre. The posts for the new street light and CCTV camera are silver and parts of the posts on the zebra crossing are also silver when they should be black. It was agreed that the Conservation Officer at ECDC would be contacted and then a decision would be made as to whether the County Council would be approached to rectify these issues.

#### **14. SNOW CLEARING VOLUNTEERS**

It was agreed by members present that a potential snow clearing scheme to be manned by volunteers should be discussed by Full Council. The proposed scheme will involve volunteers coming forward to clear snow in their area under guidance from the County Council.

#### **15. A.O.B.**

There were no further items to discuss.

#### **16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be in April 2012.

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