



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON MONDAY 13th JUNE 2016

PRESENT;

Cllr C Phillips Cllr I Lindsay Cllr S Friend-Smith Cllr R Hobbs Cllr A Arnold Cllr S Pittock

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr M Lansell.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Cllr Lindsay proposed that Cllr Mansell should be elected as Chair of the Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Friend-Smith and unanimously agreed. Cllr Lindsay also proposed that Cllr Friend-Smith should be elected as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Hobbs and unanimously agreed. As the newly elected Chair was not present at the meeting, Cllr Friend-Smith chaired the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – *to receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary & other interests from Councillors, as set out in Standing Order 83b.*

There were no declarations received.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH FEBRUARY 2016 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 15th February 2016, were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV15 and 16 refer.

Page 16, Item 8 – A Section 106 application was made and approved. Five dog waste bins have been delivered, with one being allocated to ECDC for the Country Park.

Page 16, Item 9 – Cllr Lindsay reported that he had had a walk around of parts the City, accompanied by Mrs Lindsay, Cllr Pittock and Mr Block and had logged and taken photographs of areas of concern such as broken street furniture, dirty signs etc. The plan is to extend this to other areas of the City.

5. BUDGET UPDATE

A budget update was unavailable due to the new financial years' accounts being set up. The Officer advised that it would be available for the next meeting.

6 REVIEW OF EXISTING TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference were reviewed and it was agreed that no changes were necessary.

7. ELY IN BLOOM

Cllr Arnold reported that the hanging baskets have been put out and all baskets and barrier planters have been planted. Two large pots have been purchased for the Maltings and have also been planted. The Working Group have been discussing the possibility of extending the displays with a container at the bottom of Fore Hill and installing bigger gateway planters at the entrances to the City.

A discussion about the future provision of the floral displays took place. It was agreed that quotes would be sourced from local suppliers, to provide and maintain Ely's floral displays for three years beginning Summer 2017.

The Ely in Bloom competition judging will take place on Friday 29th July 2016.

The Administration Officer reported that a hanging basket had been stolen from Jubilee Gardens and that Balfour Beatty have once again confirmed that when the new lampposts are erected, they will transfer the hanging baskets and brackets onto the new posts.

8. REQUEST FOR A DOG WASTE BIN IN THE COUNTRY PARK

It was agreed that two dog waste bins would be installed. One at Engine's Yard and one on the green area at Williams Close.

9. BUS SHELTERS

There are several bus shelters on Cam Drive and one at the Princess of Wales Hospital that do not belong to any authority. It has been suggested that the City of Ely Council should adopt these bus shelters and take over the maintenance of them. Members present agreed this in principle, but would like the Estates Manager to inspect them and report on their current state of repair before a decision is made.

10A.O.B.

There was no further business.

11. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting has been scheduled for 15th August 2016 at 7.00pm.