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CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON MONDAY 26TH JUNE 2017

PRESENT;

Cllr M Lansell Cllr E Every Cllr C Phillips Cllr J Yates Cllr A Arnold Cllr R Hobbs, The Mayor
Cllr I Lindsay Cllr M Rouse Cllr S Friend-Smith

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Cllr Every proposed that Cllr Mansell should be elected as Chair of the Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Friend-Smith and unanimously agreed. Cllr Hobbs proposed that Cllr Friend-Smith should be elected as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Every and unanimously agreed. Cllr Mansell then chaired the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – to receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary & other interests from Councillors.

There were no declarations received.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH APRIL 2017 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10th April 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV25 and 26 refer.

Matters Arising – Page 26, item 9. Cllr Lindsay has been approached by residents who have requested that more litter picking events should be arranged. It was agreed that if the Council had its own litter picking equipment, it could be used by members of the community. Cllr Hobbs suggested that a cost for the purchase of the equipment should be sourced and that he would approach local companies that may be interested in sponsoring these. A provisional date of Sunday 22nd October 2017 was discussed for the next organised litter pick, but this was not confirmed.

5. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 20th June 2017. There were no significant variances.

6. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

The County Highways department will be painting a warning alert on the pavement outside of the car park entrance/exit of Sessions House. The warning alert will say 'look left' or 'look right', in the hope that it will make pedestrians aware that they are about to cross a vehicular access/exit.

7. ELY IN BLOOM

The new "welcome" planters have been built by the Estates team and will be planted with the excess plants that could not be used for the Market Place or Market Street. Prickwillow Village Council has also made use of some of the leftover plants.

The Ely in Bloom competition judging will take place on Wednesday 26th July 2017. Approximately 15 judges will be needed.

8. REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF LITTER BINS FROM S106 MONIES.

It was suggested by Cllr Pearson, at a recent meeting of the Personnel, Finance & Governance Committee, that S106 money could be used to provide new litter bins for Cam Drive and the Downham Road area. It was agreed by this Committee, that a formal discussion would have to take place with ECDC before any decision could be made. Cllr Rouse suggested that if litter bins were needed, then ECDC should be asked to provide them so as not to confuse the issue of ownership. Cllr Hobbs agreed to raise this with ECDC and report back to the Committee. It was also noted that some of the litter bins are in need of refurbishment as they look very unsightly. Cllr Rouse would also like to know if they have a process of refurbishment.

9. REVIEW OF THE TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP.

Cllr Every presented a discussion paper on traffic/transport concerns that have been brought to the attention of the City of Ely Council by residents. Please see notes attached. Cllr Every proposed that the Committee should have a plan of action in an attempt to deal with the issues and a discussion followed on how a traffic working group could be configured and which concerns should be prioritised. Cllr Rouse suggested that it would be advantageous to try and find out what improvements Cambs County Council is planning to make in the future, enabling the Committee to focus on other issues. Cllr Hobbs proposed that a lead person should be appointed and that a meeting should be arranged with Cambs County Council to advise the Committee. It was agreed that the cost for the purchase of mobile speed reduction equipment, would be sourced.

10. REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS PLAN

Due to the lack of time available, Cllr Mansell proposed that this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

11. A.O.B.

Cllr Hobbs informed the meeting that he would liaise with the Deputy Clerk to arrange a date for the dedication ceremony of Mr Nigel Clarke's memorial bench.

12. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting has been scheduled for 7th August 2017 at 7.00pm.