



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2017

PRESENT;

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr M Rouse.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH JUNE 2017 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 26th June 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV27 and 28 refer.

Matters Arising – Page 27, item 4, Matter Arising – It was confirmed that 22 sets of litter picking equipment had been purchased. Unfortunately, no sponsorship funding had been sourced.

Page 28, item 8 - It had been 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 Hobbs reported that this issue was part of a programme being looked at by ECDC.

Page 28, item 9 – Cllr Every confirmed that a meeting had taken place with Adam Cobb of Cambs County Council to discuss various issues, including the minor highways bids.

4. BUDGET UPDATE AND BUDGET SETTING

Members noted the budget update, dated 3rd October 2017. There were no significant variances. A discussion about budget setting for 2018/2019 took place. In view of town centre and tourism becoming the responsibility of the City of Ely Council and the Committee's ambition to purchase more litter picking equipment, it was agreed that the following budget would be requested:

Ely in Bloom	£11,000
Street Furniture	£3,000
Materials	£500
Lighting/Energy	£1,700
Bus Shelters & Memorial Facilitation	£2,000

5. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

There were no health and safety issues.

6. ELY IN BLOOM

Please see the attached report from Cllr Arnold.

7. TRAFFIC WORKING PARTY

Cllr Every reported that two minor highway bids for traffic calming measures in Prickwillow and for Forehill, Ely have been completed and submitted. With regards to the 20mph zones, requested for Highfields School and possibly for the Isle of Ely School, Highfields School has been contacted to request a possible contribution from the “Friends of Highfield School.”

8. PRICKWILLOW TO QUEEN ADELAIDE CYCLE PATH/WALKWAY.

Cllr Arnold had been asked by Prickwillow Village Council to raise the issue of the installation of a cycle way to connect Prickwillow and Queen Adelaide. Cllr Hobbs suggested that this was not the right time to be exploring this possibility and the Council should review it in early 2018. He also suggested that a project of this scale should involve the residents of both Queen Adelaide and Prickwillow and the County Council. Cllr Hobbs agreed to talk to the Prickwillow Village Council and find out if any work/research had been carried out.

9. REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS PLAN

The business plan was discussed and no changes were made.

10. BUS SHELTERS – NORTH OF ELY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council has been contacted by Richard Jackson Engineering Consultants with regards to the potential adoption of 6 bus shelters that will be installed as part of the north of Ely development. After some discussion, it was decided that a representative would be invited to meet with the Mayor and members of the Environment Committee.

11. MOBILE SPEED EQUIPMENT

Information on mobile speed reduction equipment had been sourced and discussed. It was decided that the best option was to purchase equipment recommended by Cambridgeshire Constabulary that can also be used by the Community Speedwatch Scheme. The preferred model will be recommended to Full Council. It was also agreed that the Council would find a space to store the equipment for the Community Speedwatch Team.

12.A.O.B.

Cllr Arnold reported that as a result of local retailers having attended a recent meeting of the East Cambridgeshire Access Group, a letter has been delivered to all businesses in the city centre, concerning ‘street clutter’ that can be hazardous for people with sight problems, elderly people and wheelchair users. The letter requests that retailers limit their use of A Boards and place only one board outside of their premises, in the same location each day. It is hoped that this request will be acted upon and will be monitored by the East Cambridgeshire Access Group.

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 12th February 2018 but if necessary, an earlier date will be set.