



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A **VIRTUAL** MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JUNE 2020 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr M Rouse
Cllr S Austen

Cllr R Morgan
Cllr A Whelan

Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr E Carlsson Browne

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Wilkins & Cllr Phillips.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9TH DECEMBER 2019 AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9th December 2019 were agreed by members and taken as signed by the Chairman, as a true record. Page AA27 refers.

There were no matters arising.

4. SESSIONS HOUSE

The Deputy Clerk reported blinds had been installed in the court room. Quotes have been received for curtains ranging from £1500 to £2500 and for carpets of £5500.00. Members agreed not to proceed with these for the time being.

Cllr Lindsay advised he had contacted the Clerk with regard to the request from the Ministry of Justice for venues to host Nightingale Courts. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the Clerk had emailed Lucy Frazer MP, and offered Sessions House **and the Maltings**.

5. MALTINGS

Members noted the budget update that had been tabled. There were no significant variances. (below at ii) as well)

i) Seating procurement.

The Deputy Clerk reported that she had contacted LGSS and EELGA for quotes to assist with the procurement for the retractable seating. A quote of £3800 (10 days work) had been received plus possible extra for some legal advice, but boilerplate advice may be available that can be tweaked. She advised members, this is an involved process and it is important that the correct procedures are followed.

ii) Budget Update

Members noted the budget update dated 8th June 2020, there were no significant variances.

The Deputy Clerk reported a request had been received from ADeC to open the cinema in August/September, subject to government restrictions being lifted. They would be looking at having a capacity of 46 people attending. Members considered this request and unanimously agreed this permission could not be given due to the health and safety implications, with regard to the liability of satisfactory cleaning, resulting in contamination from Covid -19. Members also agreed that the venue could not open until it is fully functioning once restrictions allow.

6. MALTINGS COTTAGE

Cllr Whelan advised ECDC's Finance & Asset's Committee will be discussing the Maltings Cottage this week. The Deputy Clerk reported that she was seeking quotations from Architects to prepare a specification and tender document in conjunction with the recent building survey that had been carried out. Members agreed they would like to see the building as an ice cream/café takeaway, opening on to Jubilee Gardens with some seating upstairs and also incorporating public conveniences. It was agreed this will be discussed at Full Council along with the basic costing of achieving this, the potential rent that could be achieved should the lease be extended in order to see a return on an investment.

7. MALTINGS RESTAURANT

Cllr Morgan updates members on the outcome of a meeting held with the tenant in relation to the recent activity and unsociable behaviour residents had experienced in this area. Preventative measures had now been put in place.

8. HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

The Deputy Clerk reported Zurich had inspected the stairlift at the Maltings and had reported a minor fault which will be repaired when it is next serviced.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 24th August 2020 at 7 pm

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