



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM
ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2020

PRESENT;

Cllr I Lindsay Cllr R Denness Cllr R Morgan Cllr E Every Cllr S Bellow Cllr C Phillips Cllr M Downey

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST *to receive declarations of interests from Councillors.*

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT MEETING HELD ON THE
21ST SEPTEMBER 2020 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 21st September 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages C&E 3 and 4 refer. There were no matters arising.

4. BUDGET UPDATE & BUDGET SETTING FOR 2021/2022

Members noted the budget updates, dated 26th October 2020. There were no significant variances. The budget for 2021/2022 was discussed at length and it was agreed that the following sums would be requested:

MHI Scheme	£71,000 - Potential costs 2 x projects (Prickwillow and Prickwillow Road).
Lighting – Energy/Repairs	£1,000
Bus Shelters & Memorial Facil.	£3,000
Furniture	£2,000
Floral Displays	£11,000
Materials	£500

It was agreed that a further £12,000 would be requested, with a new budget heading of Lines & Signs.

The CCTV budget for 2021/2022 was not discussed. Cllr Lindsay will meet with the Clerk for an update regarding the possible upgrade of the cameras.

5. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

There were no issues to report.

6. FLORAL DISPLAYS

Contractors were invited to provide a quote for the provision of summer and winter planting beginning summer 2021 until winter 2023. It was agreed that Cranbrook Plants would be awarded the contract. Cranbrook will also be asked to supply plants for the memorial in Brays Lane that is planted and maintained by a resident in Archery Crescent.

7. HIGHWAYS

- 1.Speed reduction from Thistle Corner to the Lisle Lane roundabout
2. Speed reduction in Prickwillow.

Further initiatives to be costed and considered for possible self-funding are:

1. Double yellow lines at Upherds Lane/West Fen Road junction.
2. Double yellow lines on Deacons Lane
3. Additional 20mph signs for Church Lane/central area
4. Additional speed signs from Lisle Lane roundabout down Prickwillow Road.

It was agreed that a working system of dealing with the referrals needs to be agreed. Residents cannot be led to believe that their requests will automatically be put forward for LHI funding.

9. UPDATE FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

There was no update from the Climate Change Working Group.

10. UPDATE FROM THE CCTV WORKING GROUP

Cllr Every reported that ECDC has agreed that CCTV was an issue that needed to be looked at strategically across East Cambridgeshire as a support mechanism for community safety.

The Clerk has been working hard to progress the upgrade of the CCTV system in Ely. The cost to replace an old analogue camera with a digital version is approximately £3,000 per camera. It is hoped that the improvements can be made by the end of the year.

Members of the CCTV Working Group will be visiting Soham in order to learn more about the deployable CCTV system in place there.

11. ACTION PLAN

Cllr Lindsay will update the Action Plan and forward it to members.

12. A.O.B.

The system of reporting highway issues to County Council was re-iterated. Councillors and residents should log the issue on the highways fault reporting webpage.

[Cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-road-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-fault/](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-road-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-fault/).

This is the most efficient way for the issue to be dealt with as all of the required details are logged and an audit trail is created.

Members agreed that ECDC's decision to ban the release of helium balloons and lanterns on council-owned land would be discussed at the next meeting.

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 2nd November 2020.

Due to enforced social distancing caused by the Coronavirus, this meeting took place by video communication, accessed by the Zoom meetings facility. The meeting closed at 8.20pm.