



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 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:

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| MHI Scheme | £71,000 - Funding for 2 x projects (Prickwillow and Prickwillow Road) to be applied for from CIL. |
| Lighting – Energy/Repairs | £1,000 |
| Bus Shelters & Memorial Facil. | £3,000 |
| Furniture | £2,000 |
| Floral Displays | £6,000 |
| Van Lease | £4,904.00 |
| 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

Eight contractors were invited to provide a quote for the provision of summer and winter planting beginning summer 2021 until winter 2023. Out of these only one quote was received. It was therefore, 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

Initiatives to be 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.

These potential projects still have to be costed.

County Cllr Anna Bailey has submitted a report produced by Witchford Parish Council concerning the issues faced by pedestrians and cyclists when crossing the A10 at the BP Service Station. It was agreed that Cllr Denness would respond to Cllr Bailey.

A further request for double yellow lines was also received by Cllr Bailey for the vicinity of The Chase and St John's Road.

A request has been received from a resident for the implementation of parking restrictions on Lynn Road, between St Audrey's Way and Buckingham Drive, due to an increase in street parking causing problems with the traffic flow.

The above requests need to be assessed and the appropriate responses made.

8. UPDATE FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

There was no update from the Climate Change Working Group.

9. UPDATE FROM THE CCTV WORKING GROUP

Cllr Every thanked the Clerk for her work on the CCTV Working Group. After a risk assessment was carried out, some of the volunteers are working shifts in the CCTV control room. The plans for CCTV improvements are ongoing. The review will include assessing the best locations for cameras and the costs for total conversion to a digital system. The planned visit to Soham to learn about their CCTV system has had to be postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

10. UPDATE FROM THE OUTDOOR SPORT & LEISURE FACILITIES IN ELY WORKING GROUP.

The Outdoor Sport & Leisure Facilities Working Group met on 1st October 2020 where it was accepted, as a general rule, that the City of Ely Council would act as a facilitator, working with other stakeholders, to improve sporting facilities, particularly for the younger generation. ECDC will be contacted to confirm the existing provision in Ely. It was agreed that a meeting will be arranged with the petitioners requesting a splash pad and also with the skate park group. Requests from Ely City Football Club regarding facilities for girls and ladies' teams and concerns from EOSA about their car park surfacing, should be discussed with ECDC, in the first instance. As part of the provision of sporting facilities, the City of Ely Council should consider, convening a Sports Forum to determine local wishes and needs to help inform future decision making and funding requirements.

A general discussion took place about how updates from the various Working Groups should be presented. Should a written report be received and then passed to Full Council via the minutes or would a verbal update suffice? Cllr Lindsay will seek confirmation from Cllr Whelan, Chair of the Governance Working Group.

11. UPDATE FROM THE ELY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION.

The long-running issue of the Association taking over the new allotments on the Hopkins Homes site, west of Orchard Estate, continues at a slow pace. The Association and Cllr Wilkins met with ECDC in early September and have still had only holding replies to the questions raised.

The Association is also concerned about slow progress on the scheme to construct a new crossing point and pedestrian/cycle access to the Bridge Fen Allotments, but some progress is being made albeit under uncertainties over budgets.

12. ACTION PLAN

Cllr Lindsay will update the Action Plan and circulate.

13. A.O.B.

There has been some litter picking by members of the Cathedral Group but unfortunately, their next scheduled litter pick has had to be postponed until the new year.

Cllr Bellow informed the meeting that a short re-dedication of the Prickwillow War Memorial is planned on Remembrance Sunday at 3pm, involving residents, the Mayor and members of the Royal British Legion.

Cllr Bellow will seek confirmation that this can still go ahead as planned, due to the new COVID-19 restrictions.

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 14th December 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.