



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 1ST JULY 2013**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr E Griffin-Singh
Cllr A Arnold
Cllr B Ashton
Cllr E Every
Cllr M Rouse

Cllr J Mackay
Cllr P Eden
Cllr N Clarke
Cllr J Tyrrell

Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr J Yates
Cllr S Overall
Cllr J Chaplin

*District Cllr S Friend-Smith
Mr B Hunt*

*District Cllr J Friend-Smith
Mr E Godber*

Ms S Blake, ECDC

Ms E Grima, ECDC

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Burton and Every.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

**3. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AN
AGENDA ITEM – as per standing order 83 b**

District Cllr S Friend-Smith and District Cllr J Friend-Smith declared an intention to speak on agenda item 6.
Mr Hunt and Mr Godber also declared an intention to speak on agenda item 6.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD JUNE AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 3rd June were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1265, 1266, 1267, 1268 and 1269 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1265, Item 4 – plans for improvements to the junction of Downham Road and West Fen Road were still awaited. The Clerk will chase the Highways Officer again for these.

Page 1265, Item 5 – the issue regarding the completion of the footpaths on the bund will be discussed at the next Section 106 meeting on the 10th July.

**5. PRESENTATION REGARDING CIL BY MS SHIRLEY BLAKE, PRINCIPAL SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AND MS EMMA GRIMA, INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME
MANAGER, ECDC**

Ms Grima gave a presentation on CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) to members. This had been introduced in February 2013 and was a levy charged on most new development within the District. Proceeds from this will be used to assist in the provision of strategic infrastructure required to support development in the District. Under the regulations, the District Council will be required to publish a list of infrastructure that will benefit from CIL funding. For the year 2013-14 the District Council through its Annual Delivery Plan, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders has prioritised the Ely Leisure Centre, Littleport Secondary School and Soham Railway Station.

15% of CIL will be passed to the relevant Parish Council who must use it to support development of the Council's area; eg: play areas, affordable housing, village hall/community facility etc. The regulations require the Parish Council to produce an annual report, which sets out the total CIL receipts, total CIL expenditure, and a summary of

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what CIL was spent on and the total amount of receipts retained at the end of the reported year. This report will be sent to the District Council for their information and must be published on the Parish's website. If the Parish Council has not spent the receipts in accordance with the regulations or spent them within a five year period, the District Council can serve a notice on the Parish requiring it to repay some or all the money transferred to it. The District Council will then have to spend the recovered funds in the Parish's area. The Mayor thanked Ms Grima and Ms Blake for a very informative presentation.

Ms Blake and Ms Grima left the meeting at 7.25 pm.

6. QUESTION TIME

The Mayor informed those present that items 19 and 20 would be discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting. Due to the confidential nature of these items, members of the public would be excluded from the meeting.

Mr Godber requested members put Croylands on the list for buildings of local interest when this is considered under item 16. He felt this was a very important building in Ely and gave his reasons for this to be included. He also gave the Clerk copies of letters from the Victorian Society and Mr Maddison regarding this building.

Mr Bill Hunt also requested members put Croylands on the list for buildings of local interest and gave his reasons for this to be included.

District Cllr J Friend-Smith raised the issue again regarding the bund in the South of Ely and the footpaths and bridge, which are not fully connected. He has been consulting with ECDC's Legal Department. They have been told by Taylor Wimpey that they do not own the land near the bridge, but have handed it over to the properties and therefore have refused to do anything about this issue. ECDC does not have any power to force the householders to complete the footpaths. If the work was arranged by ECDC the cost could not be recovered, but could possibly be funded from CIL. He provided the Clerk with a copy of a plan for this area.

Mr Hunt and Mr Godber left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

District Cllr S Friend-Smith thanked councillors for providing financial support to the Isle of Ely Arts Festival, which had recently been held and had been a great success.

7. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended a Pos+Ability Stroke Group meeting; the Alconbury High School Class 2013 Degree Ceremony; a Care Network Volunteers' event; RAF Mildenhall's Community Outreach Day; the Mayor of Thetford's Civic Service; the Oral History of Ely Pits and Meadows market stall; G's Open Farm Sunday; the Royal Anglian Regiment Association's Annual Reunion Lunch, Parade and Service at the Cathedral. She had attended RAF Mildenhall to present certificates to US personnel who helped put up the Christmas Lights in Ely last year. The RAF Mildenhall Change of Command; attended the Proclamation of Midsummer Fair; EARTH AGM; St Neot's Civic Service; Art Lecture at the King's School; the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire's Summer Reception; RAF Mildenhall's Summer Orientation and a performance by Ely Choral Society.

The Deputy Mayor had attended a fund raising Jazz concert for Amnesty International; the Prom at the Palace Concert; the Flower Festival Preview and the summer fund raising concert at Highfields School.

The Mayor also reported that her concert in the Park had made a profit of £300-£400 for her Mayor's charity. The Mayor's Summer Saturdays had been scaled back and there would only be two more. She and the Deputy Mayor had met with the Dean of Ely; will be having regular monthly meetings with ECDC's Chief Executive and two monthly meetings with the Leader and Deputy Leader of ECDC. She had a walk around with District Cllr Anna Bailey of the City Centre and had identified 80-90 pieces of street furniture that needed attention. This will be reported back to ECDC. She had attended the Market Place Stakeholders workshop, ElyAce presentation and was arranging to meet with the Practice Managers of the two doctors surgeries in Ely. She had written to Norfolk Line regarding the lateness of the absolutely bus service. A response had been received and this will be circulated to all members.

8. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 17th June 2013 and immediately prior to this meeting were received. The Mayor reported that the planning application with regards to Croylands, 30 Cambridge Road, Ely was being considered at ECDC's Planning Committee meeting on the 3rd July. Cllr Rouse agreed to reinforce the City of Ely Council's views on this application at the meeting.

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

Notification of tree work:- 4 Merrifield Gardens, Ely; 55 Sycamore Lane, Ely.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) ADMINISTRATION – No report as Committee had not met.

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – No report as Committee had not met.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – Cllr Clarke presented a report of a meeting held on the 24th June, which was unanimously approved. Members noted the aims and objectives set for the Committee. Two quotes had been received for the pathway adjacent to Section Con E within the cemetery. It was unanimously agreed that once the third quote had been received, the cheapest one would be chosen and an order placed for this. The cost for this work was estimated to be in the region of £10,600.00. Members agreed a letter would be sent to the Church Commissioners requesting permission for the land adjacent to the Cemetery to be used for burial land, allowing an extension to the existing cemetery. Three quotes had been received for replacement of the end ramps at the skate park at St John's Road recreation area. It was unanimously agreed by members to accept the preferred option, which was the quote received from Highline Extreme at a cost of £25,000 plus VAT. This will be funded from Section 106. Quotes for repairs to the wet pour surfacing at Columbine Road and St John's Road play area were considered and the cheapest quote from Abacus Playgrounds at a cost of £2055.00 was agreed.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Chaplin presented a report of a meeting held on the 10th June, which was unanimously approved. Permission was still awaited from the County Council for the Christmas lights to be erected on the lampposts. Once this has been received Balfour Beatty will be requested to provide a quotation for the installation of electrical sockets to these lampposts. The Committee would like to see an expansion of the lights to include St Mary's Street and Fore Hill.

(v) ELY IN BLOOM – Cllr Overall presented a report of a meeting held on the 4th June, which was unanimously approved. The Committee's aims and objectives were noted. The updates regarding the winter and summer planting were noted. The Competition was launched on the 18th May on the Market Place. Judging will be undertaken on the 6th August. Cllr Hobbs thanked Cllr Overall and Mr Overall for all their hard work in planting up of planters/barriers throughout the City.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Not met, next meeting on the 3rd July.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – Cllr Yates presented a report of a meeting held on the 25th June, which was unanimously approved. The next Youth Fair will be held in the High Street on the 14th September. Local groups will be invited to showcase their talents, inviting the participation of young spectators in the activities offered. Local Youth Clubs will be invited to participate along with clubs, societies and other providers. It had been agreed not to have a dedicated Ely Youth Forum website. The Youth Forum will liaise with other Youth websites through a page on the Council's website and provide the necessary links. Cllr Yates will produce a paper for discussion at the next meeting identifying issues of groups being forced to close or reduce their services for young people in Ely and ways to help that could be investigated.

(viii) CITY CENTRE FORUM – No report as the Working Group had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 10th July.

11. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

CCTV Partnership Steering Group – these minutes were not tabled as they were not available. Cllr Clarke informed members that the CCTV Review Report draft had been received, which had given various options. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that ECDC officers would assist the City of Ely Council with the drafting of a specification for the conversion of the existing system to wireless, which will then be sent out by the City of Ely Council for procurement. A meeting will be arranged with the Cathedral to discuss their possible involvement with this new system.

Ely Neighbourhood Panel – The Mayor reported that Cllr Eden had resigned as the Chairman of this Group and she proposed that Cllr Every, who was the current Vice-Chairman be appointed as the new Chairman. This was unanimously approved. As Cllr Every was absent she will be asked if she is happy to undertake this role. It was proposed by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr Chaplin that Cllr Jones be appointed as the new Vice-Chairman. This was unanimously approved.

12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

City of Ely Allotments Association – minutes of meetings held on the 17th April and the 15th May were noted.

13. ECDC CONSULTATION ON BUILDINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Members had been requested under this consultation to nominate buildings for inclusion on the Local List. It was unanimously agreed to appoint Cllrs Rouse, Yates, Jones and Arnold to draw up a list of possible buildings to be nominated for inclusion on this list. The deadline for this consultation was the 15th July. The Clerk will obtain clarification from ECDC's Conservation Officer as to the implications/meaning to the buildings if they are included.

District Cllr J Friend-Smith left the meeting at 8.40 pm.

14. TO CONFIRM THAT THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE ELY TRIATHLON EVENT ON 18TH AUGUST

Members unanimously agreed that this was a very good event and had no concerns or issues regarding this.

15. STEEPLE ROW BIN STORE

Cllr Yates explained to members that this scheme was now finalised, with some of the funding now in place. ECDC had requested through the Perspective Group that the City of Ely Council take responsibility for the maintenance of this bin store. He informed members that this would not have a cost implication on the Council for a few years. Cllr Yates proposed that the City of Ely Council takes on the maintenance of the bin store in principle, which was seconded by Cllr Hobbs. Members took a vote with 11 members voting for and 1 against this proposal.

District Cllr S Friend-Smith left the meeting at 8.50 pm.

16. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC’S CONSULTATION ON IMPROVING THE RIVERSIDE IN ELY

It was unanimously agreed that all members would respond as individuals to this consultation.

17. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC’S PROPOSED ELY RIVERSIDE MOORING BYELAW

Members had no concerns regarding this byelaw, apart from point 8, with regard to the penalty not exceeding level 2. Members were not aware of the value of a level 2 penalty, but felt very strongly that this level of fine needed to be high enough to discourage users from abusing this byelaw.

Cllr B Ashton left the meeting at 9.00 pm.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:- LCR

19. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE MAGISTRATES COURT

Due to the confidential nature of this item it was discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting.

Cllr R Hobbs left the meeting at 9.05 pm.

20. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE MALTINGS COTTAGE

Due to the confidential nature of this item it was discussed in committee at the end of the meeting.

21. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

East Cambs District Council	370.00	paid by direct debit
East Cambs District Council	520.00	paid by direct debit
Talk Talk	15.31	paid by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
Francotyp-Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	268.99	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	268.99	paid by direct debit
Barclays Bank	52.92	paid by direct debit
ESPO	121.31	paid by direct debit
ESPO	73.03	paid by direct debit
ESPO	50.75	paid by direct debit
Cambridgeshire Turf Nurseries	63.00	109109
ECDC	300.00	109110
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	1784.68	109111
ESPO	183.96	109112
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	84.00	109113
Cooleraid Ltd	9.60	109114
F I Whipp	150.00	109115
Konica Minolta	441.16	109116
The Play Inspection Company	1158.00	109117
G & J Peck Ltd	53.64	109118
MiJan Ltd	93.75	109119
Ely Tool Hire Ltd	97.20	109120
Hall Ennion & Young	1123.40	109121
Lunchbox	72.00	109122
K Ellis	1135.00	109123
Abbey Supply Company Ltd	53.86	109124
Anglian Water	45.92	109125
Somersham Town Band	150.00	109126
CCTV Volunteer	9.87	109127
CCTV Volunteer	15.60	109128
Wider Plan Ltd	164.80	109129
CCTV Volunteer	19.20	109130
Jewson Ltd	32.07	109131
L Titmarsh	57.78	109132
Soham Town Band	150.00	109133
Kestrel Fencing	1734.18	109134
CCTV Volunteer	35.94	109135
CCTV Volunteer	4.80	109136
K Ellis	527.00	109137
G & J Peck Ltd	16.20	109138

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 3rd June 2013

Salaries and wages	£9623.13
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2048.92
Pension fund payments	£2537.75

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st May 2013.