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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2012**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor, Cllr W Burton  
Cllr A Arnold  
Cllr E Every  
Cllr C Jones

Cllr J Yates  
Cllr B Ashton  
Cllr N Clarke

Cllr J Chaplin  
Cllr E Griffin-Singh  
Cllr P Eden

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hobbs and Rouse.

**2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no requests for dispensations from the councillors.

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

No intentions were made.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH NOVEMBER & MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th November were agreed, and signed as a true record, following a correction to the date of the last meeting under item 4. Pages 1228, 1229, 1230, 1231 and 1232 refer.

Matters arising – Page 1228, Item 4 – Cllr Yates confirmed he had spoken to Inspector Ormerod regarding the presentation by CMBAC at the next City Centre Forum meeting.

Page 1230, Item 12 – Cllr Griffin-Singh reported that she had spoken to the schools about submitting a bid for a pedestrian crossing, for the Local Highway Improvement Scheme for 2013/2014. However, the schools did not wish to proceed with a bid as they now have a full-time school crossing patrol person.

Page 1230, Item 14 – The Mayor reported on the meeting which had been held last week, regarding the completion of the link up of the footpaths/cycleways on the bund between West Fen Road and Downham Road. The completion of linking these footpaths/cycleways was not going to be straightforward, as this leads on to a very dangerous road. He explained that proposals would be drawn up. Mr Dixon from ECDC had agreed to establish ownership of the road into the pumping station. It is likely this project will be quite expensive to complete.

Page 1231, Item 17 – Cllr Eden confirmed that a letter had been drafted to the Highways Department and this would be sent shortly.

**5. QUESTION TIME**

There was no question time as there were no members of the public present.

**6. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT**

The Mayor had attended the Arthur Rank Hospice event photo-shoot; the opening of the M&S food store on A10; USAF Mildenhall Carol Concert; the King's School Investiture of Scholars, Service and Feast; started the Arthur Rank 5 km race and the presentation of the winners awards; Ely Christmas Lights switch-on; the Methodist Tree Festival Service; County Council Chairman's Civic Reception; March Christmas Tree Festival; Papworth Charity Concert at the Cathedral and the Ely Choral Society's Messiah and Carol Concert. The Deputy Mayor had attended tree planting at Williams Close by a Community Group and the Highfield School Christmas Songs and Carols.

## **7. PLANNING**

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 26th November 2012 and immediately prior to this meeting were received from the Deputy Mayor.

## **8. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

The following items for information only, were received:

Notification of tree work- The Priors House, The College, Ely; 38 Lynn Road, Ely; land between 63 & 66 Bell Holt, Ely; Palace Green, Ely

Notification of TPO for the Old Palace, Palace Green, Ely

Letter from ECDC re Service Level Agreement property-related legal services with this Council

Thank you letter for grant from Cambridgeshire Search & Rescue

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(i) ADMINISTRATION – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 27th November, which was approved. As agreed at this meeting, the Clerk had produced a revised budget which was at an estimated 3.1% increase. This was considered at the Full Council meeting, but Cllr Ashton proposed the setting of the budget for 13/14 be deferred until the information on the changes to the new Council tax regulations had been received from ECDC. Without this information, the budget could not be set due to the uncertainty of what the Council tax base level will be. This recommendation was unanimously agreed and the Clerk will inform ECDC of the reasons for not providing a draft precept figure before the end of December.

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Griffin-Singh reported that the new memorial bench would be installed tomorrow in the Forehill car park. She is chasing ECDC again, regarding the installation of the new dog bins. She updated members on the current situation regarding the new bus shelter at Lancaster Way.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Clarke informed members the new storage shed at the cemetery is now completed. The work to the workshop is progressing well. The lighting will need to be upgraded. The total cost of both projects would be approximately £60,000. The Mayor reported that he had been contacted by a District Councillor regarding Muslim burials within the Cemetery and is dealing with this enquiry.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Chaplin presented a report of a meeting held on the 19th November, which was approved. It was unanimously agreed that the Switch-On event had been very successful. Despite the problems with the erection of the lights on the street columns, it was felt the lights looked wonderful. Cllr Chaplin thanked Cllr Clarke and Mr Chinery-Colyer for all their hard work in erecting the lights. She felt the Council had been very fortunate to have them and their diligent team. The Council's bottle stall on the night raised £162.

(v) ELY IN BLOOM – Cllr Overall presented a report of a meeting held on the 26th November, which was approved. She confirmed that two further quotes for the summer planting and watering of the hanging baskets had been sought and these will all be considered next week.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Not met.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – Cllr Yates presented a report of a meeting held on the 20th November, which was approved. Youth volunteer page content writers for the website are currently being sought, through the schools. The update for the Youth Fair was noted.

## **10. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS**

Section 106 – minutes of a meeting held on the 21st November were noted.

CCTV Partnership Steering Group – notes of a meeting held on the 4th December were noted.

Localism Working Group – notes of a meeting held on the 28th November were noted.

## **11. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

City of Ely Perspective Riverside Group – minutes of a meeting held on the 13th November were noted.

Prickwillow Village Council – minutes of a meeting held on the 5th November were noted.

Ely Traffic and Environment Study – Officer Working Group Meeting – minutes of a meeting held on the 14th November were noted. The Clerk was requested to clarify with the Highways Department the current situation with regards to the possible yellow lining of Lisle Lane.

**12. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE EXTENSION OF 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT ALONG LYNN ROAD AT CHETTISHAM TO COVER THE CROSSING**

Members considered the proposal to extend the 40mph speed limit along Lynn Road at Chettisham to cover the crossing. They unanimously agreed to support the proposal for the extension of the existing 40 mph speed limit.

**13. TO CONSIDER RESPONSE FROM CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING BEECH LANE/NEW BARNS AVENUE, ELY**

The Mayor reported that following the initial discussion of this matter, he and the Deputy Mayor had met with Highway Officers to consider any possible solutions to this situation. It was agreed that anything that was undertaken in this area would have an effect on residents. Therefore, the situation had been noted, but not actually progressed. It was therefore, agreed to include this area in the on-street parking review currently being undertaken by this Council.

**14. TO DISCUSS CCTV ISSUE**

Members agreed that as Aldi were no longer putting in a pedestrian link to the City Centre from Aldi, via The Vineyards, ECDC should be approached to request the Section 106 money be allocated to be used on CCTV provision generally, within the City.

**15. TO RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING MALTINGS COTTAGE**

The Mayor reported that the change of use planning application was now complete and would be submitted shortly. He had contacted a surveyor regarding the preparation of final plans. Once this had been completed, these will go out to tender.

**16. FINANCE**

To approve the following for payment:

ECDC	506.00	paid by direct debit
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Talk Talk	15.31	paid by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	59.43	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	99.86	paid by direct debit
Francotyp-Postalia Ltd	72.00	paid by direct debit
Barclays	27.55	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	415.86	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	283.74	paid by direct debit
ECDC	50.00	108895
Mrs Jay	12.00	100896
Mrs Coulson	8.00	108897
Soundstage One Event Services	1006.20	108898
CCTV Volunteer	42.00	108899
CCTV Volunteer	9.87	108900
Mr N Clarke	81.60	108901
CSD Brass	150.00	108902
Gordon Harrison	84.24	108903
Marmax Products Ltd	412.80	108904
Ely Tyre Services	101.88	108906
Height for Hire Ltd	1402.77	108907
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	63.60	108908
Cambridge Newspapers Ltd	259.20	108909
Cambridgeshire Turf Nurseries	80.00	108910
Jewson Ltd	127.01	108911
Badge & Engraving World Ltd	28.20	108912
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	84.00	108913
SLCC	203.00	108914
Mr M Chinery-Colyer	177.90	108915

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G & J Peck Ltd	305.40	108916
ESPO	106.91	108917
ECDC	6300.00	108918
Cambs County Council	443.50	108920
Salmon Bros Ltd	13119.60	108921
Solitech	1920.00	108922
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	6.60	108923
Sun Traffic Signals Ltd	1284.00	108924
Cooleraid Ltd	9.60	108925
ESPO	34.32	108926
Soundstage One Event Services	72.00	108927
Konica Minolta Business Sols	106.13	108928
Nigel Pindar Transport	120.00	108929
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	1532.10	108930
Simpson's Nurseries Ltd	10.72	108905
Ely Tyre Services Ltd	82.68	108919
OZ-UK Innovations Ltd	4863.24	108931

**Payments relating to staff since meeting on 12th November 2012**

Salaries and wages	£7657.22
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2336.60
Pension fund payments	£2613.36

**Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 30th November 2012, which was tabled.**