



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2012**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr J Yates

Cllr S Overall

Cllr B Ashton

Cllr N Clarke

District Cllr S Friend-Smith

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr A Winchester

Cllr W Burton

Cllr E Every

District Cllr J Friend-Smith

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr J Chaplin

Cllr Griffin-Singh

Cllr P Eden (arrived 7.05 pm)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hobbs and Brear.

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

No intentions were declared.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH MARCH & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 19th March were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1182, 1183, 1184, 1185 and 1186 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1182, Item 3 – The Mayor reported the College now had details of the students from the Youth Council who had been involved in the park lighting project. These will be contacted to attend a photo shoot. Page 1184, Item 11 – Cllr Rouse informed members the Transport and Development Committee of ECDC were meeting tomorrow and one of the agenda items related to the formation of a City Centre Management Team. The Clerk will obtain this report for the Mayor.

4. QUESTION TIME

District Cllr Sheila Friend-Smith informed members that also being discussed at the Transport and Development Committee was an item regarding retail assessment. She felt it was important that the City of Ely Council be kept fully informed by ECDC on this issue and agreed to raise this at the meeting.

District Cllr Jeremy Friend-Smith informed members he had cycled the new path on the buffer zone in Ely West. The surfacing has now been completed. Some of the area has also been rotovated. The community will become involved and this will be publicised at the next Ely Neighbourhood Panel meeting. He also reported that with regards to Thistle Corner, Cambs County Council will route heavy transport away from the City Centre. There are concerns regarding the amount of cars parked along King's Avenue, and the County Council need to consider these problems in conjunction with re-routing; eg: double yellow lines and waiting restrictions. Cycle lanes are also not marked properly in this area.

5. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Mayor of Ramsey's charity event; had been a guest of Ely Choral Society at Ely Cathedral; attended the Business Show Day at Ely Market Place; the change of command at RAF Lakenheath; the Churches in Ely Walk of Witness; the announcement of the new Dean to Ely Cathedral; the 50th Anniversary of the City of Ely Military Band. He had also attended a number of meetings relating to Council business, including the Council's Drop-in stall at Ely Market Place.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the Hoop Trundle at the King's School.

6. PLANNING

Reports of a planning committee meeting held on the 5th March 2012 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

7. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

Outcome of public consultation on proposed redesign of mental health services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Ely Area Neighbourhood Panel newsletter

Notification of tree work:- St John's Manor, 1 St John's Road, Ely

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) ADMINISTRATION – No report as Committee had not met. Members considered the options for hiring a franking machine and unanimously agreed to the preferred option from FP Mailing on a 12 month contract. They also agreed to the payment of the charges by direct debit.

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – Cllr Griffin-Singh presented a report of a meeting held on the 10th April, which was unanimously approved. Ten new dog waste bins will be ordered. Some litter bins will become dual purpose bins for both dog waste and litter. These will have a waterproof sticker placed on them to indicate this. A City of Ely flag will be ordered shortly. The Council had been asked to consider taking over the responsibility of maintaining two new bus shelters on Lisle Lane. It was agreed the Council would take over the maintenance of these, subject to a satisfactory maintenance contribution being allocated from Sainsbury's Section 106.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – Cllr Winchester presented a report of a meeting held on the 26th March, which was unanimously approved. The update on the cemetery workshop planning application was noted.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 23rd May.

(iii) ELY IN BLOOM – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 22nd May.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Minutes of a meeting held on the 27th March were noted.

(vii) YOUTH COUNCIL – Youth Council had not met as this will become the City of Ely Youth Forum. The first meeting of this will be on the 19th April.

(viii) DIAMOND JUBILEE – Cllr Burton presented a report of a meeting held on the 26th March, which was unanimously approved. Members noted how the plans were progressing for the evening entertainment. Members unanimously agreed to purchase Union Jack flags to sell at the celebrations.

(ix) CCTV – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 13th March, which was unanimously approved.

9. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

City of Ely Perspective Executive Meeting – minutes of a meeting held on the 27th February were noted.

City of Ely Perspective Riverside Group – minutes of a meeting held on the 22nd March were noted.

Section 106 Meeting – minutes of a meeting held on the 27th March were noted.

City of Ely Perspective Design & Marketing Group – minutes of a meeting held on the 20th March were tabled and noted.

10. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON LETTER FROM CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING THE LEVEL CROSSINGS ACT 1983 - THE NETWORK RAIL SHIPPEA HILL LEVEL CROSSING ORDER 2012

Members considered the Shippea Hill level crossing order 2012 and had no objections to this.

11. TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING THE LARKFIELD CENTRE, ELY

Cllr Griffin-Singh had raised this issue due to concerns about the future of the Larkfield Centre. She had attended a meeting with Cllrs Rouse and Winchester, with the County Council and other interested parties. It was felt this had been allowed to get run down. The County Council would support the Centre with regards to refurbishment, but not the maintenance/revenue costs. This is a big building which is very much under used and they would like to see it being used by the community more. The Mayor reported he had meet with officers of the County Council, who confirmed they had no plans to move the users away from the Larkfield Centre. Members agreed to form a sub-group to look at the opportunities for this building and to liaise with the County Council. Cllrs Griffin-Singh, Rouse, Arnold, Chaplin and Overall agreed to be the members of this sub-group.

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

12. TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW UNDERTAKEN BY THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR ON THE 26TH MARCH 2012

Members noted and approved the internal audit review undertaken by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on the 26th March 2012.

13. TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL VOLUNTEER SNOW CLEARING SCHEME

Members agreed that the volunteer snow clearing scheme should be encouraged by this Council. The Clerk will gain information from Cambs County Council on how this scheme can be established. It is hoped a register of volunteers will be held, with their training being provided by the County Council. The Council would also encourage shop owners to do their bit. It was agreed this should be raised at the next Ely Neighbourhood Panel meeting.

14. TO REPORT BACK ON COUNCIL SEMINAR REGARDING LOCALISM

The Mayor gave a brief summary on the recent seminar regarding Localism for those not present. The Council's aims for Localism were agreed in principle. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will meet with ECDC to discuss how to move these aims forward.

15. FINANCE

The following were approved for payment:

PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHQ NO
ECDC	508.50	paid by direct debit
ECDC	360.00	paid by direct debit
Talk Talk	15.31	paid by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	325.82	paid by direct debit
Anglian Water	17.33	108626
Anglian Water	45.19	108627
Henderson Electrical Services Ltd	172.02	108628
ESPO	14.46	108629
Jewson Ltd	58.38	108630
Frontier Agricultural Ltd	42.60	108631
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	9234.00	108632
KiddiVouchers	250.28	108634
Soundstage One Event Services Ltd	2400.00	108636
Barclays Bank	26.81	paid by direct debit
Smiths Gore	225.00	108637
Badge & Engraving World Ltd	28.20	108638
NALC	15.50	108639
Jewson Ltd	11.95	108640
ESPO	115.35	108521
1st Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd	16.80	108522
CCTV Volunteer	31.68	108523
CCTV Volunteer	10.56	108524
CTV Volunteer	17.60	108525
CCTV Volunteer	14.08	108526
CCTV Volunteer	17.60	108527
CCTV Volunteer	10.56	108528
CCTV Volunteer	28.16	108529
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	240.00	108530
G & J Peck Ltd	106.13	108531
Blackwell's	67.99	pd by credit card – paid by direct debit
Parcel2Go	10.20	pd by credit card – paid by direct debit
Blackwell's	12.99	pd by credit card – paid by direct debit
Staples	51.20	pd by credit card – paid by direct debit

Finance continued

ECDC	15290.01	108532
ECDC	80.00	108535
British Telecommunications	201.68	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	149.77	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	65.97	paid by direct debit
Cooleraid Ltd	9.60	108534
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	6.60	108536
Post Office Ltd	215.00	108533
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	84.00	108537
ICCM	90.00	108538
City Cycle Centre	77.84	108539
Isle Interactive Ltd	99.00	108540

Payments relating to staff since meeting on 19th March 2012

Salaries and wages	£8778.53
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2301.75
Pension fund payments	£2107.56

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st March 2012