



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE VERNON CROSS ROOM, ELY MUSEUM, MARKET STREET, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 4TH APRIL 2016

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr E Every	Cllr C Phillips	Cllr A Arnold
Cllr S Friend-Smith	Cllr I Lindsay	Cllr S Pittock
Cllr M Lansell	Cllr D Warman	Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr P Moakes	Cllr S Austen	Cllr C Whelan
Cllr A Whelan	Cllr M Rouse	
2 parishioner	Mr T Parsons, Total Transport, CCC	

A minute's silence was held to remember Mr Nigel Clarke, a former Councillor who had recently passed away suddenly. Although he was no longer a councillor, he had continued to contribute to CCTV, Ely in Bloom and the City of Ely Allotments Association. He will be greatly missed.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Pearson.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH MARCH 2016 AND MATERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 7th March 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record, with the addition of 'and' in the first paragraph under item 4, page 1490. Pages 1490, 1491, 1492, 1493 and 1494 refer. Matters arising:- Page 1490, item 4 – the Mayor confirmed she had sent a letter to Mr John Hill at ECDC and read this out.

Page 1492, item 9 – Cllr Phillips informed members the Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire: Final Recommendations consultation process will now review the final recommendations and a new period of review had been opened up. This has now been postponed until August, so it will be sometime before a final decision will be known.

Page 1493, item 15 – The Mayor reported funding for Ely Timebank had now been received from ECDC and CCC for one day a week, for four months in order to support a project at Bell Holt, which will determine the support residents would like to receive.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported new meeting dates for the Council were now available. The clean-up of the City she had arranged had been very successful, with nearly 60 people volunteering, which included Ely Scouts. The next clean-up will be arranged for October. A 'walk about' identifying issues regarding lines and signs was also undertaken, which Cllr Pittock had agreed to compile a list of. She was also holding a fundraising event on the 15th April, where the Manager of Cambridge United Football Club was giving a talk on how volunteering had worked for Cambridge United. On the 16th April she was also holding a mile of coins in the High Street. The lighting of the beacon for the Queen's 90th birthday would be held on the 21st April.

This agenda item was moved to allow Mr T Parsons to speak and then leave the meeting.

14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The Mayor welcomed Mr Toby Parsons from the Total Transport Team at Cambs County Council to the meeting. Mr Parsons informed members that Total Transport is a project about bringing different types of transport together; eg school buses, day centre minibuses, community transport etc. ECDC funds some community transport and the NHS funds hospital minibuses. They have a simple idea to bring all these together in one place and find ways to save money. Earlier this month the County Council gave approval for a Total Transport pilot scheme in and around Ely from September 2016. A public consultation has been launched, asking people whether they agree with different parts of the proposal. The results will then go before Committee at the end of May. Councillors asked questions, which Mr Parsons answered. It was agreed Councillors will respond as individuals, but a formal response from the Council will also be submitted, which will be agreed at a Full Council meeting. The Mayor thanked Mr Parsons for his informative talk.

Mr Parsons left the meeting at 8.00 pm.

The Mayor's report regarding the draft Transport Strategy for East Cambridgeshire had been circulated with the agenda. This was discussed by members and agreed that with a few minor additions this would be submitted as the Council's formal comments for this consultation.

6. QUESTION TIME

Cllr Rouse in his capacity as a County Councillor informed members he had attended the County Council's Full Council meeting on the 22nd February, where areas of discussion included areas of deprivation within the County, Wisbech garden market town, academies and devolution. He also informed members Ely Library would now be closed on Sundays.

Cllr Hobbs in his capacity as a District Councillor informed members of the grant awards from the Community Grant Fund for Prickwillow Village Hall, £6500 for refurbishment of the exterior of the village hall; Stuntney Village Council, £6,500 for provision of a gateway into Stuntney and toilets within the Social Club; Ely Town Crier, £1,000 to help fund the annual Town Crier competition and the Isle of Ely Arts Festival, £2,000 towards this year's festival.

Cllr Austen in her capacity as a District Councillor informed members of the home regulatory safety team. They will undertake home safety checks at a cost of £25. Parishioners can access this service through Care & Repair. The Clerk will circulate details of this to all councillors to enable them to pass on to parishioners.

Mrs Holden, a parishioner informed members she had spoken at an ECDC meeting regarding the toilet proposals for the District and the Access Group had volunteered to advise the Community Services with any refurbishment plans. She thanked the City of Ely Council for the stay of execution with regard to the Barton Road toilets.

7. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended a pop-up business survey for women in business (ECDC/LEP); the Matisse Exhibition at the Babylon Gallery; a meeting re Ely Timebank Bell Holt project; an Ely Chamber of Commerce meeting; visit to the Ely Power Station; an Ely Museum fundraising event; meeting with Bell Holt residents; ECDC Civic Reception; Mayor of St Ives' Ball; spent a day at Whizzle working as an apprentice; met with the LEP/ECDC re skills; met with Ely District Scouts re projects and attended meeting regarding ECDC's Riverside consultation. She had also attended a regular meeting with the Chair of Perspective; ECDC seminar on transport; spent the morning with Lucy Frazer MP and ECDC's Economic Development visiting local apprentices; Charter night of Ely Hereward Rotary Club; collecting at Tesco for Pos+Ability; giving out awards for the short story competitions; RIB meeting; Apprentice Ambassadors' meeting in London; meeting re Ely Timebank; Full Governing body meeting at Ely St John's Primary School; photo shoot for the Isle of Ely Produce giving out their donations; judging cakes at Fen House Disabilities Unit; Transport Seminar; meeting with Highfield School; Isle of Ely Arts Festival committee meeting; interviews for new Venue Manager; ADeC meeting; the HeART of Stroke seminar and exhibition;

7. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT continued

opening of the new Ely City Church; Centre E Jumble Sale; courtesy visit to the Wizard of Oz performance at the Maltings and the Ely Pick and Choose Clean up.

The Deputy Mayor had attended a private art viewing at Babylon Gallery; an Ely Museum fundraising event and St Winnold's Parade and Breakfast at Downham.

8. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 7th March 2016 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Notification of tree work:- 9 The Paddock, Ely; 24 New Barns Road, Ely; 5A King Edgar Close, Ely; 41B Prickwillow Road, Ely

Notification of Street Naming & Numbering:- The Hotel Barge, Waternimf, Annesdale, Ely; Isle of Ely Primary School, School Road, Ely

Notification of Road Closure:- Ely Road at Queen Adelaide Level Crossing at 00.30-10.00 on 29 May 2016-03-22

Thank you letter from MAGPAS re grant from Council

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10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 21st March, which was approved. Members approved the recommendation that the Council should remain with their present insurance provider, Zurich. The Clerk informed members she had negotiated a lower quote of £9972.88 which was lower than the other quote which had been obtained. Members noted and approved the recommendations from the annual review of the Council's Policies and Procedures. The Mayor signed all the reviewed Policies and Procedures. The Internal Auditors report from his first visit on the 5th February 2016 was noted. Members approved the annual increase of the rent charge for the shared equity housing scheme, by the RPI at the 31st January 2016 of 1.3%, as per the lease.

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

(iii) RECREATION AND CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – No report as Committee had not met. The Mayor informed members that Highfield School still wished to continue with the Maltings Cottage and had met with ECDC's Conservation Officer. The Mayor also informed members a meeting had been held with ADeC to discuss the new Memorandum of Agreement, with regards to their cinema screenings at the Maltings. This would continue on the same basis as last year, but with a reduction in the number of free screenings to 104 per year.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – No report as had not met.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – No report as had not met.

11. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

Sessions House Stage II Working Group – notes of a meeting held on the 17th March were noted.

12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – minutes of a meeting held on the 7th March were noted.

High Barns Voice – Cllr Arnold informed members they were looking forward to the Community Panel being held at the Larkfield Centre.

A parishioner left the meeting at 8.40 pm.

13. TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF NEW STAFF

The Mayor informed members interviews had been undertaken for the new Venue Manager of the Maltings. She recommended the current Deputy Venue Manager, Mrs R Harper be offered the position. This was seconded by Cllr Hobbs and unanimously approved. A replacement Deputy Venue Manager would now be sought.

15. TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM CAMRA RE CAMPAIGN TO REGISTER PUBS AS ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE (ACV)

Members noted the contents of the letter from CAMRA, but felt there were no pubs within the parish that would need to be registered, as the majority were commercial ventures.

16. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE LICENCE RENEWAL FOR TABLES AND CHAIRS REGARDING THE LUNCH BOX, 1/1A MARKET STREET, ELY

Members agreed to support this application, subject to the area having barriers to define this. Concerns were raised that visually impaired people find it difficult when there are tables and chairs in the highway. If a barrier is in place this aids their movement and prevents them from bumping into the tables and chairs.

Mrs Holden, left the meeting at 8.25 pm.

17. TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM MR D SCHUMANN REGARDING THE MALTINGS

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

18. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

ECDC	1041.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	248.80	paid by direct debit
ECDC	389.00	paid by direct debit
British Gas	1318.00	paid by direct debit
British Gas	6639.00	paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease Ltd	243.27	paid by direct debit
Vodafone	68.01	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	1321.48	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	25.33	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	35.35	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	120.60	paid by direct debit
Barclays	153.83	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	630.23	paid by direct debit
Konica Minolta Business Sols	50.98	110509
Savills (UK) Ltd	251.50	110516
Wider Plan Ltd	253.20	110512
City Cycle Centre	23.57	110508
ECDC	82.80	110507
BI Catering Equipment Services	162.55	110506
Anglian Water	21.62	110505
RGP Security Services Ltd	156.00	110486
Haddonstone Ltd	594.01	110485
Bullfinch (Gas Equipment) Ltd	358.80	110484
The Meeting Point	904.00	110483
Trade UK	61.29	110481
NALC	17.00	110515
Information Commissioner	35.00	110514
Rogan Heating Services Ltd	150.00	110504
G & J Peck Ltd	242.90	110503
CamAlarms Ltd	174.00	110502
Konica Minolta Business Sols	128.34	110501
Cooleraid Ltd	4.74	110500
Jewson Ltd	21.72	110499
ESPO	95.70	110498
MiJan Ltd	145.00	110497
Ely Central Heating Ltd	560.00	110496
Lunchbox	78.00	110495

18. FINANCE continued

Arco Ltd	85.13	110494
Ely Tyre Services	324.00	110493
Labour-Tech Recruitment Ltd	75.40	110492
CCTV Volunteer	28.80	110491
CCTV Volunteer	21.60	110490
CCTV Volunteer	13.50	110489
CCTV Volunteer	25.20	110488
Zurich Municipal	9972.98	110513
Amey Cespa (East Ltd)	44.29	110510
Trade UK	29.99	110511
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
CCTV Volunteer	6.40	110518
CCTV Volunteer	13.50	110517
G & J Peck Ltd	346.61	110519
D Jones	40.01	110521
ICCM	90.00	110520
Fuel Genie	134.52	paid by direct debit
BFS Group Ltd	1667.14	110522
Zurich Management Services Ltd	114.00	110523
D Block	104.00	110524
Anglian Water	61.98	110487

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 7th March 2016

Salaries and wages	£13276.63
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£3918.21
Pension fund payments	£6081.27