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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE ECDC COUNCIL CHAMBER, NUTHOLT LANE, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 22ND AUGUST 2016**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor, Cllr I Lindsay	Cllr E Every	Cllr A Arnold
Cllr S Austen	Cllr J Pearson	Cllr A Whelan
Cllr M Lansell	Cllr D Warman	Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr P Moakes	Cllr C Phillips	Cllr C Whelan
5 parishioners	3 members of the LGBT+ Group	

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Rouse and Cllr S Friend-Smith.

**2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no requests for dispensations.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH JULY 2016 AND MATERS ARISING**

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 25th July 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1525, 1526, 1527, 1528 and 1529 refer.

There were no matters arising.

**5. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE LGBT+ GROUP**

Cllr C Whelan introduced Claire Giannandrea, Ariane Richardt and Fritha Love, founder members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender + Group. They explained about the background of the Group, who their team was, what activities they have undertaken, their timeline and their aim to promote equality and the diversity for the public benefit. Their vision is to provide a supportive lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in Ely, with regular events and culminating in Ely PRIDE events in 2017-2018.

Cllr Phillips thanked them for their presentation and said that in the past, many men and women have led their lives in secret and fear. It is good how far we have come and need to continue to ensure that all stand together and offer positive support.

The Group had indicated that they would be applying for a grant from the Council and Cllr Moakes asked what this would be for. It was confirmed it was for printing and advertising to bring Ely PRIDE to Ely.

Cllr A Whelan said that she was heavily involved in this Group and thanked Cllr Phillips for his kind words and understanding of what is needed. She agreed to act as a conduit with the Group, to keep both parties updated and then hopefully give support to the Group to have events in the future.

Cllr Every suggested they contact Mr Ball, Community Safety Partnership at ECDC.

The Mayor thanked them for their presentation and all three left the meeting at 7.23 pm.

**6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman/Mayor informed members that Simon Pittock had resigned as a councillor. He wanted to put on record his personal thanks for all the hard work he had given to this Council, both as a councillor and a member of Ely Perspective. He also informed members of the Mayor's charity dinner/dance on the 22nd April 2017 at the Maltings.

## 7. QUESTION TIME

Cllr Hobbs, in his capacity as a District Councillor informed members of the recent issues with the Slipway on Waterside. The wall had collapsed, but ECDC were resolving this by installing gabbling baskets to support this area. These are baskets full of iron stone. ECDC will be covering the cost of this. He also informed members that the new leisure centre had received confirmation of the £1.5 million National Lottery funding. He confirmed that the existing staff at the Paradise pool will be protected and be TUPE-ed across to the new leisure centre. GLL had been awarded the contract to run the new leisure centre. The Paradise Sports Centre will remain open.

Cllr Hobbs stated that he and Cllr Every were very concerned regarding the general practitioners in Ely. St Mary's Street surgery is finding it hard to attract young GPs. They felt that Ely should have one large practice, combining both surgeries in Ely. The Health Authority had announced the possible closure of the Minor Injuries Unit at the Princess of Wales site. They have had meetings with the CCC, FDC, ECDC, Area Health Authority and local MPs. He felt the City of Ely Council should also be involved in these meetings and proposed that Cllr Lindsay be approved to represent the Council at these. Members unanimously agreed to this recommendation. Cllr Hobbs said that the Council needed to fight and be seen to be doing so. Cllr Lindsay said he would be delighted to join. Cllr Every said this was a cross party working group, which needed to speak with the same voice for the same aim. She was delighted to see that the petition was now being held in the City Council's office, for local people to sign.

Emma Watson, a parishioner said that she had set up the petition to save the Minor Injuries Unit. She had also set up a page on Facebook to promote the petition and the situation. She felt all stakeholders needed to work together and that people needed to be informed. She also asked how the public could help. Cllr Every said she was happy to meet with her outside of this meeting to work out how to promote and get maximum coverage.

Helen Wright, a parishioner said she was still seriously concerned regarding the threat of closure of this service and possibly other services. She said she was delighted to hear the leadership given at the public meeting by Cllr Lindsay and asked how she could provide help and support, and asked how could the press in the City be used.

The Mayor said this will evolve as the Working Party evolves. He was not sure how at the present time the Council will interact with the local press. Cllr Every reiterated the Council was 100% behind the Princess of Wales Hospital and will use the press to support any statements made by the Council. The strategy of the Working Party has to be open and transparent. Cllr Hobbs said that we should not only be looking to retain the existing service, but needed to have an extended service to be able to cope with the increased, future population of the City and surrounding parishes.

Mrs Holden, a parishioner, felt councillors should know, she had been tackled by a lady from Health Watch. A Group set up by the Department of Health. She had wanted to know her opinion of health services, as she said Ely was in a fringe area. Mrs Holden also requested further information on the Witchford Road speed limit consultation. The Mayor thanked her for this information and said more detail will be given on Witchford Road when this was discussed at agenda item 16.

Mrs Haynes, a parishioner informed councillors that she had attended a very constructive meeting regarding A boards and felt that progress was being made. This had been organised by Cllr Arnold and included representation from CCC, ECDC, City of Ely Council and the Access Group. She would be reporting back to the Access Group on Wednesday. She thanked Cllr Arnold for all the research she had undertaken and in getting the group together. She also informed members that Mr Richer, a church warden at Chettisham had sent a letter to all residents of Chettisham, regarding a public meeting to discuss what the Rural Services Grant should be spent on.

## 8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had given presentations on the role of Mayor to groups of foreign language students; had presented diplomas to Italian students on language course; judged Ely in Bloom; attended meeting with Clearview; started EACH colour dash at the King's School; attended the Ely Ribe Association BBQ; visited Thorlabs; attended public meeting by C & PCC Group regarding Minor Injuries Unit; visited High Wycombe to assess suitability of lift for Sessions House and started the Monster Triathlon competition. He reported the colour dash raised £20,000 for EACH. The Triathlon was also a great success, which they are hoping to expand next year with a 5k fun run.

## 9. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 25th July 2016 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

## 10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Tree work:- 31 Downham Road, Ely; Newington House, 148 West Fen Road, Ely; 16 Cambridge Road, Ely; Littleport House, 2 Redman Close, Ely; The King's School, The Old Palace Green, Ely; 126 Broad Street, Ely; The Almonry Restaurant, 36 High Street, Ely; 27 Chapel Street, Ely; 103 Cambridge Road, Ely

Notification of road closures:- Mile End Road, Queen Adelaide, Ely – level crossing work on 9-10 and 11-12 October;

Station Road, Ely – 00.30 – 08.30 hrs on 23 October

Table and chairs licence renewal application – Tea for Two, 4 Buttermarket, Ely (tabled due to timescale for comments, which meant that Cllrs Hobbs and Every had to declare a personal interest as they had been assisting the owner of this business with this issue, so left the room as this was discussed. They completed the Register of Members Interest Book, pages 156 and 157 respectively) – Members agreed to support this application, subject to the areas having barriers to define these. Concerns were raised that visually impaired people find it very 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.

## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee had not met.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Lansall presented a report of a meeting held on the 15th August, which was approved. Three quotes had been sought for the Ely in Bloom contract for 2017-2020. However, only one had been received by Simply Gardening of Ely. Cllr Moakes proposed that this quotation be accepted and Simply Gardening of Ely be awarded the contract for 2017-2020. This was seconded by Cllr Pearson and unanimously approved. Judging for the Ely in Bloom competition took place on the 29th July. The presentation evening was held on the 17th August. Ely Rotary had expressed an interest in taking over the responsibility for the garden area previously maintained by Helping Hands.

(iii) RECREATION AND CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Phillips reminded members of the annual tour of the cemetery, which would take place on the 23rd August. The Clerk informed members of the situation regarding the removal of the swings at the Park. The Deputy Clerk was currently obtaining quotations for the replacement/upgrading of the swings and climbing structure. However, Section 106 funding would need to be obtained for this. As the next meeting of the Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee was not until the 5th September, she requested members approve this funding being sought. Cllr Moakes proposed members approve this request, which was seconded by Cllr Every. All members unanimously agreed.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Arnold presented a report of a meeting held on the 1st August, which was approved. Members noted the update from the Lighting Group and Switch On Group. 16 applications for stalls for the Switch On night had currently been received. The Council had agreed to place an order for a living nativity display with camels at a cost of £2290 plus VAT. There will be a 50% donation coming from Churches Together in Ely. Mr Newstead was confident he would be able to obtain sponsorship for the Council's share of this. A banner will be purchased dedicating the lights for 2016 to the late Nigel Clarke, who had given many years' service to the Christmas Lights in Ely.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – No report as Committee had not met.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – No report as had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 3rd October, when an update will be given on the Maltings by the Venue Manager. Cllr Every confirmed a meeting had been arranged for the 30th August at Centre E.

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

## 12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

Sessions House Phase II Working Group – The Mayor informed members that Mrs Holden and himself had been on a site visit to try out one of the lift options for Sessions House. They would also be repeating this on the other suppliers. He confirmed the Listed Building planning application had now been submitted.

Traffic Working Group – The Mayor confirmed a meeting of this had been arranged for the 31st August. The Group will be discussing possible schemes for the Local Highway Improvement funding and cycle route proposals.

**13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

There were no reports.

**14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC’S PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED INCLUSION OF ELY CEMETERY CHAPELS AND OTHER BUILDINGS IN THE ‘BUILDINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST REGISTER’**

Cllr Phillips proposed the Council give agreement to the Cemetery Chapels being included within the Buildings of Local Interest Register. This was seconded by Cllr Austen and unanimously agreed. Cllr Phillips will send a letter to this effect to ECDC. With regard to the other buildings proposed for inclusion within this Register it was agreed members would check to see if there were any inaccuracies and report these direct to ECDC.

**15. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL’S CONSULTATION ON DEVOLUTION**

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

**16. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT ON WITCHFORD ROAD, ELY AND GRUNTY FEN ROAD, WITCHFORD/WILBURTON**

Cllr Arnold proposed members agreed to support this proposal. This was seconded by Cllr A Whelan and unanimously agreed.

**17. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PLAN**

Members noted the contents of this Plan.

**18. FINANCE**

Members approved the following for payment:

ECDC	1044.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	252.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	387.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	891.00	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	2980.29	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	65.50	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	24.37	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	208.43	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	70.92	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	33.02	paid by direct debit
Worldpay	102.69	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	415.07	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	565.02	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	107.78	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	25.65	paid by direct debit
ESPO	125.94	paid by direct debit
ESPO	52.65	paid by direct debit
ESPO	120.74	paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease Ltd	243.27	paid by direct debit
RGP Security Services Ltd	257.40	110713
NVCS Ltd	94.46	110714
CD Clowe	2261.72	110715
Local World	81.00	110716
Purcell Miller Tritton	5342.18	110717
Jewson Ltd	31.28	110718
Cambridge City Council	90.00	110719
Argos Business Solutions Ltd	156.78	110720
Cooleraid Ltd	4.74	110721
Ely Museum	20.00	110722
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	63.59	110723

**Finance continued .....**

1st Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd	86.40	110724
Kestrel Fencing	4700.69	110725
Labour-tech Recruitment Ltd	313.20	110726
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	110727
CCTV Volunteer	16.20	110728
Breckland Industrial Ltd	672.00	110729
N & C Glass Ltd	10.18	110730
RJH Technical Consultancy Ltd	963.00	110731
ECDC	235.46	110732
Elyi Publishing	154.00	110733
Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd	175.50	110734
Simon Bradley	150.00	110735
Trade UK	360.30	110736
Cottenham Brass Band	200.00	110737
A Arnold	8.35	110738
Arco Ltd	23.75	110740
L Spry	13.75	110739
BFS Group Ltd	143.92	110741
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	72.00	paid by direct debit
ESPO	27.33	110742
Gordon Harrison	52.32	110743
FuelGenie	374.55	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	834.57	paid by direct debit
Anthony Love Seating Installations Ltd	1509.55	110744
Cambridge Mobility	96.00	110745
British Telecommunications	26.88	paid by direct debit
RGP Security Services Ltd	62.40	110746
Joseph's Amazing Camels	597.00	110747

**Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 25th July 2016**

Salaries and wages	£15084.46
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£5216.94
Pension fund payments	£6471.15

**To note and approve the bank reconciliation for the 31st July 2016**