



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN ECDC'S COUNCIL CHAMBER, NUTHOLT LANE, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 9TH JANUARY 2017

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr S Friend-Smith

Cllr R Hobbs (arrived 7.30 pm)

2 parishioners

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr M Lansell

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr P Moakes

Cllr D Warman

Cllr S Austen

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from the Cllr Yates, Cllr Every, Cllr Pearson, Cllr C Whelan and Cllr A Whelan.

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 12TH DECEMBER 2016 AND MATERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th December 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1552, 1553, 1554, 1555, and 1556 refer. There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that there will be a Fashion Show, in aid of the Mayor's Charity on Friday, 17th March at Ely Golf Club. Tickets were already on sale. On Saturday, 22 April he will be having his Mayor's Ball at the Maltings. He also informed members of the revised date of submission for the nomination forms for Mayor and Deputy Mayor 17/18.

6. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the parishioners present.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Rouse, in his capacity as a County Councillor, informed members he had checked on the archives move and everything was still going ahead. He had attended a meeting today with the Mayor, Cllr Bailey and CCC officers regarding the streetlights on Back Hill. The CCC officers had accepted that there were reasons for concerns regarding the level of light along this road and they had agreed to look at providing much brighter lighting from the existing lamp columns. He also informed members work had commenced on the A142 Bypass this week.

Cllr Austen, in her capacity as a District Councillor informed members that ECDC were currently having issues with their IT system and Planning Portal. Plans will be emailed by Planning Officer if they cannot be viewed on the website.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended St Mary's School Christmas Concert; Pos+Ability Christmas lunch at Witchford; Highfield School Christingle Service; the Council's annual Christmas dinner; Presentation of service award to Forces Recruitment, Lancaster Way; Mayor's Gala Pantomime performance at the Maltings and met with Mr Hill, ECDC.

9. PLANNING

A report of a Planning Committee meeting held immediately prior to this meeting was received.

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received: -

Tree work:- 44 Forehill, Ely; Hazeldene, 36 Barton Road, Ely

Notification of bus service changes:- 110 – Impington to Ely – change of operator

Prickwillow Village Council – thank you letter regarding release of Rural Services grant

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee had not met. The Clerk gave members an update regarding the progress made with the Council's on line banking facility, which was noted. She also informed members, due to the Venue Manager at the Maltings taking maternity leave from April, discussions had taken place with the existing staff, regarding taking on extra responsibilities. It had been agreed the Assistant Manager will take over the role of Venue Manager and the Venue Assistant will take over the role of the Assistant Manager, for the period of maternity leave. A temporary 20 hour per week Venue Assistant will also need to be recruited to maintain acceptable staff levels. Cllr Moakes proposed that these recommendations be approved and actioned. This was seconded by Cllr Arnold and unanimously approved.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting would be held on the 23rd January.

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

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting would be held on the 30th January. Cllr Arnold thanked everyone that helped to make this such a success. The lights had all been removed in one weekend. Members reiterated these thanks. There will be a small team going to the annual lights fayre to look at purchasing new lights for this year's display.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 16th January.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – No report as had not met. The Mayor informed members this group had been reconstituted and they were working to get more community involvement.

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

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

Sessions House Working Group – The Mayor informed members that invitations to tender had now been issued for the lift project at Sessions House.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – members noted the minutes of a meeting held on the 7th November 2016.

City of Ely Allotments Association – members noted the minutes of a meeting held on the 19th October 2016. Cllr Moakes felt the Association should be commended on the standard of their minutes.

Cllr Arnold informed members she was not sure if Barns Voice would continue, as there did not appear to be a lot of interest in this group.

14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE TABLES AND CHAIRS LICENCE RENEWAL FOR LEMON TREET DELI (FORMERLY ALLGOODS), 9 MARKET PLACE, ELY

Members agreed to support this application subject to the area having barriers to define it. 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.

Cllr Hobbs arrived at 7.30 pm.

15. TO APPROVE THE SETTING OF THE BUDGET FOR 2017/2018

The Mayor gave a full explanation regarding the proposed precept for 2017/2018. He proposed the precept for 2017/2018 be set at £432,230, which was seconded by Cllr Moakes. This was unanimously approved by all members.

16. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING ORDER FOR DOVEHOUSE CLOSE AND POTTERS LANE, ELY

Although this scheme is being funded by the Council, members agreed to support this prohibition of waiting order. Cllr Hobbs informed members that the attached plan was incorrect and agreed to liaise with the County Council to ensure the correct markings, as agreed with them, were undertaken.

17. TO DISCUSS CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DRAFT CORPORATE ENERGY STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Members unanimously agreed to support this strategy. Cllr Hobbs agreed to respond on behalf of the Council.

18. FINANCE

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
Barclays	146.29	paid by direct debit
Vodafone	68.01	paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease Ltd	243.27	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	2446.61	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	86.39	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	23.94	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	34.86	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	1945.03	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	186.09	paid by direct debit
ESPO	427.92	paid by direct debit
ESPO	105.44	paid by direct debit
ESPO	325.42	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	26.88	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	752.43	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	565.84	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	270.67	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	581.39	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	175.55	paid by direct debit
Shefs	3,511.20	paid by BACS
Trade UK	27.96	110956
G & J Peck	84.00	110957
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions	107.27	110958
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions	130.61	110958
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions	238.72	110958
Arco Ltd	46.70	110959
GB Sport & Leisure UK Ltd	158.70	110960
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions	175.37	110958
Total Gas & Power	35.37	110983
Ensign Solutions Ltd	90.00	110961
Simpson's Nurseries Ltd	18.00	110962
Blushed Studios	276.48	110963
Blushed Studios	132.10	110963
Warren Access	1,171.50	110964

18. Finance continued

Shefs	12.00	110965
RGP Security Services Ltd	156.00	110951
Bradleys Discos	1000.00	110952
Purcell Miller Tritton LLP	947.76	110970
Camguard Fire & Security	118.80	110969
Argos Business Solutions Ltd	19.59	110968
City Cycle Centre	42.97	110967
ECDC	1,456.18	110966
Anglian Water	56.96	110971
Anglian Water	18.81	110972
Wider Plan Ltd	256.11	110953
NVCS	100.41	110954
The Saffron Ice Cream Company Ltd	535.44	110955
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	240.54	110973
Deeping Direct Deliveries	144.00	110974
CCTV Volunteer	5.40	110975
Arco Ltd	123.22	110976
Geze UK Ltd	160.68	110977
Mr M Chinery-Colyer	53.00	110978
BFS Group Ltd	1565.78	110979
Warren Access	1179.00	110964
Trade UK Ltd	25.89	110956
Anglian Water	338.22	110980
Valueswift Ltd	181.00	110981
Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	492.00	110982
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	118.44	pd by dd)
British Telecommunications	119.34	pd by dd)
British Telecommunications	319.88	pd by dd)
Barclays	146.29	pd by dd)
Total Gas & Power	2635.14	pd by dd)
Total Gas & Power	117.00	pd by dd)
Total Gas & Power	29.95	pd by dd)
Total Gas & Power	35.37	pd by dd)

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 12th December 2016

Salaries and wages	£13091.12
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£4569.95
Pension fund payments	£6286.67