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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 14TH JANUARY 2019**

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson, Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr M Rouse

Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr M Lansell

Cllr J Yates

3 parishioners

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr S Friend-Smith

Cllr E Every

Cllr P Moakes

Mr D Jenkins, *Endurance Estates*

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr A Whelan

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The Mayor informed members of the sudden death of the Mayor of Cambridge, Cllr Nigel Gawthrope. He would be sending a letter of condolence on behalf of the Council. Before the start of the meeting a minute's silence was observed.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Lindsay, Cllr Pearson, Cllr Austen & Cllr Warman.

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 17TH DECEMBER 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 17th December 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Pages 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1717 & 1718 refer.

Matters Arising – Page 1712, item 4 -The Mayor tabled a letter from a business in Ely regarding possible fundraising for the purchase of a defibrillator. This was noted by members. The Mayor agreed to respond informing them that the Council is actively looking at the provision of these at the moment.


Page 1714, item 12 – Cllr Hobbs informed members he had met with representatives from Fenprobe at Sessions House and given them a tour of the building. It was felt that the only appropriate location for their equipment, which would be very minimal, was an area which would only take up half of the table in the Antechamber. The need for them to use this area would be on a temporary basis. Members agreed to allow them to use this space for a period of six months, which would be rent free. This will be reviewed before the six month period ends.

5. PRESENTATION FROM MR DUNCAN JENKINS OF ENDURANCE ESTATES REGARDING THE COMMUNITY HUB AT NORTH ELY

Mr Jenkins from Endurance Estates gave a presentation to Council on the proposed community hub and local centre within the new development of the North of Ely. He explained where this would be, what was proposed, what they were and the process being undertaken. He talked about the ownership and management of this and hoped that the City of Ely Council would be agreeable, in principle, to undertake this. He also said they would be preparing a business plan for this and how they would like to work with this Council and what the next steps were. After a few questions from members were answered, the Mayor proposed that this Council agree to support these proposals in principle. This was seconded by Cllr Arnold and unanimously agreed.

The Mayor thanked Mr Jenkins for attending the meeting. He left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

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6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed members the Annual Council Meeting will be held on the 13th May instead of the 20th May, due to the requirement within the Standing Orders that this be held within 14 days of the local election on the 2nd May. It was also agreed that the election of a Deputy Mayor for 2019/20 would be undertaken at this meeting and not in February, as is usual procedure, due to there being no one who wishes to put themselves forward for this. The Mayor reported that Cllr Austen was concerned that her six month dispensation was nearly up. Although, it was recorded that this dispensation was given until further notice, members agreed that as she was still not recovered that this be continued for a further six months. The Mayor reminded members of his Mayoral dinner on the 23rd February.

7. QUESTION TIME

A member of the public read from the minutes of the East Cambs Access Group AGM with regard to the relevant sections where the City of Ely Council was mentioned. They had thanked the Council for taking their responsibility seriously with regard to accessibility to the office and meetings. The Mayor thanked them for being very positive, with regard to the Council.

Another member of the public informed members he had just had a conversation with Mr Jenkins, before he left and had made three observations to him regarding the proposals for the new community building in the North of Ely. He hoped he would take these into consideration.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Members noted the report from County and District Cllr Elisabeth Every. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Hobbs in his capacity as a District Councillor reported the work at the Riverside had now been completed by ECDC. He also reported that there were problems with safe access into and out of the Bridge Fen Allotment site. There will be a meeting on Friday, where this will be discussed and a solution found to make this safer.

9. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Heligoland 39 Commemoration in Ely Cathedral; visited the Royal Mail sorting office; attended Fen House Christmas party; attended Jack in the Beanstalk, KD Theatre Gala night; attended Spectrum breakfast with Santa at Grand Central; attended Roy Seymour social evening; collecting with the City of Ely Military Band at the Market Place; on Christmas Day visited Fen House to wish them a Happy Christmas and the Lady Chapel to wish diners and helpers a Happy Christmas and attended a prayer meeting with the Muslim community.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the Service of Remembrance for the Road Traffic Victims Trust; Pos+ability Christmas lunch; RAF Lakenheath and Mildenhall Yuletide Winter Reception; Huntingdon Town Council Civic Carol Service; Heligoland 39 Commemoration in Ely Cathedral and the Jack in the Beanstalk, KD Theatre Gala night.

10. PLANNING

A report of the Planning Committee meeting, immediately prior to this meeting was received.

11. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Notification of tree work:- 4 Tower Road, Ely; 39 Back Hill, Ely; Shackleton House, 34 St Marys Street, Ely; Garden Cottage, 18 Church Lane, Ely; 23 Broad Street, Ely; 21 Osier Close, Ely; 64 Henley Way, Ely; Westmoreland House, 5A Barton Road, Ely; 70 Lynn Road, Ely; 19 Annesdale, Ely; Barton Square, Ely
Letter and notes of a meeting from CAPALC



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12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (i) **PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE** – No report as the Committee had not met. The Clerk and Mayor reinforced to all members that the GDPR training must be completed as soon as possible, to ensure this Council is compliant.
- (ii) **ENVIRONMENT** – No report as the Committee had not met.
- (iii) **RECREATION & CEMETERY** – No report as the Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on 21st January 2019.
- (iv) **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** – No report as the Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 4th February.
- (v) **ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS** – No report as the Committee had not met.
- (vi) **ELY/RIBE** – No report as Group had not met. The notes from the AGM on the 26th September were noted. Cllr Moakes proposed the Council agree to the Association's request for the proposed change to the constitution with regard to corporate membership. This was seconded by Cllr Yates and unanimously agreed
- (vii) **YOUTH FORUM** – No report as the Committee had not met.
- (viii) **TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE** - No report as the Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 12th February 2019. Cllr Hobbs informed members the new Civil War room project was nearly completed and an official launch of this would be held on the 4th April at 6.00 pm.

13. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

CCTV Working Group – Cllr Every reported that the City Centre wi-fi was now fully operational. Relays will also be installed on the CCTV columns in Soham, which will result in Soham also receiving wi-fi in their town centre.

14. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – notes of the AGM on the 15th January 2018 and notes of a meeting held on the 12th November were noted. Cllr Every informed members she had agreed to meet with representatives of the PVC to look at the war memorial, to ascertain what work is needed and the costings for these. The ownership of the memorial will be researched.

15. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE TABLE AND CHAIRS LICENCE, RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR LEMON TREE DELI CAFÉ, 9 MARKET PLACE, ELY

Cllr Every did not take part in the discussion of this item, as she will be involved with this, in her capacity as a County Councillor. It was unanimously agreed to support this application. However, their 'A' board must be positioned within this area and not on the public open space, as it currently is. The applicant should also ensure that barriers are in place, as 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.

16. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WITCHFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

Members noted the proposed amendment to the Witchford Neighbourhood Plan area, but agreed to make no comment on this.

17. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED 30 MPH AND 40 MPH SPEED LIMITS AT ELY ROAD, MILE END ROAD AND PUTNEY HILL ROAD, PRICKWILLOW, ELY

Members unanimously agreed to support this proposed Order.



18. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments and BACS payments

Lex Autolease	695.29	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	1520.00	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	221.24	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	28.32	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	60.53	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	159.84	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	137.06	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	794.67	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	125.79	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	313.53	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	591.44	Paid by direct debit
Green City Solutions	210.50	Paid by direct debit
Siemens	617.40	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	196.67	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	52.57	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	2887.50	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	284.49	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	150.00	Paid by direct debit
Liquidline Ltd	235.63	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	60.64	Paid by direct debit
EE	95.71	Paid by direct debit
Plan Communications Ltd	41.99	Paid by direct debit

The following invoices had already been paid prior to the Full Council, due to due date of payment with the approval of the Chairman

BFS Group Ltd	207.58	112227
Elyi Publishing	372.75	112231
S Blake	1859.00	112232

The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

Mrs T Harding	31.20	112234
ATS Heritage	300.00	112235
Verve Digital	120.00	112236
ECDC	1366.20	112237
Gordon Harrison	26.28	112238
Breckland Industrial Ltd	2784.00	112239
Office Furniture online	1728.00	112240
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions Ltd	170.68	112241
Soham Pest Control Rodent Acc	99.00	112242
CamAlarms Ltd	102.60	112243
Cambridge Marketing Ltd	4250.00	112244
Total Gas & Power	9.74	112245
East Cambs Trading Co Ltd	239.62	112233
Mr M Rouse	237.60	112246
Ensign Solutions Ltd	268.74	112247
ECDC	96.00	112237
ECDC	1553.80	112237
BusinessClean (Cambridge) Ltd	1097.71	112248
1st Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd	24.00	112249
CCTV Volunteer	21.60	112250
OZ-UK Steel Buildings	2550.00	112251

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18. FINANCE CONTINUED

ESPO	50.50	112252
Take One Media Ltd	3180.00	112253
Ely & Littleport Riot	90.00	112254
Ely Cathedral	30.53	112255
Ely History Publications	166.50	112258
Cooleraid Ltd	18.96	112256
Newmarket Town Band	200.00	112257
Amazon Payments Europe SCA	33.79	112259
S Bradley	270.00	112261
Aztek Services Ltd	598.80	112260
Cambridgeshire ACRE	410.40	112262
Francotyp-Postalia Ltd	72.00	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	1240.41	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	143.34	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	314.37	Paid by direct debit
Liquidline Ltd	130.57	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	105.56	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	336.63	Paid by direct debit
J R McIntyre	1520.00	112228
Millennium Pest Control Ltd	66.00	112263
Amazon Payments Europe SCA	379.99	112259
ECDC	43.20	112237
Mrs E Gardener	216.80	112264
Maltings Partnership	5850.00	112265
ECDC	117.00	112266
Mr T Delacy	28.80	112267
J Adams-Fairweather	54.80	112268
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	104.35	112269
Anglian Water	22.93	112271
Anglian Water	51.66	112270

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 17th December 2018

Salaries and wages	£0.00
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£0.00
Pension fund payments	£0.00

Members deferred noting and approving the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st December 2018 until the next Full Council meeting on the 11th February, due to this not being available.



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City of Ely Council– Cambridgeshire County Council Update – 14 January 2019

Cambridgeshire County Council

Cllr Lis Every, Cambridgeshire County Councillor – Ely North

Cultivate and Innovative Fund: bids continue to come in against this fund and are being awarded. There are still issues that despite workshops and officer advice, quite a few bids fail because they have not met the criteria. More effort will be put into helping bidders and the feedback process supports a process of re-bidding, should they wish to do so. I should mention that generally funders of grants find this is a common reason for organisations not being awarded grants.

As Community Champion for East Cambridgeshire, I am working with City College, Peterborough on a scheme to create a Health and Care Academy across the County. We have 14,000 vacancies in the health system in East Cambs. Free training is being offered for the Level 1 Introduction to Health Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings. This is being offered to those not in work, on benefits or wishing to change career direction. This is the first rung of a ladder into the Healthcare profession. When the course is finished, during which there is mentoring, help will be given to find jobs for the course members. Please spread the word! More information can be obtained on the website www.healthandcareacademy.co.uk. You will be shortly be well aware of their campaign.

East Cambridgeshire District Council – Ely East

At the recent Full Council it was agreed that the Council would pursue the purchase of the MOD site at the Princess of Wales hospital. Negotiations will now take place between the MOD and ECDC to officially acquire the site. The Trading Company hopes to see the site turned from 88 empty homes to 92 units, 15 of which will be affordable housing and shared ownership CLT homes, for the benefit of people who live or work locally. There is planned provision for a play area which will replace the American play area which is now closed. This will also help to pave the way for the developments at the Princess of Wales Hospital which are in planning stage.

Our Community Safety Partnerships continues to work with all the services, particularly the Police to support those who are vulnerable. There is now a County/District scheme to combat Hate Crime. Venues across East Cambridgeshire are being identified to provide easier access to report these crimes.

The Economic Development Department and I have been invited to sit on the Combined Authorities Stakeholders Advisory Group helping to shape the Skills Strategy for the Combined Authority area. This is the first time that East Cambridgeshire has been involved in such a process.

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