



**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, 8TH APRIL 2019**

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson, Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr M Rouse

Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr P Moakes

Cllr S Austen

5 members of the public

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr S Friend-Smith

Cllr E Every

Cllr A Whelan

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr D Warman

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Lansell.

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 11TH MARCH 2019 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th March 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record, with the agreed addition in these minutes under item 7, that the Council agreed to Cllr Every's request at the last meeting to support the Futures High Street Fund. Pages 1730, 1731, 1732, 1733, 1734, 1735 and 1736 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1730, item 4 – The Mayor informed members he had met with a representative from the St John Ambulance regarding defibrillators. They have raised money for one and wished to place this in the City Centre. The Clerk confirmed she had met with the Conservation Officer regarding the placing of these on the Council's buildings. However, due to three of the four being listed buildings, this would not be possible. It was agreed the Clerk would look at this further and report back to the next Full Council meeting.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed members of the Annual Parish Meeting on the 15th April; Ely Spring Clean on the 28th April; 29th April will be the last Full Council before the Parish Elections on the 2nd May; Eel throwing on the Market Place on the 3rd May; Eel Day Parade is on the 4th May; Food Fayre on the 4th-6th May; Mayor's Charity Film Show at Centre E re Heligoland 39 on the 11th May and the Annual Council Meeting on the 13th May.

6. QUESTION TIME

A representative from Ely Rock Eels told members they were pleased that there was an item on the agenda about the Ely Eel rocks and the consideration that will be given to them having a permanent home near the Maltings. They have submitted an application to the Guinness Book of Records for a world record of the largest amount of themed rocks and are still awaiting confirmation from them.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Bailey had given her apologies as she was unable to attend the meeting.

Members noted the report from Cllr Every, in her capacity as a County and District Councillor. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. She thanked the Council for the letter of support that had been sent for the Expression of Interest for the Futures High Street Fund. It is anticipated that a response to this will be received in June.

Cllr Hobbs, in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members how good the Country Park was now looking and he hoped it would be enjoyed by many in the summer.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Eel Day and Food Festival launch; attended an audience with Garfield at Ely Library; supported the Lego exhibition at the Countess Free Church in aid of Christians against poverty; attended Ely firefighters car wash; attended the High Sheriff's Awards Ceremony; attended an orientation flight from RAF Mildenhall with the Bloody 100th; attended the Babylon Gallery short films festival; attended the ECDC Chairman's Reception at the Lady Chapel; attended the City of Ely Military Band's Tea 'n' Tunes Concert; attended the Oliver Cromwell House relaunch with Lord Spencer; met with the Heligoland 39 organiser and the Royal British Legion; attended the Ely ATC Open Evening; attended the Alice in Wonderland at the Maltings at which KD Theatre presented a cheque for £350 for the Mayor's Charity and attended the Downham Market Civic Service.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the City of Ely Military Band's Tea 'n' Tunes Concert and the Oliver Cromwell House relaunch with Lord Spencer.

9. PLANNING

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

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Notification of tree work:- The Choir House, The College, Ely; 33 The Vineyards, Ely; 13 Cromwell Road, Ely; 31 Egremont Street, Ely; Barton Lodge, 89 Cambridge Road, Ely; Kings School, Barton Road, Ely; 1 Vineyard Way, Ely; 35 Annesdale, Ely

Notification of Street Naming & Numbering:- Cootes House, 18 Jubilee Terrace, Ely

Notification of road closures:- Victoria Street, Ely 29.1.19 – 1.5.19

Letter from ECDC regarding the decision to withdraw the East Cambs Local Plan from its examination by an independent Inspector

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Lindsay presented a report of a meeting held on the 25th March, which was approved. Several contractors had been invited to provide quotes for the Ely in Bloom provision and the Estates Team Manager had provided a report detailing what requirements would be necessary for the Estates Team to take on this task. Cllr Lindsay informed members the County Council had introduced a new Street Lighting Attachments Policy, which came into effect on the 1st April. This would mean a permit would be required for each street light used to hang a hanging basket/baskets on. He had contacted the County Council Officer, but had received a negative response from them, which would probably mean the Council would have to submit an application for all the street lights used for the floral displays. Balfour Beatty had given permission for the new speed indicating device to be erected on certain lampposts, so an application for this would not be necessary. It was hoped that once this device is in use, the Speedwatch team would be able to access the data it collects via an app, in order to inform on future Speedwatch activity. A quote was still awaited for the refurbishment of the war memorial in Prickwillow. Quotes to install new lampposts in Annesdale, Chapel Street and West End had been accepted. A new litter bin will be purchased for the car park of Sessions House. Cllr Lindsay will also chase up the purchase of new litter bins for the City Centre with ECDC. A community litter pick is scheduled for the 25th April, between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm, meeting at VCAEC on Forehill. Cllr Every proposed that a memorial in remembrance of Cllr John Yates be organised. Members discussed this further at the Full Council meeting and it was agreed Cllr Every would contact

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the Rotary Club and take this forward outside of the meeting.

Cllr Friend-Smith asked if the new Street Lighting Attachments Policy was a County initiative or was it nationwide, as she felt the City of Ely Council were at a disadvantage. Cllr Every agreed to talk to the County Officer in her capacity as a County Councillor.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – Cllr Phillips presented a report of a meeting held on the 18th March, which was approved. The Deputy Clerk would arrange for quotations for the upgrade of the play equipment at Willow Walk play area. Once the type of equipment had been agreed, laminated plans will be displayed at the play area, inviting comments from visitors to the area. This will be funded from Section 106 monies. The Deputy Clerk had updated members on the recycling area at the Cemetery. If archaeological work is required, as a condition of the planning permission, then a request for further funding from CIL will need to be made. The short, medium and long term goals of the Committee had been updated.

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

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

(vi) ELY/RIBE – The Group had not met.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – The Working Group had not met.

(vii) TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE – The next meeting will be held on the 9th April 2019.

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

There were no Working Party or Steering Group reports.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – notes of a meeting held on the 14th January were tabled and noted.

14. TO INFORM MEMBERS OF THE EEL ROCK INSTALLATION AT THE MALTINGS/RIVERSIDE AREA

The Mayor explained to members the process that had been undertaken to date with regards to locating a permanent home for the eel rocks. The Clerk and he had been in contact with Ely Eel Rocks Group discussing possible locations and the logistics of the installation. They had also contacted ECDC's Conservation Officer regarding what permission would be required as the proposed site, on the grass verge, near the Sluice was in the Conservation Area. A selection of designs for display of these rocks, will be submitted to the Conservation Officer for approval. Cllr Every proposed the identified site for the eel rock installation be agreed. This was seconded by Cllr Moakes and unanimously agreed. The Group had confirmed their willingness to sign a promise to annually maintain the rocks for a period of 10-20 years.

15. TO FORMALLY APPOINT MR R NEALE, AS FULL-TIME ESTATES TECHNICIAN AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A SEASONAL PART-TIME ESTATES TECHINICIAN AND TO PASS A RESOLUTION THAT THEY BOTH BE SPECIFIED AS A PENSIONABLE EMPLOYEE UNDER REGULATION B1(5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS 1986 (AS AMENDED)

The Mayor proposed the formal appointment of Mr R Neale as a full-time Estates Technician and the formal appointment of a seasonal part-time Estates Technician, which is currently being advertised. He also proposed to pass a resolution that they both be specified as pensionable employees under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as amended). Both of these proposals were seconded by Cllr Arnold and unanimously agreed.

16. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN FURTHER CONSULTATION

Members fully supported the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

4 members of the public left the meeting at 7.55 pm.

17. TO CONSIDER EMAIL ON BEHALF OF THOMAS PARSONS CHARITY REGARDING OFFER OF LAND AT PRICKWILLOW ROAD, ELY

The Clerk informed members she had contacted Cheffins regarding the offer of this land to the Council and they had responded confirming they would be happy to meet with members on site in order to discuss any potential ideas for using the land. Wildspace had expressed an interest to be involved in the maintenance of this land. There could be a possibility that the Council leases the land, but Wildspace take on the maintenance on behalf of the Council. This however, would have to be on a peppercorn rent and there should be no legal costs to this Council with regards to the drawing up of a lease. Cllr Every proposed the Clerk contact Cheffins and agree in principle to look at taking this land on and arrange a site meeting with Cheffins and Wildspace to discuss this further. This was seconded by Cllr Hobbs and unanimously approved. It was also agreed that if the Council moved forward with this, with Wildspace undertaking the maintenance of the land, there would need to be a fall-back position if Wildspace were to withdraw from the agreement.

18. TO DISCUSS THE RENEWAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH REGARDS TO ADEC AND THE CINEMA AT THE MALTINGS

The Mayor informed members that Cllr Every and he had met with representatives from ADeC with regards to the cinema provision at the Maltings. Unfortunately, attendance numbers have fallen and ADeC had now launched a ‘Save Ely Cinema’ appeal. Ely Cinema is under threat and they need to raise at least £17,000 over the next year to ensure its survival. The Clerk also informed members that ADeC were happy with the existing agreement, but had asked for an additional clause to be added, to allow for notice of termination to be given by either party at any time, so that the termination date would always be the final calendar date of the following month. Cllr Lindsay proposed that the Memorandum of Agreement be renewed for a further year, with this additional clause. This was seconded by Cllr A Whelan and unanimously agreed. Cllr Every suggested that a similar appeal for the replacement of the theatre seats at the Maltings, such as ‘Save Our Seats’ could be considered in the future, as the seating is getting very close to the point of needing replacing.

The Mayor proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, regarding agenda item 19, that this be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 be exercised. This was seconded by Cllr Lindsay and agreed to go into Committee at the end of the meeting.

19. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE MALTINGS COTTAGE

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

20. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments and BACS payments

ECDC	911.50	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	491.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	932.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	274.60	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	1731.04	Paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease	695.29	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	799.03	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	150.00	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	60.24	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	184.02	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	175.91	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	948.82	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	233.87	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	525.67	Paid by direct debit
Plan Communications Ltd	43.20	Paid by direct debit
Green City Solutions	213.61	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	28.61	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	150.00	Paid by direct debit

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FuelGenie	318.86	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	354.70	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	60.64	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	178.80	Paid by direct debit
EE	96.82	Paid by direct debit
D Holt	50.00	Paid by BACS
Information Commissioner	35.00	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

Amazon Payments Europe SCA	23.22	112389
Shefs	207.90	112390
CamAlarms Ltd	1333.80	112391
B & M Bricklaying	1080.00	112392
James Billings Photography	125.00	112393
Amazon Payments Europe SCA	104.25	112395
Ely & Soham Electrical Services	1224.30	112394
ECDC	433.42	112396
John Lewis Partnership	120.00	112397
ECDC	150.00	112398
Total Gas & Power	8.35	112399
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions Ltd	130.61	112400
Gordon Harrison	362.06	112401
S Bradley	280.00	112402
G & J Peck Ltd	10.61	112403
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions Ltd	59.02	112404
ARCO Ltd	31.90	112405
CCTV Volunteer	10.80	112406
Trade UK	38.96	112407
G & J Peck Ltd	149.60	112408
Clearview Communications Ltd	952.80	112409
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	7620.00	112410
Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	531.60	112411
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions Ltd	130.46	112412

The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

Securitas Security Services Ltd	540.00	112415
Soham Pest Control	99.00	112416
Savills (UK) Ltd	264.50	112417
Zurich Municipal	10339.72	112418
K Ellis	1500.00	112419
Amazon Payments Europe SCA	26.48	112420
R G P Security Services Ltd	198.00	112421 & 112422
Haine Tree Services Ltd	3690.00	112423
LGRC Associates Ltd	50.00	112424
Bright Publishing Ltd	180.00	112425
ATS Heritage	300.00	112426
K Merrison	25.00	112427
A Sharp	58.05	112428
T Harding	12.00	112429
Thompson Media Partners Ltd	550.00	112430
ECDC	175.20	112431
Minerva Publications	358.80	112432
C Inman	6.99	112433
Cambs County Council	586.33	112434

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Cooleraid Ltd	14.22	112436
Ensign Solutions Ltd	14.40	112435
BFS Group Ltd	214.85	112467
L Howell	13.99	112438
Trade UK	30.33	112444
Robinson Layer LLP	600.00	112443
Ofcom	726.00	112442
ECDC	1911.18	112431
Businessclean (Cambridge) Ltd	1062.43	112441
Shefs	257.40	112440
Total Gas & Power	21.25	Paid by direct debit
O Hewkin	184.05	112445
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	87.07	112439
The Elyi Magazine	185.60	112446
Roch ndt Services	1140.00	112447
S Blake	957.00	112448
Verve Digital Ltd	120.00	112449
Amazon Payments Europe SCA	73.19	112420
Millennium Pest Control Ltd	66.00	112451
Trade UK	7.99	112444
Nisbets	47.97	112452
House of Marbles	1152.27	112453
Simpson's Nurseries Ltd	64.26	112454
GTW Media Ltd	180.00	112455
British Telecommunications	140.64	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	141.41	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	320.84	Paid by direct debit
Infiniti Graphics LLP	80.00	112456
G & J Peck Ltd	4.70	112457
Travis Perkins	18.19	112458
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	53.34	112459
Anglian Water	21.35	112460
Anglian Water	64.52	112461
City Cycle Centre	129.94	112462
Mr & Mrs Elliot	38.95	112414
G & J Peck Ltd	8.18	112457
Worldpay	141.74	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	155.33	Paid by direct debit
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	112463
Worldpay	93.90	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	120.88	Paid by direct debit
ICCM	95.00	112450

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 11th March 2019

Salaries and wages	£24,208.65
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£7,131.93
Pension fund payments	£11,399.61

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 28th February 2019

City of Ely Council– Cambridgeshire County Council Update – 8 April 2019

Cambridgeshire County Council

Cllr Lis Every, Cambridgeshire County Councillor – Ely North

As Chair of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee which works to monitor the activities that support our children in care and care leavers, I am delighted that Cambridgeshire County council has been named as a ‘trailblazing authority’ in the national roll out of an innovative approach to children’s social care, backed by a share of an £87m DfE funding package. We will take a leading national role in supporting the Government’s nationwide roll out of Family Safeguarding – an approach that improves outcomes for vulnerable children and young people by involving multi-disciplinary teams in children’s social care. Our change for Children restructure which was implemented in November 2018 now works with a number of children’s teams focused on working with younger children and their families and this approach will be the focus. I am a member of the new Task and Finish multi-agency group working on ‘what a good mental health support programme would look like for our children in care’.

A review of Cambridgeshire Music and the Music Hub is taking place to determine how to further widen the music service to our young people further afield from Cambridge and to explore a hub and digital approach to this.

East Cambridgeshire District Council – Ely East

Ely Bus Steering Group (Stagecoach, multi council and community representation)

Progress has been made on this and we have been accepted as part of the Task Force for the Combined Authority Bus Review and we may be considered as a pilot. We continue to monitor the Number 9 bus numbers and efficiency and will be undertaking further research of the demand for this and other services by setting up focus groups of users and non-users. We are seeking further funding to increase the service and bridge the 2 years until the results of the CA Bus Review.

Youth Strategy for East Cambridgeshire

This continues to move forward and will be implemented post May. Cllr Hobbs and I continue to work with our young people for a new skate park in Ely. We are looking for suitable sites and the ECDC feasibility study is being prepared by the leader of the project, Stan Hickish.

Futures High Street Fund

Many thanks for the support from the City of Ely Council for the Expression of Interest for the Futures High Street Fund. In all, we received 25 letters of stakeholder support from all levels of local authority, including the Combined Authority and their business board, representatives of businesses, retailers, young people, community, the Cathedral, Museum etc. It was submitted at 4.15 on the 22 March, the last date for submission. We anticipate receiving a response in June. In the meantime, we are looking at the criteria for the Market Town Feasibility Study which will also commence in June. The Expression of Interest will form part of this.

We continue to work the with multi-agency Ely Leisure Village Working Group Meeting to widen the brief and include other areas of anti social behaviour, ie Sainsbury Car Park, as well as working on a programme of preventative and restorative measures.11

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