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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, 13TH JANUARY 2020**

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson - Clerk to the Council

Cllr M Rouse, Mayor

Cllr S Bellow

Cllr E Carlsson Browne

Cllr D Warman

4 members of public

NOT PRESENT: Cllr M Downey

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr R Morgan

Cllr E Every

Cllr A Whelan

Ms P Luparia, Cambs Police Shrievalty Trust

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr R Denness

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Lindsay, Cllr Wilkins and Cllr Austen.

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 16TH DECEMBER 2019 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 16th December 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809 and 1810 refer. There were no matters arising.

5. TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM PERRI LUPARIA, TRUST MANAGER FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE SHRIEVALTY TRUST

Ms Luparia explained what the Police Shrievalty Trust was and in particular that the Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme was a crime reduction programme, with its work overcoming the shock of crime and to help restore self-confidence, health and wellbeing. They currently receive £50,000 from the Police and Crime Commissioner and £14,000 per year is spent on supporting elderly and domestic abuse victims. In Ely last year, 36 elderly victims, 6 domestic victims and 7 children were supported under this Scheme. As there was a shortfall of funding she asked if the Council would be able to provide any financial support to them. The Clerk explained how the Council's grant process worked and agreed to send her the information. Cllr Every suggested she contact the East Cambs Safety Partnership. The Mayor thanked Ms Luparia for attending the meeting.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor wished everyone a happy and successful New Year.

7. QUESTION TIME

Three parishioners from the Waterside Residents Association addressed members and asked two questions. One was regarding the perilous state of the pavements in the area and asked that the Council takes the initiative in pursuing the relevant bodies responsible for these as a priority in 2020. The second was that they were also concerned about the increase in heavy vehicle traffic in the area and that this is causing damage to some properties. They requested the Council seek to extend the existing 20 mph restriction at Willow Walk to incorporate Waterside, Quayside, Ship Lane, Back Lane and Annesdale in order to secure the safety and security for the future of this vitally important historic area of Ely.

Cllr Every asked if the Group had logged their concerns on the Cambs County Council website with regard to the pavements. They confirmed this had been undertaken, but had not had a response.

The second question could possibly be considered by the Environment Committee under the Minor Highways Improvement Scheme for 2021/2022. Cllr Every agreed to meet with the Group to discuss both questions and help them move these forwards. The Mayor thanked the parishioners for bringing these issues to the Council.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A report from County Councillor A Bailey, who had given apologies as she had been unable to attend the meeting, was tabled and noted and is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Every informed members the planning application for the new community centre in Broad Street had been approved at the recent ECDC's Planning Committee meeting. She thanked the City Council for their support of this application. She also informed members the Bus Review Strategy and Cycling Strategy will be coming through shortly. There will be questionnaires regarding cycling, buses and walking, which will be received by every household in the district. This will be a six week consultation.

Cllr Phillips also thanked councillors for their support with regard to the community centre.

9. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Heligoland 39 trip to Runnymede and Brooklands Museum; attended the KD Theatre Pantomime Gala Night; the All 4 Sports charity event; collecting with the City of Ely Military Band on two occasions; attended March Civic Service; Spectrum Santa Breakfast party; St Mary's Church Crib Service; attended Ely Cathedral on Christmas Day to wish diners a Happy Christmas; undertook medal presentation at Littleport Park Run; spoke in support of the Muslim Community Centre at ECDC Planning Committee meeting; welcomed new badgers at Ely St John Ambulance Brigade; presented prizes at Babylon Gallery Schools Art Exhibition and attended the Soul & Serenity Fair at the Maltings.

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:- 52 Longfields, Ely; Paradise Sports Centre, Newnham Street, Ely; 10 Barkers Corner, Ely; Ely Cemetery, Beech Lane, Ely; 41 Prickwillow Road, Ely; 52 West End, Ely; 65B Prickwillow Road, Ely

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee had not met. The Clerk informed members that the new superannuation rates for the next three years had now been received. These had been confirmed at a rate of 21.5%. Members unanimously agreed to accept this rate. Cllr A Whelan informed members she had looked at initial budgets for the next four years and would be meeting with Committee Chairs to discuss these. She also asked if the date for the presentation for the Strategic Review had been confirmed yet, as this needed to be arranged as soon as possible. The Clerk confirmed she had chased the consultant regarding this and was still awaiting a response. The Clerk requested a matter regarding Maltings personnel be considered in committee at the end of the meeting, which was agreed.

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

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 20th January. Cllr Phillips informed members that due to the adopted Climate Change motion, the Committee will be looking at how this can impact the cemetery and requested any ideas from members or that they attend the meeting to give their suggestions. Following agreement to extend the lease of the Willow Walk play area with Trinity Dole to 25 years, with approved Section 106 funds and three quotes having been obtained, he proposed the first stage should move forward this month, at a cost of £19,621 plus VAT. The second stage would then follow at a cost of £14,853 plus VAT. This was seconded by Cllr Warman and unanimously approved.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. The Mayor thanked all the volunteers that had put up the lights and organised the Switch-On event. It had been a great success again this year.

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

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

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

(vii) TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE – No report as Committee had not met.

13. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

Communications & PR Working Group – Cllr Arnold informed members that the second editorial was now in the Elyi. There will be a further meeting on the 16th January. The Facebook page is now up and running and further input was requested for the next Elyi edition.

14. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

There were no reports from external meetings.

15. TO MAKE COMMENTS CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL'S CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY

It was agreed that members should respond as individuals to this consultation. It was hoped the Council's Climate Change Working Group would be able to meet to consider this before the deadline of the consultation.

16. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE MALTINGS COTTAGE

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

The Mayor proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under items 20 and 21, that these 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 Morgan and agreed to go into Committee at the end of the meeting.

17. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments and BACS payments

Lex Autolease	695.29	Paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	171.55	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	307.40	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	250.00	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	62.11	Paid by direct debit
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	617.40	Paid by direct debit
Plan Communications Ltd	117.14	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	204.85	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	98.37	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	316.78	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	1008.08	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	476.56	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	136.76	Paid by direct debit

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17. FINANCE CONTINUED

Haven Power Ltd	2.30	Paid by direct debit
Haven Power Ltd	33.13	Paid by direct debit
Haven Power Ltd	0.54	Paid by direct debit
Haven Power Ltd	6.41	Paid by direct debit
Chess ICT Ltd	209.36	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brew & Retailing Ltd	794.43	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brew & Retailing Ltd	733.79	Paid by direct debit
S Blake	715.00	Paid by BACS
D Holt	50.00	Paid by BACS

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

C D Hood	2810.95	113067
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The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

N & C Glass Ltd	30.73	113068
Jewson Ltd	90.99	113069
Miss K Edmondson-Brown	17.05	113070
Cambridge Marketing Ltd	4000.00	113071
Nisbets	39.52	113072
Verve Digital Ltd	120.00	113073
Trade UK Ltd	29.47	113074
CoolerAid Ltd	39.07	113075
Mile Tree Brewery Ltd	160.85	113076
City Cycle Centre	36.26	113077
Ist Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd	18.48	113078
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	18.29	113079
Warren Access	1260.00	113080
Ensign Solutions Ltd	154.80	113081
We are Blueshed Ltd	100.00	113082
Soham Pest Control	99.00	113083
RAC Motoring Services	38.14	113084
Purcell Architects Ltd	468.00	113085
CamAlarms Ltd	444.00	113086
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	19.89	113095
Argos Business Solutions Ltd	68.58	113088
ECDC	3642.06	113089
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	29.56	113090
Securitas Security Services (UK) Ltd	58.80	113091
Arco	34.72	113092
G & J Peck Ltd	122.75	113087
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	475.63	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	72.00	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	320.72	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	250.73	Paid by direct debit
Liquidline Ltd	81.17	Paid by direct debit
Liquidline Ltd	123.64	Paid by direct debit
Liquidline Ltd	115.90	Paid by direct debit
Market Kitchen Ely Ltd	556.85	113093
Eden Farm Hulley's	843.29	113094
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	172.79	113095
Nisbets	81.44	113072
Well Heeled	27.00	113096

17. FINANCE CONTINUED

Millennium Pest Control Ltd	66.00	113097
BFS Group Ltd	1412.35	113098
G & J Peck Ltd	108.85	113099
R G P Security Services Ltd	90.00	113100
Calverton Finance Ltd	119.40	113101
Twist of Lemon	76.00	113102
Aztek Services Ltd	610.80	113103
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	29.56	113090
CamAlarms Ltd	196.20	113086
Training for Security Ltd	552.00	113110

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 16th December 2019

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

Cllr A Whelan and Cllr C Whelan left the meeting at 8.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Cambridgeshire County Council Update - City of Ely Council

13th January 2020

Happy New Year to everyone at the City of Ely Council!

New Premises

Cambridgeshire County Council's new Alconbury Weald HQ building is set to open in spring 2021. An event to mark the first spade in the ground on site was held on 16 December where Councillors and contractors celebrated the start on site of a building which aims to deliver environmental excellence – as well as unlocking in excess of £45m to spend on local services.

Climate Change and Environment Strategy and Action Plan

The Council received a draft Strategy and Action Plan at its meeting in December and this is now out for public consultation - please see the consultation here:

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagehq.com/climate-strategy>

Air Quality Motion

A motion was put forward by Steve Count, Leader, at the Full Council meeting in December which recognised the need to tackle air quality and called for this to be done in ways that would encourage behaviour rather than penalise. More information can be seen on Steve Count's blog here:

<https://cllrstevecount.wordpress.com/>

Success for Cambridgeshire at National Social Work Awards

Success for Cambridgeshire just kept on coming at the national Social Work Awards event in London recently! County Council employees Ella Waughman and Dan Grimes won Newly Qualified Adult Social Worker of the Year and Newly Qualified Children's Social Worker of the Year respectively. A student at Anglia Ruskin, Mary Carter, also won Student Social Worker of the Year. It is great to see Cambridgeshire getting such good coverage for its social work staff.

Early Intervention and Prevention Services in Adult Social Care

The Council is putting its early intervention and prevention services out to tender with the aim of moving us to a more place based, flexible approach, building on the work of Neighbourhood Cares, the Adults Positive Challenge programme, and the new community asset based approach of Think Communities. The new framework will allow communities to pull down services based on local needs and will also incorporate the Community Navigators scheme - an integral part of early intervention services will be to link people with other services already available in the community. The Council is proud of the fact that it has been able to continue to invest in services that help people to maintain their independence and enable thousands of people to continue living safely and happily at home.

Adult Social Care Charging Policy

The Adults Committee is due to consider the outcome of a consultation on changes to the way contributions to adult social care packages are charged for at its meeting on 16th January. Similar proposals were considered and rejected just over two years ago by the Committee. A number of recommendations are proposed that, if adopted, will bring the Council into line with neighbouring and other local authorities with social care responsibilities.

Thousands of people in Cambridgeshire currently arrange and pay for their care and support with no involvement from the Council, but of those in receipt of Council arranged care services, over 60% contribute from their own finances towards the cost of their care. This contributes significantly to the Council's Adult Social Care budget, and helps the Council to meet its statutory care obligations within very tight financial margins. It also enables the Council to invest in prevention and early help

services to support people to live in the community and avoid or delay the need for a more expensive care package.

In common with all Councils with social services responsibilities, Cambridgeshire has in recent years faced growing and acute financial, demographic and demand pressures in Adult Social Care - including the impacts of an increasingly ageing population and significant financial volatility in the care provider market and it is in this context that the recommendations will be considered.

Stronger for Longer - Falls Prevention Programme

Falls are one of the most common causes of accidental injury in older people and the commonest cause of accidental death in the population aged 75 and over in the UK. The estimated cost of falls and fractures to the health and social care system in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in 2017 was £85.5M. One in three people aged over 65 will fall every year, increasing to one in two people aged over 80. A fall may cause feelings of distress, injury, loss of confidence and loss of independence, which may well cause anxiety for relatives and carers. However, research shows that group and home-based exercise programmes, such as strength and balance activities, can reduce the rate of falls by approximately 30 per cent.

Cambridgeshire County Council launched the 'Stay Stronger for Longer' campaign to improve strength and balance and keep people doing the things they enjoy. The Stronger for Longer campaign has helped increase attendances to strength and balance classes by an impressive 23 per cent, with an extra 170 extra people attending over 2600 strength and balance sessions over the last year. As well as increasing the number of attendances to classes, over 24,000 people took the online 'strength and balance challenge' and over 40,000 people received the super six leaflet. To download the leaflet and find out more information and about strength and balance go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/strongerforlonger

Live Author Events

Live author events are always hugely appealing but often prohibitively expensive. The Big Read & Write (by Kite TSA, the LA, The Library Presents and Empathy Lab) is a FREE countywide author event for all of Cambridgeshire's Year 5 children on 25/03/20, 1pm-2pm. Apply for tickets for the live audience at Lady Mitchell Hall in Cambridge (first come first served). This interactive event will also be broadcast live via YouTube so everyone can join in. To apply for live audience places, for more information on how to interactively take part and for a FREE teacher pack (including details of an exciting story writing competition) please contact Suzie Young at The Kite TSA – syoung@spinney.cambs.sch.uk.

Stuntney Highways Projects Update

- 1) Cycle/footpath
- 2) New crossing, improvements and signage/road markings for the Allotment site

The first Road Safety Audit for both locations has now been completed and CCC received the report back just before Christmas. This has raised some potential issues that Skanska (the designers) and CCC Highways staff will need to discuss and formulate a response to in order to move things forward. This should be completed soon.

The next stage will be geotechnical investigations at the Allotment end and detailed design.

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