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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, 10TH FEBRUARY 2020**

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson - Clerk to the Council

Cllr S Austen, Deputy Mayor

Cllr S Bellow

Cllr E Carlsson Browne

Cllr A Whelan

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Cllr A Arnold

Cllr R Morgan

Cllr K Wilkins

Cllr M Downey (arrived 7.16 pm)

Cllr A Bailey, Cambs County Councillor

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr D Warman

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Lindsay, Cllr Rouse, Cllr Every and Cllr ~~Warman~~ ^{Dennis}. In the absence of Cllr Rouse, Cllr Austen chaired the meeting.

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 13TH JANUARY 2020 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th January 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815 and 1816 refer. There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

6. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Bailey presented a report, which was noted and is attached to these minutes. She informed members of the traffic issues experienced by residents of Egremont Street and the petition she and Cllr Every had received from them. They had been investigating options as to how to overcome these issues, with one option being to impose a weight restriction on the road. This would also have to be applied to Chapel Street, to ensure the HGVs did not switch to this road instead of Egremont Street. She also asked if this Council could consider a solution as one of its LHI bids. It was agreed Cllr Bailey would attend the next Environment Committee meeting to discuss this further.
Cllr Bailey left the meeting at 7.10 pm.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS continued

Cllr A Whelan, in her capacity as a District Councillor, informed members of the Finance and Assets Committee meeting at ECDC on the 6th February. Three consultations will come forward from this meeting a Natural Environment Supplementary Planning Document (SPD); Custom & Self-Build Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Bus Services and Cycling & walking Routes Public Consultation. ECDC's budget was also put forward for approval.

Cllr C Whelan, in her capacity as a District Councillor, informed members of the Operational Services Committee meeting at ECDC, held on the 20th January. The grant to the Citizens Advice Rural Cambridgeshire for 2020/21 and future years was ceased. The grant to the VCAEC was approved.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Elysian Beer Festival at the Maltings; The Royal British Legion planning meeting for celebrations on the 8th May and July event; attended a Business meeting with the Dean of Ely; previewed the Crowns and Gowns exhibition; re-opening of the King's Arms and the funeral service of John Crowe.

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:- 20 Williams Close, Ely; 26 Lynn Road, Ely; Ely Cemetery, Beech Lane, Ely; 41 Forehill, Ely; Orchard House, 49 Ely Road, Queen Adelaide, Ely; 9A Barton Road, Ely; 2 Juniper Drive, Ely; 52 Prickwillow Road, Ely

Notification of road closures:- Ely Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide, Ely – 23.00 hrs 14.3.20 to 11.00 15.3.20

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee had not met. The Clerk had requested members discussed the replacement of the Assistant Venue Manager at the Maltings in Committee.

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

The Deputy Mayor proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under this item, 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 Warman and agreed to go into Committee at the end of the meeting.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Bellow presented a report of a meeting held on the 21st January, which was approved. The floral displays licence application will be submitted shortly to obtain permission to hang the hanging baskets from County Council lamp posts. A van equipped with a watering system will be leased to allow the watering to be undertaken. Approval had been granted by County Council to allow the use of MVAS devices on County Council lamp posts. A new process is now in place for dealing with potential LHI bids that are requested by a parishioner. The issues with the bus stops at Lancaster Way Roundabout and Angel Drove, and actions to be undertaken were noted.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – Cllr Phillips presented a report of a meeting held on the 20th January, which was approved. Members noted the previously approved quotes for the new equipment at Willow Walk. The Deputy Clerk would be contacting ECDC to ascertain what they plan to do with the old Paradise pool site. A RoSPA inspection had been requested for the Darwin Close play area, before the Council could make a decision as to whether they wished this to be transferred to this Council. A request for a bike park had been passed to ECDC for consideration in the North of Ely, as this Council did not have any land to accommodate this. Members unanimously agreed to an increase of 3% for the cemetery fees for 2020/21. The Committee had looked at how the cemetery could work in relation to the adopted Climate Change motion.

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

(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.

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

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

Communications & PR Working Group – notes of a meeting held on the 18th January were noted. Cllr Arnold informed members that the third editorial for the Elyi was being produced. Cllr C Whelan informed members that if they wished to post on the Council’s Facebook, if they contacted her, she would add them which would then enable them to post.

Friends of Ely Cemetery – Cllr Arnold informed members of the meeting held on the 24th January. The constitution has been drafted, with further work required on this. The website is now up and running. He thanked Daisy Knox for all her hard work in undertaking this. She will also contact Cambridge University regarding the redrawing of the cemetery maps. Cllr Carlsson Browne suggested the County Archives as they undertake restoration work.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Cllr Morgan informed members he had attended Prickwillow Village Council’s AGM.

14. NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2020/2021

A nomination of Cllr Sue Austen for Mayor, proposed by Cllr R Morgan and seconded by Cllr M Rouse and unanimously approved. A nomination of Cllr Richard Morgan for Deputy Mayor, proposed by Cllr S Austen and seconded by Cllr C Phillips was unanimously approved.

15. TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS TO UNDERTAKE THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL’S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Cllr C Whelan, Cllr Carlsson Browne and Cllr A Whelan will undertake the annual review of the Council’s policies and procedures.

16. TO CONSIDER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR PROJECTS FOR INCLUSION ON ECDC’S CIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIST

Members agreed that they were not in a position to include any projects for this year. However, it was agreed the Council needed to look at traffic management within the City centre and how this can be improved. It was agreed this should be referred to the Environment Committee to move this forward.

17. TO CONSIDER LETTER FROM LITTLE DOWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING THE GREAT OUSE TIDAL RIVER SYSTEM AND STRATEGY OUSE WASHES: SECTION 10

Members agreed to support Little Downham Parish Council regarding this issue and requested they be kept informed. The Clerk will ascertain when the meeting is being held and see if any councillors can attend.

18. TO CONSIDER EMAIL REGARDING THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH AGAINST SCAMS PARTNERSHIP (CAPASP)

Members agreed the Council should support this scheme and promote in as many places as possible.

19. TO CONSIDER THREE MOTIONS PROPOSED BY CLLR A WHELAN

Cllr A Whelan proposed the following 3 motions:-

Motion 1:

General Power of Competence

The City of Ely Council has seen a growth in the size of the Parish, and will see a significant further growth over coming years. The size of the precept handled by the Council and the amount of CIL receipts that will be received are very significant.

This Council believes that the General Power of Competence as introduced by the Localism Act 2011 is essential to the functioning of this Council in the coming years and the Council will obtain this power.

The Council authorises the Chair and Deputy Chair of Personnel, Finance and Governance to take the appropriate actions are necessary to ensure that this power is achieved.

This was seconded by Cllr Wilkins and unanimously approved.

19. TO CONSIDER THREE MOTIONS PROPOSED BY CLLR A WHELAN continued

Motion 2:

Governance

The current Mayor has expressed thanks to the Governance Working party on the changes that have already been made to the structure and operation of the Council.

However, further alterations could be made to ensure that the Council is fit for the future and also to ensure that the increasing burden of both Council Business and Ceremonial Duties are reduced to an acceptable level for the Mayor.

In addition, the current structure of committees and their responsibilities do not necessarily fully reflect the business of the Council, not least that there is not currently a forum in which the chairs of all the committees meet to plan for the future direction of the Council and how that fits with their committees.

This Council resolves to reform the Governance Working Party to bring recommendations to be implemented before the next Mayor Making.

This was seconded by Cllr Wilkins and unanimously approved. The Governance Working Group will consist of Cllr C Whelan, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Carlsson Browne and Cllr Lindsay. The Clerk informed members that staff needed to be represented on this Group and this was agreed.

Motion 3

Strategic Plan

The size and complexity of the Council following and anticipating future growth means that it is essential that a strategic plan is in place. We now have a draft plan and to ensure that this is refined to meet the needs of the Council and also to enable it to be turned into budgets and a Medium Term Financial Strategy, it is recommended that the Chairs of Committees meet to carry out this task.

This Council resolves to form a Strategic Plan Working Party to develop the Strategic Plan and MTFs to inform future budgeting and present to the Personnel Finance and Governance and subsequent approval by this Council.

This was seconded by Cllr Wilkins and unanimously agreed. The Clerk reinforced that proper consultation needed to be undertaken with staff on any proposed changes.

20. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments and BACS payments

Lex Autolease	695.29	Paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	161.41	Paid by direct debit
Haven Power Ltd	2.30	Paid by direct debit
Haven Power Ltd	33.13	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	230.15	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	250.00	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	43.20	Paid by direct debit
Chess ICT Ltd	209.58	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	354.37	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	401.07	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brew & Retailing Ltd	499.40	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brew & Retailing Ltd	373.28	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	355.10	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	1251.29	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	185.13	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	199.10	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	38.40	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	48.00	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	246.79	Paid by direct debit

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20. FINANCE CONTINUED

Total Gas & Power	49.82	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	224.66	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	3299.57	Paid by direct debit
S Blake	544.50	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

Shefs	1950.00	113109
Mr R Clapperton	200.00	113111
Ely Choral Society	240.00	113106
Information, Tickets and Travel	110.00	113107
Kompan Ltd	8545.98	113108
Calverton Finance Ltd	358.20	113112
Anglian Water	27.51	113113
Anglian Water	89.24	113114
Anglian Water	42.49	113115
Anglian Water	94.60	113163
D Knox	38.01	113116

The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

Nisbets	96.12	113117
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	113118
Cambridge Marketing Ltd	5288.00	113150
Jewson Ltd	82.58	113128
Trade UK Ltd	123.40	113119
Ely Museum	9474.25	113120
ESPO	307.67	113121
Businessclean (Cambridge) Ltd	168.07	113122
Vaughtons	1693.62	113123
Westfair Reproductions Ltd	453.78	113124
A G Hobbs	76.80	113125
New English Teas Ltd	342.53	113126
Warren Access	344.46	113127
Jewson Ltd	82.58	113128
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	29.56	113129
National Federation of Cem Friends	10.00	113130
Tea for Two	210.50	113131
G & J Peck Ltd	123.11	113132
Aztek Services Ltd	5.40	113133
ATS Heritage	300.00	113134
Ely Central Heating Services Ltd	350.00	113135
S Bradley	300.00	113136
Pen & Sword Books Ltd	725.64	113137
Gem Heating Solutions Ltd	2614.02	113138
Verve Digital Ltd	120.00	113139
City Cycle Centre	50.95	113140
Konica Minolta Bus Sols Ltd	292.03	113141
Haine Tree Services Ltd	210.00	113142
K S Wright	1545.80	113143
CoolerAid Ltd	103.74	113144
Total Gas & Power	9.97	113145
1st Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd	15.90	113146

20. FINANCE CONTINUED

Amazon Payments UK Ltd	71.65	113147
The Elyi Magazine	175.00	113148
Shefs	3286.26	113149
Thurlow Nunn Standen	143.14	113154
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	65.32	113129
Aztek Services Ltd	6.32	113133
ECDC	271.92	113153
BFS Group Ltd	281.83	113152
Pineneedle Ltd	468.00	113151
Cybertill Ltd	62.11	paid by direct debit
Plan Communications Ltd	117.14	paid by direct debit
Replete Flatbreads	130.00	113155
Argos Business Solutions Ltd	48.99	113156
Trade UK	48.95	113157
Novelli Associates Ltd	1200.00	paid by BACS
Suspects Cru	75.00	113158
Nisbets	38.31	113117
Abacus Playgrounds	7866.00	113159
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	1256.69	Paid by direct debit
Haine Tree Services Ltd	930.00	113142

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 13th January 2020

Salaries and wages	£30,042.67
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£5,516.66
Pension fund payments	£15,082.80

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st December 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Cambridgeshire County Council Update – City of Ely Council

11th March 2020

Coronavirus

The County Council's Director of Public Health, Dr Liz Robin is convening update and planning meetings at the County Council every Monday to deal with coronavirus. For daily updated information please go to: www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public

Budget Setting

The County Council set its budget at the Full Council meeting in February - it was voted through as in the proposals outlined in my last report, with a focus on climate change, community facilities and highways.

Cambridgeshire in Top 15 of Best Performing Councils for Adult Social Care

Impower are a sector leader in adult social care and work with many Councils across the UK. In Impower's annual report Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council have come in the top 15 best performing authorities for adult social care out of 149. Measures of performance include promoting independence and early intervention as well as outcomes achieved and relative cost.

The inclusion of CCC and PCC on this list by Impower means both Councils (where senior officers are shared) have been able to achieve greater than average outcomes from a less than average spend per head. This suggests that users of social care across the county are getting better outcomes at the same time as the Council is making best use of public funds.

New Archives Centre Opens in Ely



The new home of Cambridgeshire's County archives opened in February at The Dock, Ely. It is a fantastic new facility with visits to the centre increasing threefold since it opened.

I am delighted that East Cambridgeshire and historic Ely are host to the important county archives.

The cake was pretty impressive too!

First £100k Homes by the Combined Authority are in East Cambs



The first homes to be built under the innovative £100k Homes project are being delivered in East Cambs in Fordham. Ground was broken on 3rd March at the Hill Homes site where 8 x £100k Homes will be built and ready for occupation at the end of the year.

You can read more about the £100k Homes project and register your support for the idea, or register your desire to purchase a £100k Home here: 100khomes.co.uk
Over 1500 people have registered their interest in purchasing a £100k home to date - this helps us make the case to developers.

A14 Opening Six Months Early

The new A14 will open 6 months ahead of schedule this spring. Some completion works will still be taking place, so for up to date information, please see the A14 website here:

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon-improvement-scheme-progress/>

Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Residents are being invited to have their say on the next health and wellbeing strategy that will determine priority areas for improving people's health over the next four years. A draft joint Health and Wellbeing strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for 2020 to 2024 has been launched, with members of the public urged to share their views during a consultation period that runs until 30th April 2020. The consultation can be found here:

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/health-and-wellbeing-strategy-consultation>

Princess of Wales Hospital

I continue to work with all stakeholders in the NHS in relation to redevelopment of the Princess of Wales Hospital in Ely. It is a complicated project with numerous different stakeholders but I am determined that we will secure the future of this vital facility for East Cambs.

A10/A142 "BP" and Lancaster Way Roundabouts

The Combined Authority agreed additional funding for the upgrades of the two roundabouts just outside Ely. The BP roundabout work is critical to unlocking further jobs growth (more than 2,500 new jobs) at the Lancaster Way Business Park and is being delivered through section 106 contributions and Growth Funding. The work on the BP roundabout will be carried out first and is hoped to begin in the summer this year.

In order to unlock the benefits of the BP roundabout changes, work also needs to be done to the Lancaster Way roundabout and the proposed design will be put to public consultation in due course.

CAM Consultation

A public consultation has been launched on the Combined Authority's proposed Cambridgeshire metro. The consultation can be accessed here: <https://cam.consultationonline.co.uk/public-consultation/>

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