



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

DECISION LIST FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.00 PM

AGENDA ITEM NO	ITEM	ISSUE	DECISION	ACTION BY
1	Apologies and Reasons for Absence	To note any apologies and reasons for absence from Councillors.	Apologies were received from Cllr R Denness. Her reason for absence were accepted.	
2	Councillor Requests for Dispensations	To note any Councillor requests for dispensations.	No requests for dispensations were received.	
3	Declarations of Interests	To note any declaration of interests from Councillors.	No declarations of interests were received.	
4	Minutes of the last meeting held on the 18th January 2022 and Matters Arising	To agree the minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising from these.	The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th January 2022 were agreed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943 and 1944 refer. There were no matters arising.	
5	Chairman's Announcements	To receive any announcements from the Chairman.	The Chairman reminded those present of her charity quiz night on the 27th February at the Maltings.	

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6	Question Time	To receive questions from members of the public.	<p>A parishioner asked councillors that as the Maltings Cottage forms part of the Maltings complex and was given to the people of Ely to be enjoyed by all, and then ECDC had wanted to change it into holiday lets which they received criticism for as this did not meet the criteria of the original gift, now the City Council is proposing to make them into two residential units, is this not going full circle as to what ECDC were doing. He felt it was illegal and challenged the decision the City Council had made. Cllr Morgan, Chair of the Assets Committee informed the parishioner that the Council had agreed to this way forward for the Cottage and were currently awaiting a response from ECDC, the Council's landlord for the Cottage, as to whether they felt the proposal was acceptable. The parishioner felt the Council's response to their question was unsatisfactory. Cllr Rouse said that he took the parishioner's point of view seriously and after the Council have had discussions with ECDC the debate will be ongoing with the Assets Committee. The Council took the cottage on in good faith and at the moment the current proposals are the best way forward.</p> <p>Another parishioner asked about the councillor vacancy and the process for ensuring there would be an election. The Clerk explained the process to them and gave the deadline for calling an election. They also asked about how the Council communicated with its parishioners as it was felt by the Waterside</p>	

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6	Question Time	To receive questions from members of the public	Residents Association that they do not get a lot of communication. The Clerk explained about how the Council communicates through the Elyi magazine, on the Council's website and Facebook. They felt that as this was mainly digital not all people could access this. The Clerk confirmed the Council felt it was important to have the regular pages in the Elyi as this is delivered to every household in Ely. It was agreed to ask the Communications and PR Working Group to consider the concerns that had been raised and how better the Council could communicate with its parishioners. Another parishioner raised their concerns regarding the pot holes in Back Lane. It was suggested they contact County Councillor P Coutts, who could hopefully assist with getting these repaired sooner.	Comms & PR Working Group
7	Reports from County Councillors and District Councillors	To receive reports from County Councillors and District Councillors.	A written report was received from County Cllrs Coutts and A Whelan. A copy of which will be attached to the minutes. There were no reports from District Councillors.	
8	Mayor's Engagements and Report	To receive a report from the Mayor on the engagements they had attended.	The Mayor had attended the pantomime gala performance in December, the Accession Day service at Ely Cathedral and the Ely Beer Festival.	
9	Planning	To receive a report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee on the planning applications considered at the meetings prior to the Full Council meeting.	A report of the Planning Committee, immediately prior to this meeting was received.	
10	Information Only Items	To receive and note items for information only.	Councillors noted the items for information only.	

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11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Councillors noted the reports from the Committee meetings:- Assets and Town & Town Centre minutes – decisions will be detailed in minutes, plus in Committee decision lists issued after the meetings.</p> <p>Assets – Cllr Morgan presented a report of a meeting held on the 31st January 2022, which was approved. The procurement process through an ESPO framework, Agreement 115_21 had commenced. Interest from 5 companies had been received. The closing date for submission of the tender documents was the 28th February. Cllrs Arnold and Phillips will undertake the scoring process with the Deputy Clerk. Cllr Rouse asked if any progress had been made regarding the Hopkins Homes play area and the type of equipment that had been installed. The Deputy Clerk is approaching ECDC with regard to how the decision is made on what equipment is installed in new play areas. The minutes of the Christmas Lights Sub-Committee meeting held on the 24th January had also been noted and approved by Councillors. The progress of the improvements to the Maltings was noted. A response to a letter sent to the Leader of ECDC would be considered in Committee at the end of the Full Council meeting. The decision from this discussion in Committee was to appoint Cllrs Morgan and Rouse to represent the Council in discussions with ECDC regarding the Maltings Cottage.</p>	Cllr Morgan & Cllr Rouse

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11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	Tourism & Town Centre – Cllr Warman presented a report of a meeting held on the 24th January, which was approved. The update from the Tourism and Town Centre Manager on the service and town centre was noted. The 2022 Visitor Guide is nearing completion and will be printed and delivered very soon. It was hoped the new websites would go live in March/April. Cllr Warman informed councillors she still had to do the tour of the locations for the new digital boards. The arrangements for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations were making good progress with a variety of events planned over the 4 days. The Tourist Information Assistant vacancy will be advertised very shortly. The decision regarding the Switch-On event was noted.	
12	Reports from External Meetings	To receive reports from external meetings.	Councillors noted the minutes of the meetings of the Prickwillow Village Council AGM held on the 25th January 2021 and a meeting held on the 29th November 2021	
13	Nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2022/2023	To receive the nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2022/2023	Councillors unanimously approved the nomination of Cllr Richard Morgan for Mayor, proposed by Cllr I Lindsay and seconded by Cllr R Denness and the nomination of Cllr Chris Phillips for Deputy Mayor, proposed by Cllr C Whelan and seconded by Cllr A Whelan.	TC

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14	To Consider Request from the City of Ely Royal British Legion for the Council to Organise an Appropriate Ceremony to Mark the Centenary of the Official Unveiling of the City's War Memorial on 30 April 2022	To consider request from the City of Ely Royal British Legion for the Council to organise an appropriate ceremony to mark the Centenary of the official unveiling of the City's War Memorial on 30 April 2022	Cllr Morgan proposed the Council approve this request. This was seconded by Cllr Rouse and unanimously approved.	TC
15	Finance	To note and approve payments of the Council and to note the bank reconciliations for the periods ending 31st December 2021 and 31st January 2022	Councillors noted and approved the payments of the Council. The bank reconciliation for the period ending 31st December 2021 and 31st January 2022 were noted.	TC