



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

DECISION LIST FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH JULY 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 Cllrs Warman and Austen. Their reasons for absence were accepted. Cllr Every advised she would be slightly late to the meeting.	
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.	There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes of the last meeting held on the 24th May 2022 and Matters Arising	To agree the minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising from these. To also agree the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting and any matters arising	Minutes of the last meeting held on the 24th May 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972 refer. Matters arising: Page 1967 - Item 12, Ely Trinity Dole, Cllr Lindsay advised a meeting will be held with Needham's Foundation on Thursday to hear advice from their solicitors.	

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5	Chairman's Announcements	To receive any announcements from the Chairman.	The Chairman announced that the Kings School Headmaster had put the use of the school at his disposal for events. The deadline for the next edition of the Elyi is 22nd August 2022 - Cllrs Denness, Lindsay and Every will write a piece to raise the profile of the Climate and Environment Committee. The Chairman intends to hold monthly surgery's by appointment. He advised members about their attendance at the recent Planning Committee and presentation by Bellway had been disappointing. He said that Councillors need to give apologies and respond to emails. Cllr A Whelan said that by sending an email this does not guarantee that it has been received by the recipient. Cllr A Whelan strongly objected to the Chairman's remarks and called for a point of order, advising these remarks were not Chairman's announcements and should not be discussed at this meeting. The Chairman advised that an attendance graph is in place and that he wanted to implement a graph that measures response times to emails. Cllr A Whelan advised that the Chairman cannot decide this, and the matter should go to the Governance Working Group.	Gov WG
6	Question Time	To receive questions from members of the public.	There were no questions as there were no Parishioners present at the meeting.	

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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. A written report was also received from Cllr C Whelan, in her capacity as a District Councillor. A copy of which will also be attached to the minutes. Cllr Every thanked Cllr C Whelan for putting the District Councillor report together. Cllr Every reminded Councillors of the Community Safety Partnership and that it currently has 1 full time and 1 part time member of staff and had received funding to employ further staff for 3 years. The Chairman asked Cllr A Whelan in her capacity as a County Councillor if welfare officers reported on free school meals, Cllr A Whelan responded to say that the matter is well reported on.	
8	Mayor's Engagements and Report	To receive a report from the Mayor on the engagements they had attended.	<p>The Mayor had attended:- the Alconbury high School Graduation, the jubilee celebrations, including the lighting of the Beacon, a service in Ely Cathedral, a picnic in the Park at Prickwillow, parties at Stour Green, and the Jubilee-Eel Day on Jubilee Gardens. Art Unequalled at the Maltings, and prize giving with the Mayoress for the NSPCC writing competition. He was accompanied by the Mayoress to G's Open Farm Sunday at Barway, attended the 2022 Ely Hero's award ceremony at Poets House, Service for the life of the late Cllr M Rouse in Ely Cathedral, Festival of music by Mendelssohn in Ely Cathedral, Armed Forces Day, Change of Command at 48th Fighter Wing at USAF Lakenheath, evening of animal themed music at Ely Cathedral, and Ely Aquafest 2022.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor had attended the Earth AGM, a charity which works with disabled adults and had received support of the years from the Council for which it is grateful for. He said he hoped the Council would continue to support the charity. He had also attended the RIBE garden party.</p>	

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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.	Cllr Lindsay reported that the last planning meeting had not been quorate and so a response to the decisions made was sent by email to Councillors for approval. With regards to the Bellway presentation, an electronic copy had been circulated to members.	
10	Information Only Items	To receive and note items for information only.	Councillors noted the items for information only.	
11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Councillors noted the reports from the Committee meetings:- Personnel, Finance & Governance, Assets, Climate & Environment and Tourism and Town Centre minutes – decisions will be detailed in minutes, plus in Committee decision lists issued after the meetings.</p> <p>Personnel, Finance & Governance – Cllr A Whelan presented a report of a meeting held on the 30th April, which was approved. Cllr Lindsay proposed the revised standing orders regarding substitutes be approved. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Pitt and unanimously agreed by members. Cllr Lindsay reported that the Church would like to take over the community hall and therefore a meeting of the North of Ely Working Group needs to take place. Cllr A Whelan will arrange this meeting. Cllr Every advised that as there are no appointed chairs for Working Groups it is difficult to arrange meetings. Therefore, it was agreed to discuss the appointment of Chairs at the next Governance Working Party. From a governance perspective. Cllr Phillips welcomed Cllr Pitt to the Council. He also advised that the Inclusivity Working Group had met and discussed the Council's involvement in Ely Pride. There will be a stall at the event, and he hoped Councillors would attend. The Pride Flag will be flown on the Council's flagpole.</p>	AW Gov WG

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11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Climate & Environment – Cllr Denness presented a report of a meeting held on the 6th June 2022, which was approved. Cllr Denness presented a report on the asbestos that had been found on the Bridge Fen allotments site and a recommendation for a survey to be undertaken. Cllr A Whelan proposed that the work is undertaken at a cost of approximately £1200 and be paid for from the general reserves budget. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Ganivet and unanimously agreed by members Cllr Denness reported that she would be looking at the 20s plenty campaign for Ely as a whole. Cllr Every reported that there are funds available from the Community Safety Partnership and the office of the PCC, if a bid could be put together. Cllr A Whelan advised that a wider area of 20s plenty is easier to implement, and that the Council could suggest to the County Council that they implement 20s plenty for the centre of Ely. Cllr A Whelan advised that there was a consolidated response to the Active Travel programme, in that a route is required into the centre of town. Cllr A Whelan advised the County Council is to build a cycle link from Summerhayes to Merivale Way.</p> <p>Assets - Cllr Phillips presented a report of a meeting held on the 7th June 2022, which was approved. Members discussed the request to release £12,800 from the Council's general reserves to pay for new windows in the foyer. Cllr Phillips proposed this request be accepted. This proposal was seconded by Cllr A Whelan. Cllr A Whelan asked if any consideration had been given to the style of windows that would be purchased. The Deputy Clerk reported the quote received had been for brown aluminium framed windows, however she had requested advice</p>	<p>RD</p> <p>SJ/VG/LH</p>

11.	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>from the Conservation officer as to what he would see as appropriate. However, to date she had still not received a response from him. Cllr Every said it would be good to see how much is spent on all the buildings. Cllr Virginie reported that as lead member for the Maltings she had met with the Venue Manager and would be meeting again this week with the Deputy Clerk and the Venue Manager to discuss budgets and forward planning for repairs to the building.</p> <p>Cllr Every requested clarification on which committee the Christmas Lights Sub Committee reports to. The Deputy Clerk advised that the erection and purchase of the lights etc reports to the Assets Committee and that the entertainment/shopping etc reports to the Tourism and Town Centre Committee. The Deputy Clerk advised that the minutes do need to be reported to each of these meetings.</p> <p>Tourism and Town Centre - Cllr Bellow presented a report of the meeting held on 13th June 2022 which was approved. She reported that the Jubilee weekend and Eel Day had been hugely successful, and Oliver Cromwell House continues to do well. The focus for stock for the shop is from local producers. The utilisation of the Tithe Room as a wedding venue is being explored. The first murder mystery event had been successful and there are plans to have 2 more. There is a visit in October from the Ribe Guides. The new websites should be live by the next meeting to be held on the 25th July. The Council has in principle pledged to sign up to the Armed Forces Covenant.</p>	SJ/AB
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12	Reports from External Meetings	To receive reports from external meetings.	Ely/Ribe Association – minutes of a meeting held on the 11th May 2022 were noted by members. There is an official visit planned from Ribe in 2023. Executive Review Group – notes of a meeting held on the 7th June 2022 were noted by members.	
13 Confidential this item was discussed in committee with the press & public excluded from the meeting	To discuss item referred to council from the Personnel, Finance and Governance committee in relation to payment of overtime for visit Ely staff for events and to discuss recommendation to obtain further hr advice with regard to toil/overtime policy	Overtime	Members noted the Clerk’s report that had been circulated with the agenda and the costings contained within it. Members had a lengthy discussion, and the general consensus of opinion was that it is important that the correct advice is sought as quickly as possible and therefore it will be necessary to employ a HR specialist to undertake this.	SB/RM
19	Finance	To note and approve payments of the Council	Councillors noted the payments of the Council. Cllr Phillips proposed these all be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Lindsay and unanimously approved.	TC