



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

DECISION LIST FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM AT THE MALTINGS, SHIP LANE, ELY

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 Bellow, A Whelan, C Whelan, Wade, Austen and Warman. Their reasons for absence were accepted.	
2	Councillor Requests for Dispensations	To note any Councillor requests for dispensations.	The Chairman proposed a dispensation be granted to Cllr Bellow, due to her personal circumstances for 6 months. This was seconded by Cllr Lindsay and unanimously approved.	
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 27th September 2022 and Matters Arising	To agree the minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising from these.	Minutes of the last meeting held on the 27th September 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995 refer. Matters arising:- Page 1990, item 12 (ii) - Cllr Lindsay asked if the memorial bench for the late Cllr Mike Rouse had progressed. The Clerk thought that Cllr Lindsay had agreed to see if he could get any donations towards the cost of this. Cllr Lindsay did not think this was the case but did agree to undertake this.	Cllr Lindsay
5	Seizing the opportunity to improve our bus services within Ely and the surrounding villages	To receive a presentation by founder members of the Ely Bus Working Party introduced by Geraint Hughes	Cllr Every introduced Mr Hughes and Mr Eden and thanked these residents, who were working on the Council's behalf to produce these proposals. Mr Hughes gave the presentation and answered questions from members. Cllr Every proposed the Council formally supports this proposal and does what it can to move it forward. The next stage would be to have discussions with the Combined Authority Mayor. This was seconded by the Chairman and unanimously agreed.	Council

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6	Chairman's Announcements	To receive any announcements from the Chairman.	The Chairman said that he had been approached by the Editor of the Ely Standard and asked if he would like to have a monthly column. He had agreed to do this as he thought it might be a way of publicising the Council's meetings. He reminded members of the two services this week for Armistice and Remembrance Sunday. He also informed members of the planned staff party in December.	Chairman
7	Question Time	To receive questions from members of the public.	A parishioner thanked the Council for the free summer entertainment that it provided. The summer band concerts are attended by many and people come from a far to enjoy. The Chairman said it was good to receive appreciation for these events. Mr Holden, a representative of the City of Ely Allotments and Gardens Association informed the Council a cabinet had now been sourced and as a space has been identified for this, they will be moving forward with the installation of this to allow the display of their trophies. They would also like to install an information board to give detailed information on the trophies. Cllr Every thanked the Association for providing such wonderful flowerbeds at St Mary's Green. Another parishioner asked three questions with regard to a recent Active Travel consultation, with answers provided by members.	
8	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. Written reports from District Councillors Every and C Whelan were also received. A copy of these will be attached to the minutes.	

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9	Mayor's Engagements and Report	To receive a report from the Mayor on the engagements they had attended.	The Mayor had attended the cinematic presentation of 'Fisherman's Friends: One and All', the first film to be screened on the new retractable seating at the Maltings. He attended the welcome party for the Ely Ribe Tour Guides at OCH; the launch of Ely Fireworks at OCH; the Pantomime Press Launch; a ghost tour with Ribe Tour Guides; the Apple & Harvest Fayre on Palace Green; the 107th annual dinner of the Old Eleans' Club; Godmanchester Civic Service; March Civic Service; Amy Wormald's 'Land Cover' painting exhibition at Babylon Gallery; The High Sheriff's Justice Service at the Cathedral; a concert performed by Sing! Choirs at West Road Concert Hall in Cambridge; a Trafalgar Day Supper at King's Lynn Town Hall; a concert of Petite Messe Solennelle by Rossini, performed by Ely Choral Society and judged the best Guy on Guy Fawkes Night. The Deputy Mayor had taken part in the sight awareness day in Ely organised by Ely Lions and a talk to the Inner Wheel about the cemetery.	
10	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 gave a report on the last planning meeting.	
11	Information Only Items	To receive and note items for information only.	Councillors noted the items for information only.	
12	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	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.	

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12	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Personnel, Finance & Governance – The Chairman presented a report of a meeting held on the 31st October, which was approved. The Chairman proposed the draft budget for 2023/24 with a proposed precept of £726,000, which would be an approximate increase on a Council tax band D property of 7.87% be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Pitt and unanimously approved. The Chairman proposed approval of the application received for a new parish noticeboard at Sessions House. This was seconded by Cllr Ganivet and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Climate & Environment – Cllr Denness presented a report of a meeting held on the 3rd October 2022, which was approved. The Highways reports were noted. The Outdoor Sport and Leisure Working Group had met and Cllr Every proposed that as agreed that the Chairman of the Council be requested to write to the Commercial Director at East Cambs District Council, confirming that as requested by them, that the City of Ely Council has worked with the Splashpad Group to find a suitable venue and that two possible sites around the Hive had been identified. Permission in principle is therefore sought to pursue one of the sites for the Ely Splashpad. This was seconded by Cllr Pitt and unanimously agreed. Cllr Every will write the letter for the Chairman to sign. Cllr Lindsay informed members he was meeting with the Cathedral to discuss their plans for carbon neutralising as this may be helpful to the Council. Cllr Wade and Cllr Ganivet are looking at costs with regards to surveys for this.</p>	Cllr Every/ Chairman

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12	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Assets - Cllr Phillips presented a report of a meeting held on the 18th October 2022, which was approved. The request for lighting at the skate park on St John's Road was referred to the Climate & Environment Committee for consideration. A CIL application will be made for the replacement of the climbing tower/slide unit at St John's Road play area, a self-closing gate at the Paradise play area and picnic tables for Paradise and High Barns play areas. It was necessary to recruit new volunteers to help with the erection of the Christmas lights. A poster will be put on Facebook by Cllr C Whelan, A grant application had been submitted to ECDC's Growth and Infrastructure Fund for replacement windows at the Maltings.</p> <p>Tourism and Town Centre - Cllr Every presented a report of the meeting held on the 17th October 2022 which was approved. The report from the Tourism and Town Centre Manager was noted. The work is expected to commence on the digital signage boards in December. Cllr Every asked if any dates had been set for the presentation of the Freedom of the City. She had hoped that this would not be a rushed presentation and would be undertaken as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Cllr C Whelan</p>

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13	Reports from External Meetings	To receive reports from external meetings.	City of Ely Allotments and Gardens Association – minutes of meetings held on the 21st September 2022 were noted.	
14 Confidential this item was discussed in committee at the end of the meeting with the press & public excluded from the meeting	To Consider Report With Regard to Overtime/Toil Review	To consider report	Cllr Lindsay proposed that this report should go back to Personnel, Finance & Governance for a full discussion and recommendations to Full Council on each point of the report. This was seconded by Cllr Every and unanimously agreed.	Personnel, Finance & Governance Committee
15	Finance	To note and approve payments of the Council	Councillors noted the payments of the Council. Cllr Morgan proposed these all be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Lindsay and unanimously approved. Councillors also noted and approved the bank reconciliations against the accounts for the periods ending the 31st August 2022 and 30th September 2022.	Clerk