



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

DECISION LIST FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD APRIL 2023 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 Cllr Austen, Warman, Denness, and Wade. The reasons for their absences were accepted.	
2	Councillor Requests for Dispensations	To note any Councillor requests for dispensations.	No requests for dispensations were made	
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 February 2023 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 February 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to one grammatical amendment. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 refer. There were no matters arising.	
5	Chairman's Announcements	To receive announcements from the Chairman	The Chairman announced this would be the last time he would be chairing the Full Council meeting, after nearly 12 months as Mayor and Chairman. He thanked councillors for their forbearance and said he had enjoyed it very much. He thanked those councillors that would not be standing in the forthcoming elections for the work they had done on behalf of the Council over the time that had been in office. He hoped that following the elections they would come together again as Eleans and councillors with a sole focus on the betterment of the lives of all citizens, beginning with the Mayor Making on the 15th May.	

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6	Question Time	To receive questions from members of the public	A parishioner questioned what the council could do with regard to cars parking on a Saturday, in the High Street when this was closed to traffic and pedestrianised. Cllr Every informed the parishioner this was undertaken by ECDC and that she would speak to the Community Safety Partnership at ECDC who can liaise with the police over their concerns.	
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. District Councillor C Whelan provided a written report, which will be attached to the minutes. District Cllr Every reported on how successful the Community Safety Partnership celebration event on the 13th March had been.	
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 South Holland District Council charity ball. He was present, with others at the Market Place for the raising of the flag on Commonwealth Day and made a short speech. He had attended a preview of Ben's Yard at Stuntney; the Mayor of Whittlesey's Dinner; St Ives Civic Service and Mayoral Ball. He visited the wellness garden, "St John's Retreat" at Abbots Way and he had signed the Armed Forces Covenant and given a speech, earlier that evening.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor had attended the local Rainbows Group; given a talk on the cemetery to two different groups; visited the Fire Station to congratulate the students at their Fire Break Pass-out Parade on behalf of the Council. He had also attended the community iftar meal organised by the Ely Islamic Centre. He thanked Cllr Morgan for all that he had done in the last 12 months as Chairman of the Council.</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 gave a report on the last planning meeting.	
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 and Assets, – 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 6th March 2023, which were noted and approved. Cllr A Whelan proposed councillors approved the recommended grant awards for:- Littleport & District Pony Club - £250; Cruse - £750, Friends of the Lantern School - £1000. This was seconded by Cllr C Whelan and unanimously approved. The annual review of the Council's Policies and Procedures was being undertaken. Cllr Pitt will contact ECDC, Centre E and the Community Safety Partnership with regards to researching and obtaining information as to whether there was a need for support workers for the elderly and youth. Councillors also discussed the anti-social issues raised by Cllr Pitt and it was agreed Cllr Pitt would discuss these with the Community Safety Partnership and report back to the next meeting. Councillors considered the written statement from a staff member concerning the overtime/toil policy. They felt that the points raised were already contained within the policy and unanimously agreed the policy could not be amended. The CIL minutes of a meeting held on the 27th March 2023 were noted. Cllr Morgan proposed the CIL request for a further £13,000 towards the replacement of</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Pitt</p> <p>Cllr Pitt</p>

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11	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>the climbing tower at St John's play area be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Ganivet and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Climate & Environment – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 11th April 2023.</p> <p>Assets – Cllr Philips presented a report of a meeting held on the 13th March 2023, which were noted and approved. Councillors noted the update on decarbonisation. Cllr Lindsay informed councillors the tree in memory of the late Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh had now been planted in the sensory garden at the cemetery. A plaque will be installed shortly. A meeting had been held with ECDC Conservation Officer at the cemetery chapels, who was happy that the council should continue to maintain them as we had been doing.</p> <p>Tourism & Town Centre – No report as Committee had not met.</p>	Deputy Clerk
12	Reports from External Meetings	To receive reports from external meetings.	<p>Ely/Ribe Association – minutes of meetings held on the 21st February 2023 and 28th March 2023 were noted.</p> <p>Prickwillow Village Council – minutes of a meeting held on the 13th March 2023 were noted.</p>	
13	Nominations for Deputy Mayor for 2023/24	To receive and approve nominations for Deputy Mayor for 2023/24	Councillors considered the nominations for Deputy Mayor for 2023/24. These being Cllr R Denness, proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Ganivet and Cllr R Pitt, proposed by Cllr Wade and seconded by Cllr Morgan. A paper vote was undertaken with the result being a tie. The Chairman had the casting vote and Cllr R Pitt was approved as the Deputy Mayor for 2023/24.	Clerk

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14	To Approve the Appointment of Mr C Fuller to the Position of and to Pass a Resolution that he be Specified as a Pensionable Employee Under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as Amended)	To approve staff appointment and passing of resolution that they be specified as a pensionable employee	Cllr Morgan proposed the approval of the appointment of Mr C Fuller to the position of Estates Technician and to the passing of a resolution that he be specified as a pensionable employee under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as amended). This was seconded by Cllr A Whelan and unanimously approved.	Clerk/ Deputy Clerk
15	To Approve the Annual Memorandum of Agreement with ADeC in Relation to the Use of the Maltings	To approve annual memorandum of agreement	Cllr Morgan proposed the updated version, provided to all councillors, be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Pitt and unanimously approved. The Chairman signed the Agreement.	Clerk
16	To Receive an Update from the Friends of Sessions House	To receive an update from the Friends of Sessions House	Cllr Every gave background information on the Friends of Sessions House. A meeting had recently taken place with the Council, Ely Museum and representative from OCH. It was agreed that it would be good to make Sessions House a Crime and Justice Centre. It could also be a centre for the Arts, Music and Theatre. The Deputy Clerk was also investigating the option of it being a wedding venue. It was agreed interested parties should meet again to discuss further and produce options for the use of the building. Cllrs Every and Lindsay would be happy to be continue to work as the Friends, after May when they stand down as councillors.	Assets Committee
17	Finance	To note and approve payments of the Council and	Councillors noted the payments of the Council. Cllr Morgan proposed these all be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Phillips and unanimously approved. Councillors also noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending the 31st January 2023.	Clerk