



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ASSETS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 30TH JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00 PM AT SESSION HOUSE, LYNN ROAD, ELY.

PRESENT: Mrs S Jay– Deputy Clerk to the Council *Bold font indicates voting member of committee*
Cllr C Phillips Cllr I Lindsay Cllr R Pitt Cllr C Whelan

Cllr M Wade (substitute Cllr for Cllr V Ganivet)

The Mayor - Cllr R Morgan

2 Parishioners (left the meeting at 7.16 pm)

Not present: Cllr D Edge

Cllr Phillips advised Item 10.1 would be discussed after item 3 to give the opportunity for the Parishioners to leave early.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from **Cllr V Ganivet**

2. To receive declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th December 2022 and matters arising.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th December 2022 were agreed by members and signed by the Chairman. Pages A51 & A52 refer

Matter arising:- The Mayor advised he had sent a letter of thanks to the Christmas lights lead volunteer.

4. Update on decarbonisation

Cllr Lindsay reported there was no further update to add at this stage, that hadn't been discussed at the last Assets meeting. The Deputy Clerk reported she is obtaining a quotation for a fully electric van that was capable of being used to water the floral displays. If the total cost does not fall within the budget for 2023/24, the lease on the existing vehicle could be extended and a budget set for 2024/25 for the new vehicle.

5. Recreation Areas

(i) To note budget update, dated 24th January 2023

Members noted the budget update dated the 24th January 2023, there were no significant variances.

6. Cemetery

(i) To note budget update, dated 24th January 2023

Members noted the budget update dated the 24th January 2023, there were no significant variances.

(ii) To approve increase of 7.87% to cemetery fees

Members agreed an increase of 7.87% to the cemetery fees from 1st April 2023.

7. Christmas Lights –

(i) To note budget update, dated 24th January 2023

Members noted the budget update dated the 24th January 2023, there were no significant variances.

8. Local Needs Housing

(i) To note budget update, dated 24th January 2023

Members noted the budget update dated the 24th January 2023, there were no significant variances.

9. Sessions House

Cllr Lindsay advised that a meeting is due to be held with the Museum to see how further Sessions House can be used. Cllr Phillips reported Visit Ely would like to do Paranormal and Escape Room events. Although not present at the meeting, Cllr Ganivet had reported that she is in the process of exploring the possibility of advertising the building for film locations. Cllr Phillips advised there are extensive trials, recorded in the British Archives - Cambridgeshire Newspapers.

10. The Maltings Complex -to receive updates on:

(i) Maltings – To receive any updates

Members noted the record of the meeting with the riverside residents. Cllr Phillips advised that the meeting had been a full and robust conversation concerning noise from the venue. Members raised the point that the venue needs to make money and relies on events to do so. However, it appears that the meetings are making progress and will be held on a regular basis, with the next being in April. It was agreed to see how the new Noise Management Plan works out and continue to keep talking with the residents to find a solution and compromise that will satisfy both sides. Cllr Phillips advised he had been notified of an incident with a resident being verbally abusive towards a member of staff. This is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

(ii) To note budget updates for Maltings, restaurant & cottage dated 24th January 2023

Members noted the budget update dated the 24th January 2022, any significant variances had previously being agreed.

(iii) Maltings Cottage - update and response

Members noted the update from the Clerk on her discussions with the second applicant. Members agreed to request a written proposal and basic plan from the applicant and that they should apply to ECDC for Planning Pre-Application advice.

11. Date of next meeting:

Monday 13th March 2023 at 7 pm

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm