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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 19TH JUNE 2023 AT THE MALTINGS, SHIP LANE, ELY

**PRESENT:** Mrs T Coulson – Clerk to the Council

Cllr C Phillips, Mayor

Cllr R Morgan

Cllr R Pitt

Cllr D Warman

Cllr R Denness

Cllr M Wade

Cllr S Austen

Cllr P Gardner

Cllr R Moss-Eccardt

Cllr M A Robinson

Cllr M Banyard

Cllr C Ní Dhónaill

Cllr L Fox

Cllr K Holtzmann

County Cllr A Whelan

District Cllr C Whelan

3 members of the public

## 1. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Wade. The reason for their absence was accepted.

## 2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 22ND MAY 2023 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 22nd May 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042 and 2043 refer. Matters Arising:- Page 2039, item 15 – Cllr Banyard thanked all those that had voted to co-opt him on to the Council. He said it was a joy and a privilege to be here.

#### 5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed colleagues to the meeting and said that it was the first time the whole Council had met since the elections and co-options of May. He hoped that the coming four years would be a time of increased activity and achievement by the City Council and was confident that new councillors had brought a wealth of talent and experience from a rich variety of backgrounds to the organisation.

He announced that the Mayor's charity for 2023-24 would be NSPCC (Ely) and that he and the Mayoress had already begun to plan for a Quiz Night in September and an evening event at the Maltings in April 2024.

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#### 6. QUESTION TIME

A member of the public said that it was a big disappointment that the Christmas Lights switch on event no longer took place. They thought it would be a successful event for the city and asked why it was not happening anymore.

Cllr Austen, Chairman of the Christmas Lights Sub-Committee explained that the event had become too big and there were health and safety concerns. It was agreed a full response by email would be sent to the member of the public with regard to his question.

Another member of the public, who had previously been a city councillor also responded to the question asked.

#### 7. 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. Cllr Denness asked if there was any progress on the 20 mph scheme and County Cllr A Whelan confirmed that we would have to wait for the public consultation to go live. District Councillors C Whelan, Holtzmann and Pitt reported on the training and meetings they had attended at ECDC.

#### 8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended Alconbury High School Graduation Ceremony at the Cathedral; D-Day Wreath Laying ceremony at Ely War Memorial; G's Farm Open Day; EARTH AGM at Larkfield; Ely Arts Festival Opening Concert in the Cathedral and Vera James House Summer Garden Party.

#### 9. PLANNING

Cllr Morgan gave a report on the last planning meeting.

#### 10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received and noted:-

Notification of street closures:- Forehill Ely – 10 – 12.7.23; Downham Road (A10), Ely and Prickwillow Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide – 1.7.23 – 31.3.24; Columbine Road, Ely – 9.8.23; Branch Bank, Prickwillow, Ely – 23-24.8.23; Prickwillow Road, Ely – 1-3.8.23

#### 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE – Cllr Pitt presented a report of a meeting held on the 17th April 2023, which was noted and approved. The recommendation for the amendment to the Council's Standing Orders was proposed by Cllr Pitt with regard to the addition of 32e - If, in these Standing Orders there is a reference to an organisation and that organisation has been replaced then the reference will be deemed to be to the successor organisation. As the Council follows the NALC template for Standing Orders, it was also agreed to keep the colour coding but to add the letters as well. These were seconded by Cllr Moss-Eccardt. Cllr Gardner had been appointed as the Council's Youth Lead. Cllr Gardner proposed the Council note the Internal Auditors report from the second visit of the financial year 2022/23, which had no issues raised. This was seconded by Cllr Ní Dhónaill and unanimously approved. Cllr Pitt proposed the recommendation for the re-appointment of the Internal Auditor for 2023/24 be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Austen and unanimously approved.

It was unanimously approved that due to the Clerk obtaining the CiLCA qualification she will receive a one point incremental rise on her salary.

(ii) CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Denness presented a report of a meeting held on the 5th June 2023, which was noted and approved. Cllr Holtzmann confirmed that although she had suggested a proposal to acquire land from ECDC should be considered in order to plant more trees at this meeting, it was not her intention of moving this forward in the near future. The update from the CCTV Working Group was noted and Cllr Denness requested that this be referred to the Governance Working Group as to

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## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED .....

whether Climate & Environment Committee is the appropriate Committee for this to report back to. The recommendations from the Governance Working Group would then be reported to the Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee for consideration.

A parishioner left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

(iii) ASSETS – Cllr Morgan presented a report of a meeting held on the 30th May, which was noted and approved. Councillors noted the approval of the quote from Kompan be accepted at a cost of £22,144.87 for a replacement tower and surfacing at St John's Road play area. Three quotes had been obtained. A fire had occurred at the skate park on the 21st May, which the fire brigade had attended. This had caused considerable damage and it had been necessary to fence off the equipment. A quote is being obtained to repair the damage. Mr M Chinery-Colyer and Mrs E Every had been co-opted on to the Christmas Lights Sub-Committee. The Council's tenant at Sessions House had given notice and will vacate at the end of July. They will, however, continue to rent a storage area within the building at a cost of £25 per week. The wording for a memorial plaque for the late Mrs V Holden was approved. The Chairman informed members he had undertaken two successful tours of the cemetery with 30 people in total attending. (iv) TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 26th June 2023.

## 12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Ely/Ribe Association – notes of a meeting held on the 28th April 2023 were noted. Cllr Banyard had attended a recent meeting of the Ely/Ribe Association. They were extremely grateful for the financial support they received from the Council for the recent Ribe visit to Ely. Prickwillow Village Council – notes of a meeting held on the 22nd May 2023 were tabled and noted. Cllr Gardner had attended an Ely Museum Trustees meeting.

## 13. ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Cllr Pitt proposed the Annual Governance Statement, whereby the Council formally confirms it has maintained an adequate system of internal control throughout the financial year in accordance with Assertions 2 and 6 of the Governance Statements, contained in Section 1 of the Annual Return, be formally approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Accounting Statements 2022/2023 be approved and signed and the signing of the balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2023. This was seconded by Cllr Denness and unanimously approved apart from one councillor abstaining from the vote. The Annual Governance Statement and the balance sheet were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. The Accounting Statement was signed by the Chairman.

## 14. TO CONSIDER CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSAL TO DIVERT PART OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NOS 2, 3 AND 5, ELY AT KING'S SCHOOL, ELY

Councillors considered the footpath modifications and had no objections to these. However, they would like to see these changes in the wider context of how they link up to other paths or could link up for example giving a route to the station. These links already exist down to the station and they would not want the public to be unable to continue to undertake this continuous link as it is felt to be a very important route.

Councillors felt that they would like to reiterate the same comments to the County Council as they previously made to the King's School agent with regard to the consultation to divert these public footpaths. They thought that funding from Active Travel could be used for sign posting to link up these routes.

Councillors requested confirmation that there will be a link to the permissive right of way as lots of people do use this route to go down to the train station.

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# 15. TO RECEIVE A SHORT PRESENTATION FROM CLLR GARDNER ON GENDER DIVERSITY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PRONOUNS AND OTHER GENDER NEUTRAL LANGUAGE

Cllr Gardner gave a short presentation on gender diversity and the importance of pronouns and other gender neutral language. The Chairman thanked Cllr Gardner for a very informative presentation and said that the Council needed to put effort in to facilitating this. Cllr Moss-Eccardt requested that micro aggression also be included. The Chairman said, "Ely is a place where it is safe to be yourself."

#### 16. FINANCE

Cllr Pitt proposed these all be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Moss-Eccardt and unanimously approved.

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Active Learning Trust	529.20	Paid by BACS		
Harper Collins Publishers	144.17	Paid by BACS		
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Ely City Golf Course Ltd	72.00	Paid by BACS		
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Ellgia Ltd	178.80	Paid by BACS
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City Cycle Centre		114407
East Cambs Trading Co Ltd	25.02 2279.39	114408
CoolerAid Ltd	61.06	114409
Star Editions Ltd	1101.79	114410
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	557.77	114411
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Two Bad Mice Publishers Ltd	325.44	114414
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## Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 22nd May 2023

Salaries and wages £36,493.55 Inland Revenue (tax & NI) £12,376.52 Pension fund payments £12,388.85

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliations against the accounts for the periods ending 30th April 2023 and 31st May 2023

The meeting closed at 8.13 pm.

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# Cllrs Piers Coutts and Alison Whelan MONTHLY REPORT JUNE 2023

# COMMUNITIES, SOCIAL MOBILITY & INCLUSION (COSMIC) Accountability agreement

COSMIC has approved an Accountability Agreement, which is a new requirement for any organisation receiving more than £1M a year from the Government's Department for Education. This sets out a limited number of priority aims, targets and key performance indicators for Cambridgeshire Skills in delivering high quality adult education.

## **Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund**

This fund consists of £1.5M left over from the previous administration's £5M Communities Capital Fund. £1M will be made available for community capital projects to improve or upgrade community buildings and assets, while supporting the council to achieve at least three of its strategic ambitions.

- Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2045, and our communities and natural environment are supported to adapt and thrive as the climate changes.
- Travel across the county is safer and more environmentally sustainable.
- Health inequalities are reduced.
- People enjoy healthy, safe, and independent lives through timely support that is most suited to their needs.
- People are helped out of poverty and income inequality.
- Places and communities prosper because they have a resilient and inclusive economy, access to good quality public services and social justice is prioritised.
- Children and young people have opportunities to thrive.

The fund will open for a single round of applications during the 2023/24 financial year, with an upper bid limit of £40,000. Cambridgeshire based voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations will be eligible to apply, as will district, town and parish councils, and businesses if they can evidence the public benefit of their project.

The remaining £0.5M will be reserved for the County Council's own community based assets, where this will support the council's commitment to decentralisation.

#### **ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT**

### Flood Group conference

Following the success of last year's first Flood Group Conference at Alconbury Weald, the 2023 Conference will take place on Thursday 21 September in St Ives. The County Council's Community Flood Action Programme has been shortlisted for a national award.

## **Green Energy Together / Solar Together**

Solar Together is a national scheme run by iChoosr, an independent organisation that vets and appoints accredited installers of solar panels on homes. iChoosr appointed three installers in 2022 to deliver solar panels and battery storage across Cambridgeshire. The County Council promoted the scheme to residents and it has been popular, with over 2,000 installations completed to date.

We were disappointed to hear that one of their suppliers, Green Energy Together Ltd (GET), who operated in Huntingdonshire, had appointed liquidators following the loss of their MCS certification. This accreditation is a requirement for installers participating in the Solar Together scheme. Other Solar Together installers in Cambridgeshire are unaffected.

We have sought assurance that iChoosr will be in contact with affected Huntingdonshire customers to explain the situation and their options.

## **Home Upgrade Grants**

Cambridgeshire has been awarded £11.5M over two years to improve energy efficiency in homes which are not on mains gas. More information, including eligibility criteria, at actiononenergycambs.org/funding

#### Sunnica solar farm

The Planning Inspectorate is currently expected to submit its recommendation for the Sunnica solar farm application, located between Burwell and Red Lodge, by 28 June.

## **Smart journeys**

The new *Smart Journeys* team is now in place working with developers of sites at Northstowe, Alconbury Weald, and Cambridge Science Park to promote active travel throughout the developments.

## Disposal of vapes and metal recycling

Following a number of fires, an information campaign is being planned about the safe disposal of vapes and the hazards of fires in collection vehicles and waste plants arising from the batteries sealed inside these items. There is currently a six week campaign of bus advertising, radio and social media across the whole of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough promoting the need to recycle all metals.

Disposable vapes should be disposed of with other WEEE electrical stuff at Household Recycling Centres. All vape and e-cigarette retailers also have a legal obligation to offer customers a free recycling point for these items. Further details available at https://evapo.co.uk/blog/how-to-safely-disposable-of-your-vape-and-e-liquid

## **Envar application refused**

The application for new waste facilities including an incinerator at the Envar site at Woodhurst was (narrowly) refused. The applicant is considering next steps which include an option to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

## **Waste Water Treatment Works**

Having withdrawn its application to relocate its waste water treatment works from NE Cambridge to Horningsea, Anglian Water resubmitted its plans on 28 April. These plans have been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate.

## Infrastructure Levy consultation

The Government is consulting on technical aspects of its proposed changes to how developer contributions towards new infrastructure are secured. The Government says the Levelling Up & Regeneration Bill seeks to replace the current system of 'Section 106' developer contributions with a mandatory, more streamlined, and locally determined Infrastructure Levy.

## **Biodiversity and green spaces**

The Tree & Woodland Strategy is now out to tender, including assessment of tree canopy cover for the whole county, and more detailed analysis on County Council land. The strategy will also include length of hedgerow on County Council land, amounts of carbon sequestered, and areas for future tree planting.

Work is also ongoing with Natural Cambridgeshire on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Cambridgeshire, with a formal launch imminent.

## Low carbon heating for council buildings

Air source heat pumps have been installed at 22 council buildings to date, replacing fossil fuel heating systems. A further five new projects are also now in progress, supported by grant funding, and the County Council is applying to the Low Carbon Skills Fund for grants towards design for the next batch of sites.

#### **Autonomous vehicle trials**

Connecting Cambridgeshire will be supporting the Greater Cambridge Partnership to deliver two autonomous vehicle projects, one running services around the West Cambridge campus, Cambridge Biomedical Campus, and between Babraham and Trumpington Park & Rides; the other looking at the feasibility of autonomous transit to support developments to the east of Cambridge.

#### **HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

#### **East West Rail**

The southern route, rather than the northern, has now been announced as the preferred option for the section of East West Rail from Bedford to Cambridge. Leader of the County Council Lucy Nethsingha said:

This is a nationally important piece of infrastructure, and we have been supportive of the principle of the rail link between Oxford and Cambridge for many years. It was good to hear a renewed government commitment to the project earlier in the year, and we are keen to study the detail of these proposals.

Rail travel is one of the most efficient and greenest transport systems, and increasing the opportunities for rail transport in our area is a key priority and important as part of our commitment to a greener fairer Cambridgeshire.

We will look closely at the detail of what has been announced today, we want to understand the exact alignment and what this means for residents and particular areas of the county. We look forward to working with our communities and with the East West Rail Company to understand and refine the proposals and address local concerns. We are also keen to understand whether the calls for the line to be electric from the start have been heard.

## Sustainable Travel Zone / Congestion Charge

The public response to the *Making Connections* (Sustainable Travel Zone / Congestion Charge) consultation has now been published. More than 24,000 people responded to the consultation, which proposed measures to transform the bus network alongside better walking and cycling infrastructure that would be funded in the long term by the phased introduction of a road user charge.

The key findings and the wide-ranging views—both in favour of and against the proposals—are contained in a paper presented to the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Joint Assembly which met on Thursday 8 June. The headlines are below.

- Over 70 per cent of people were in favour of the future transport network, with more buses to more locations, cheaper fares and longer operating times supported by better walking and cycling infrastructure to give people faster, cheaper and more reliable travel alternatives to the car.
- 58 per cent of respondents opposed the proposed Sustainable Travel Zone (STZ) as the means for delivering the transport vision. Opposition increased with age from 35 to 64, with 55-64 year olds the most likely to oppose. Those who lived outside Cambridge were also more likely to oppose.
- 34 per cent of people supported the STZ as proposed. Support was highest among the youngest and the oldest respondents, who are more likely to find it most difficult to access education and healthcare due to the limitations of the existing bus network. Support was highest in the centre and west of Cambridge.
- Around half of those who opposed the STZ did support the vision for better buses.
- The views from organisations such as business, healthcare and others were broadly supportive of the plans but with caveats about the impact on staff or those who were vulnerable.
- Additional representative opinion polling was carried out which showed opposition and support for a road user charge was more balanced.

The reasons for supporting or opposing varied but covered a variety of areas.

- Those who supported the proposals were keen to get more frequent bus services, would be able to cycle more safely and generally were positive towards the idea of a charge to tackle climate change and reduce congestion.
- Those who opposed felt the exemptions didn't go far enough, and perceived a charge to be unfair, in particular on those travelling to Addenbrookes, and also believed there would be a negative impact on jobs.

With a large number of free text responses in the survey to supplement the 'closed questions', a lot of detail is now available about what people feel could be positive amendments to the scheme. These included changing the rate for cars, changing the hours, amending the discounts and exemptions, and altering the boundaries.

No decisions have been made, and the next steps will be discussed at the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Joint Assembly meeting on Monday 26 June.

### Local highways updates

- Downham Road (A10), Ely Between Cambridge Road and Witchford Road -Road closures for highway repair – sometime after 1 July 2023.
- Prickwillow Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide Between Branch Bank and Ely Footpath 51, Ely sometime after 1 July 2023.
- Forehill Gas connection works It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 10 July and 12 July 2023.
- Mile End (B1382), Prickwillow as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing – Access will be maintained to properties affected by this order. It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 10 July and 25 July 2023.

## Meanwhile on the Combined Authority

The most significant item on the Combined Authority Board agenda for 31 May is the Local Transport & Connectivity Plan. As the Government has still not published its guidance on Local Transport Plans, due last September, the Plan may need to be revised even if approved. It contains district-specific strategies, carbon assessments, impact assessments, and more.

#### The document's Mission Statement says:

The transport network must put improved health at its core, it must help create a fairer society, it must respond to climate change targets, it must protect our environment and clean up our air, and it must be the backbone of sustainable economic growth in which everyone can prosper.

And it must bring a region of cities, market town and very rural areas closer together. It will be achieved by investing in a properly joined-up, net zero carbon transport system, which is high quality, reliable, convenient, affordable, safe, and accessible to everyone, Better, cleaner public transport will reduce private car use, and more cycling and walking will support both healthier lives and a greener region. Comprehensive connectivity, including digital improvements, will support a sustainable future for our region's nationally important and innovative economy.

The East Cambridgeshire section notes the five per cent growth in the district (the highest in the county) 2011 to 2021, but limited delivery of new major transport links. Transport challenges include poor active travel, limited bus services, rail service constraints, heavy vehicles, and poor road safety.

The Plan's proposed approach is to deliver new high-quality active travel infrastructure, prioritise bus links including demand-responsive transport, improve the rail network, investigate new Park & Ride facilities near on the A10 near Waterbeach, improve the A10 and the A142/A14 junction at Exning, and support electric vehicles.

## **Clirs Alison Whelan and Piers Coutts**

County Councillors for Ely North and Ely South