



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

DECISION LIST FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH JANUARY 2024 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 Pitt, Ward, Gardner and Holtzmann. 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 4th December 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 4th December 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077 and 2078 refer. Matters arising:- Cllr Wade felt the Council should reiterate and record their support for the 20 mph scheme.	
5	Presentation From the Chairman of Ely Ribe Association, Anne Hefferman, Regarding the Visit Ely Guides Visit to Ribe in November 2023	To receive a presentation regarding the Visit Ely Guides visit to Ribe	Anne Hefferman, the Chairman of the Ely Ribe Association gave a presentation to the Council regarding the successful visit to Ribe in November 2023 by the Visit Ely Guides and the Tourism & Town Centre Manager. She gave details of what activities they undertook and the attractions they had visited. It was unanimously agreed this had been an excellent staff development opportunity for those that had attended. The Chairman thanked her for the very detailed presentation.	
6	Chairman's Announcements	To receive announcements from the Chairman	The Chairman gave an update to Councillors on the further meetings with the Restorative Justice Service regarding the damage to the skate park. He agreed to keep them updated as this process was about to come to an end shortly.	Chairman

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7	Question Time	To receive questions from members of the public	Two members of the public spoke about their concerns regarding the closure of Barclays Bank in Ely. The Chairman thanked them for expressing these concerns and Councillors agreed Cllr Moss-Eccardt and the Clerk would contact Barclays Bank to see if a meeting could be arranged with the Council to discuss the decision to close the branch. Concern was expressed that the Post Office in Ely was not accessible for disabled persons.	Cllr Moss-Eccardt/Clerk
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. District Cllr Christine Whelan provided a verbal report.	
9	Mayor's Engagements and Report	To receive a report from the Mayor on the engagements they had attended	The Mayor had visited Santa's Christmas Toy Bank; the Children's Society Christingles; Ely Choral Society's Carols for All; the City of Ely Military Band Christmas Concert; meet with the Dean and the Ely Muslim Association; visited Ely Foodbank; attended the KD Theatre Pantomime Gala Night; given a talk to the Ely Rotary Club; opened the Ely Computer Centre and attended St Mary's Winter Tea Party.	
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	The Planning Chairman gave a report on the planning meeting prior to Full Council. He also confirmed that the applications for the open space at Holly Walk and Birch Close, Ely to be listed as an asset of community value (ACV) had been submitted to ECDC. These had been acknowledged and will be considered within 8 weeks.	
11	Information Only Items	To receive and note items for information only	Councillors noted the items for information only.	

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12	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Councillors noted the reports from the Committee meetings:- Personnel, Finance & Governance, Climate & Environment, Assets and Tourism & Town Centre – decisions will be detailed in minutes, plus in Committee decision lists issued after the meetings.</p> <p>Personnel, Finance & Governance – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 29th January 2024.</p> <p>Climate & Environment – Cllr Denness presented a report of a meeting held on the 18th December 2023 which was unanimously approved. Cllr Denness confirmed the two LHI bids had been submitted. These were for a crossing at Cam Drive and A142 speed reductions. The 20 mph scheme for Ely had been approved, with the issue regarding the installation of cushions being discussed separately. Quotes had been obtained in relation to the new floral displays contract for 2024-2026, with RHS Services being awarded the contract. A CIL application will be made to repair/replace the solar lights in the park. A quote for the required work at a cost of £8,582 had been received by the original contractor. The Committee had agreed the Outdoor Sport & Leisure Working Group should be disbanded and there was a need to form a Climate Action Working Group.</p> <p>Assets – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 22nd January 2024. Cllr Morgan informed Councillors that the new fitness equipment along the bund will be installed very shortly. This had been publicised on Facebook with comments regarding the need for this type of equipment in the North of Ely. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.</p>	<p>CIL</p> <p>P,F&G</p> <p>Assets</p>

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12	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Cllr Wade also raised the comments regarding the need for lighting along the bund. The Clerk confirmed that this was ECDC land so she would need to bring this up with them. She agreed to do so.</p> <p>Tourism & Town Centre – Cllr Warman presented a report of a meeting held on the 11th December 2023 which was unanimously approved. An update on the services was noted. The Visitor Guide for 2024 was nearing completion. It was suggested they could reform the Sessions House Working Group to discuss possible events at Sessions House.</p>	<p>Cllr Wade</p> <p>P,F&G</p>
13	Reports From External Meetings	To receive and note reports from external meetings	Cllrs Phillips and Denness had attended a meeting of Ely Trinity Dole, which is in the process of winding up and joining the Needham's Foundation. Cllr Moss-Eccardt had informed Councillors he had attended a recent meeting of the Cawdle Fen Internal Drainage Board.	
14	To Approve the Appointment of a New Estates Technician and to Pass a Resolution that this Person be Specified as a Pensionable Employee Under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as Amended)	To approve the appointment of a new member of staff and to approve they be specified as a pensionable employee	The Clerk informed Councillors, interviews had been undertaken and the successful candidate, Mr L Samuels was recommended for approval to the appointment as an Estates Technician and that a resolution be passed so he can be specified as a pensionable employee under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as amended). These resolutions were proposed by Cllr Phillips, seconded by Cllr Ní Dhónaill and unanimously approved.	Deputy Clerk

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15	To Consider Proposed Street Names for Site at Angel Drove, Ely	To consider proposed street names for site at Angel Drove, Ely	<p>The Council felt that they would like to offer other possible suggestions for street names on this development instead of those proposed. These being:-</p> <p>Westmill Close – named after the factory that was situated on this site for a considerable number of years before being demolished. It links the use of the site.</p> <p>Cawdle Close – which provides the link to the ancient Cawdle Fen which runs through this area.</p> <p>Rouse Close – recognises a former City Councillor, who was also a local historian and well known in the City.</p> <p>If the proposed names were not felt to be appropriate, the Council would point out that the first suggestion of Stamford Close is incorrect as it is actually Barnack Stone and not Stamford Stone that was used to construct the Cathedral. So this should be Barnack Close.</p>	Clerk
16	To Make Comments on ECDC's Bus, Cycle, Walk Working Group Update	To make comments on Working Group Update	Councillors agreed it would not submit comments to this update. However, Councillors should make comments as individuals.	
17	Tree Preservation Order No – TP)/E/12/23 – At Land Adjacent 104 Broad Street, Ely to Make Comments on the Application	To make comments on the proposed Tree Preservation Order	Councillors unanimously agreed to support the serving of this new Tree Preservation Order.	Clerk

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18	To Make Comments on Consultation from Cambs County Council Regarding Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 257 The East Cambridgeshire District Council (Public Footpath Nos 2, 3 and 5, Ely (Part)) Public Path Diversion Order 2023	To make comments on a Public Path Diversion Order	Councillors agreed the Clerk would submit the same comments as had been made on a previous application for this location.	Clerk
19	Finance	To note and approve payments of the Council, payments relating to staff since the last meeting.	Councillors noted the payments of the Council and payments relating to staff since the last meeting. The Chairman proposed these all be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Banyard and unanimously approved.	Clerk