

**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM ON
11TH MARCH 2024 AT SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD, ELY**

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson – Clerk to the Council

Cllr Ní Dhónaill

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr S Austen

Cllr R Morgan

Cllr R Ward (arrived 7.06 pm)

Cllr R Denness

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Moss-Eccardt and Cllr Banyard.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (HELD ON THE 29TH JANUARY 2024) & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on the 29th January 2024, were agreed and signed by the Chairman, as a true record. Pages PFG 152, 153 and 154 refer. Matters Arising:- Page 153, item 9 – The Clerk confirmed that the CIL funds that were required to be spent by the end of the year, could also include those allocated to an approved project but not yet spent. Page 153, item 14 – policies are being allocated to those councillors that agreed to undertake the annual review of the Council's policies and procedures. Page 154, item 18 – The Clerk confirmed the amendments to the Business Liaison Assistant's role were moving forward.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

The budget updates up to the 29th February 2024 were noted. There were no significant variances that councillors had concerns with.

5. UPDATE FROM THE GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

No update as the Working Group had not met.

6. UPDATE FROM THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN WORKING GROUP

No update as the Working Group had not met.

7. UPDATE FROM CIL SUB-COMMITTEE AND TO RECEIVE CIL EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS UPDATE

The CIL Sub-Committee had not met. The Clerk requested that the Sub-Committee discusses the CIL funds allocated for the No 9 bus following the presentation from Stagecoach and decide whether this money should remain ring-fenced. This was unanimously agreed. The CIL expenditure analysis update, to the 20th February was noted.

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8. UPDATE FROM THE INCLUSIVITY WORKING GROUP

Cllr Phillips informed councillors, members of the Working Group had met with the organisers of Ely Pride. The event this year will be held on the 3rd August. They very much appreciate the support they have received from the Council. They had raised the rate of charges for the Maltings for this event, but it had been explained to them that this was already at a discounted rate. It has been suggested that they could apply through the Council's grant process. Cllr Phillips also informed councillors of the invitation to the Ramadan meal which was open to all councillors. He hoped that some would be able to attend.

9. UPDATE FROM THE NORTH ELY HUB AND COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

The Working Group had not met.

10. UPDATE FROM THE YOUTH LEAD

No update was received as the Youth Lead had resigned from the Council. There will be an agenda item on the next meeting to appoint a new Youth Lead. The youth underpass project was approved from CIL funds and is moving forward.

11. UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS & PR WORKING GROUP

No update as the Working Group had not met. A new Chairman of this Working Group is required as the current one had just resigned. There were also issues raised by this Committee that need to be discussed at the next meeting of this Working Group.

12. HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

There were no health and safety issues to report.

13. PERSONNEL ISSUES

There were no personnel issues to discuss.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 20th May 2024 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

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