

**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM ON
21ST NOVEMBER 2022 AT SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD, ELY**

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson – Clerk to the Council

Cllr A Whelan

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr D Edge

Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr S Austen

Cllr R Morgan

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (HELD ON THE 31ST OCTOBER 2022) & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on the 31st October 2022, were agreed, and were signed by the Chairman, as a true record. Pages PFG 123, 124 and 125 refer.

Matters arising:- Page PFG 124, item 7 – The request for CIL funding for an information and marketing package designed to encourage visitors to come to Ely by train, which members had felt the costs for posters and printed leaflets would not meet the criteria for CIL but had agreed the signed walking routes could be considered, were not taken forward to the last CIL Sub-Committee meeting for reasons explained by Cllr Lindsay.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update for the period up to the 31st October 2022. There were no significant variances that members had concerns regarding.

5. UPDATE FROM THE GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

Cllr C Whelan informed members the Working Group had not met.

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

There was no update from the Strategic Plan Working Group as this had not met.

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

Minutes of the CIL Sub-Committee meeting held on the 15th November were approved. Members agreed to recommend to the next Full Council approval of the CIL applications received for a new gate at Paradise play area; 2 x picnic benches at the High Barns and Paradise play areas and a climbing tower at St John's play area. Cllr A Whelan commented that she hoped this equipment would be suitable for the older age group of children that uses this play area, as a lot of the Council's play equipment is for the younger age groups. The CIL expenditure analysis update was noted.

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8. UPDATE FROM THE INCLUSIVITY WORKING GROUP

Notes of a meeting held on the 8th November were approved. It was agreed to request approval at the next Full Council meeting to apply for planning permission for the month of February to fly the Pride flag for LGBT History month. Approval would also be sought to purchase the flag to fly for Black History month in October and to also apply for planning permission for this. If this is approved, Cllr Denness will apply for the planning permission. The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement was reviewed. It was felt that no amendments were required to this and this will now be recommended to the next Full Council meeting for approval and signature by the Chairman. It was felt that there could be an addition to the policy, to state that the Council had an Inclusivity Working Group, but this could be added when the next annual review is undertaken in March 2023.

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

Cllr A Whelan informed members the Working Group had not met. A response from the developers was now awaited. There are delays in getting a response from the Planning Department.

10. UPDATE FROM THE YOUTH LEAD

Cllr C Whelan had nothing to report.

11. TO DISCUSS HOW THE COUNCIL SHOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH UNDERTAKING A REVIEW OF WHETHER TO HAVE A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was unanimously agreed to recommend to the next Full Council that a Working Group be formed with a specific aim, initially to investigate further the issues with regard to undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan. These being cost, process, timescale and advantages. They would be expected to consider all these aspects and report back to Full Council with a recommendation as to whether this was something that the Council should consider undertaking. If this was agreed at Full Council, volunteers would be identified to undertake this.

12. COMMUNICATIONS/PR

Cllr C Whelan asked the Clerk if she had received any articles for the next edition of the Elyi. She confirmed she had not received any. Cllr C Whelan requested that the Clerk sent further Council meeting dates to the Editor so they can be included in the next edition. The Clerk suggested that as the Council now has the 20's plenty stickers that Cllr Denness may like to submit an article explaining why we are supplying to residents and how, and what we want them to do with them.

13. HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

There were no health and safety issues to raise.

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PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC Cllr A Whelan proposed that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the Meeting. This was seconded by Cllr C Whelan and unanimously approved. There was no press or public in attendance to exclude.

14. PERSONNEL ISSUES

To consider report with regard to overtime/toil review - Members agreed to make recommendations with regard to the overtime/toil review report to the next Full Council for consideration.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC To resolve that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting. There was no press or public in attendance to be re-admitted.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday, 23rd January 2023 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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