

**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM ON
22ND NOVEMBER 2021 AT THE MALTINGS, SHIP LANE, ELY**

PRESENT:

Cllr M Rouse
Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr V Ganivet

NOT PRESENT: Cllr M Downey

Cllr Phillips proposed Cllr Rouse take the Chair in the Chairman's absence. This was seconded by Cllr Ganivet and unanimously agreed.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Whelan, C Whelan, Every, Morgan and Austen.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (HELD ON THE 11TH OCTOBER 2021) & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on the 11th October 2021, were agreed, and were signed by the Chairman, as a true record. Pages PFG 105 and 106 refer.

There were no matters arising

4. BUDGET UPDATE AND TO CONSIDER FIRST DRAFT OF THE BUDGET FOR 2022/23

Members noted the budget update for the period up to the 31st October 2021. There were no variants of concerns. The Clerk had amended the figures with regard to the business rates for all properties and tabled a revised budget. This was proposing a precept for 2022/23 of £660,000, which would result in a 3.43% increase on a band D council tax property. This increase would be below the current rate of inflation. Councillor Rouse proposed the budget for 2022/23 be recommended for approval at the next Full Council meeting and a precept of £660,000 be set. This was seconded by Cllr Ganivet and unanimously approved.

5. UPDATE FROM THE GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

There was no update from the Governance Working Group. A meeting was being held on the 23rd November 2021.

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

There was no update from the Strategic Plan Working Group.

7. UPDATE FROM CIL SUB-COMMITTEE

Councillors noted the minutes of the CIL Sub-Committee meeting held on the 16th November, which had been tabled. Councillors agreed to recommend to the next Full Council meeting approval of the request from the Assets Committee for £60,000 from CIL funds to refurbish the play area at Paradise. It was felt that this refurbishment should be undertaken in conjunction with the housing development so no damage occurs to the new equipment. Members noted the updated CIL expenditure analysis report.

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8. UPDATE FROM THE INCLUSIVITY WORKING GROUP

Cllr Phillips informed members the Working Group had not met. However, members of the Working Group continue to be proactive and are bringing people in and engaging with them and building on this. In the New Year, they will be able to report more fully.

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

Cllr Lindsay reported the Working Group had not met and were still trying to arrange the visit to Melbourne where they have already gone through the process with a local community hub.

10. UPDATE FROM THE YOUTH WORKING GROUP

There was no update from the Youth Working Group.

11. COMMUNICATIONS/PR

There was no update from the Communications & PR Working Group.

12. HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

There were no health and safety issues to raise.

13. PERSONNEL ISSUES

The Clerk informed members of a personnel issue.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk had provided copies of the Internal Auditor's reports to all Councillors prior to the meeting. These were from her first visit for the financial year 2021/22, on the 15th and 16th November 2021. Councillors noted these for the Council, Maltings and OCH. They expressed thanks to all staff for working so hard and maintaining such high standards.

The Clerk informed Councillors of the email received from the Town Crier to the Chairman. The Town Crier had decided after 20 years to resign from this position. This would be after the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in June 2022. Councillors accepted her decision and thanked her for all her years of service. It was agreed to recommend to the next Full Council meeting that her resignation be accepted and the Council agree in principle to fill this position. The Town Crier would be asked to be involved in this process and agree timings with her.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday, 10th January 2022 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.42 pm.

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