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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY,
27TH APRIL 2026 AT THE MALTINGS, SHIP LANE, ELY**

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson – Clerk to the Council

Cllr M Banyard, Mayor/Chairman Cllr C Phillips
Cllr S Sandhu Cllr R Morgan
Cllr R Denness Cllr R Moss-Eccardt
Cllr Ní Dhónaill (arrived at 7.04 pm)

Cllr C Bebu-Vijianu
Cllr M Hucker
Cllr P Coutts

1. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Warman, Whelan, Ward and Trent. The reasons for their absences were accepted. Cllr Wade was not present.

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 9TH MARCH 2026 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 9th March 2026 were proposed by the Chairman that they be agreed and signed as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Phillips and unanimously approved. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217 and 2218 refer. Matters arising:- Page 2212, item 5 – the Chairman informed members he had attended one of the Community Safety Partnership's school court days, which had been excellent. Page 2213, item 6 – the Chairman confirmed he had met with representatives from the Babylon Art Group.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded members of his invitation to afternoon tea at Poets House on the 10th May. He was still awaiting some responses. He informed members that the Dean would be leaving as he was retiring. It was agreed the Chairman should write a thank you letter to him for serving in this post for 14 years. The Chairman also announced that Bishop Dagmar, the Bishop of Huntingdon and Acting Bishop of Ely has been appointed as the Bishop of Edinburgh, so will be leaving to take up this new post later in the year. It was agreed the Chairman should write a thank you letter to her for her 6.5 years in post.

6. QUESTION TIME

As there were no members of the public present, there were no questions raised.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There were no written reports received from County Cllrs C Whelan and A Whelan and from District Cllrs C Whelan, A Whelan, Trent, Wade, Holtzmann, Colbert and Akinwale.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended a Stuntney Village Council meeting; the St John's primary school, year 1 presentation on work of the Mayor; King's School Music Festival; the Annual Parish Meeting of the Council; attended the Community Safety Partnership courtroom experience for Year 9 students; Fenland District Council Easter tea and cake; met with the Dean; MU Deanery tea and cutting of 150th anniversary cake; performance by Ely Choral Society; Good Friday Christian Walk, St Mary's Church to Market Square and Cathedral; Civic Choral Evensong; visited St Mary's school and gave a talk on the role of the Mayor; Chatteris Town Council coffee and cake; installation of new Rector for Isle of Ely benefice at Sutton; City of Ely Military Band Spring concert; CAPALC webinar on transfer of assets and attended a MAGPAS evening event at Alconbury.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the Ely CAMRA thank you event for their volunteers and King's School Music Festival.

The Ambassador had attended the City of Ely Military Band Spring concert.

9. PLANNING

Cllr Morgan as the Planning Committee Chairman gave a report on the planning meetings which had been held since the last meeting and prior to this meeting. He also informed members of the presentation before tonight's Planning Committee meeting by developers dealing with the Orchard Green, North Ely development. This was well attended by members.

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received and noted:-

Street Naming & Numbering – Asenaths Cottage, 42 New Barns Road, Ely

Road closures – Ely Footpath 22, as lies between Boatyard and 1 Quay D'orsay – 4 – 15.5.26; Padnal Bank, Prickwillow – 12.5.26

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE – No report as the Committee had not met. The Clerk informed members that one of the Estates staff had resigned and the vacancy had been advertised. Interviews would be held shortly. Cllr Moss-Eccardt proposed the Clerk be given the authority to authorise the appointment of a successful candidate. The successful candidate would also be specified as a pensionable employee under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (amended). This was seconded by Cllr Denness and unanimously approved. The Clerk will confirm details of an appointment at the next meeting.

(ii) CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT – No report as the Committee had not met.

(iii) ASSETS – No report as the Committee had not met.

(iv) TOURISM – No report as the Committee has not met.

12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Members noted the Executive Review notes of a meeting held on the 14th April 2026.

13. TO DISCUSS A REQUEST BY A PARISHIONER TO CONSIDER MAKING AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE (ACV) TO EAST CAMBS DISTRICT COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE FOUNTAIN PUB, 1 SILVER STREET, ELY, CB7 4JF

Although the Council was fully sympathetic to this matter, it was felt not appropriate for the Council to undertake this application. The planning application had been considered at the Planning Committee meeting prior to Full Council, and members had recommended refusal of the application. It was agreed that Cllr Moss-Eccardt would respond to the parishioner and encourage them to make the application.

14. TO DISCUSS THE CONSULTATION PHASE OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL PROCEEDS WITH THIS

Cllr Hucker had proposed a timetable for the consultation process for the Strategic Plan. It was agreed Cllr Hucker would make a few amendments, as raised by members and a consultation email would be created for responses. This would be in a shared mail box. The aims contained within the document will need to be allocated to the appropriate committees to ensure they are moved forward, so an implementation plan will be drawn up. It was agreed the Strategic Plan Working Group would meet before the Annual Council Meeting to ensure all was ready before released for consultation.

15. TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS

Cllr Morgan proposed the annual review of the Council's direct debit payments be noted and approved. This was seconded by Cllr Denness and unanimously approved.

16. TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES AS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL

Cllr Denness felt the document required additional columns regarding risk and agreed to discuss with the Clerk after the meeting. Cllr Hucker also agreed to work with the Clerk to revise the document for next year. Cllr Ní Dhónaill proposed the document be amended and approval being delegated to the next Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Denness and unanimously approved.

17. TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE REVIEW OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT TERMS OF REFERENCE AND INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN AS UNDERTAKEN BY THE CLERK

Cllr Hucker proposed the review of the internal audit terms of reference and internal audit plan as undertaken by the Clerk by noted and approved. This was seconded by Cllr Morgan and unanimously approved.

18. TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW UNDERTAKEN BY THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman proposed the internal audit review be noted and approved. This was seconded by Cllr Bebu-Vijianu and unanimously approved.

19. TO FORMALLY APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE ALLOTMENT SITE AT HOPKINS HOMES FROM ECDC TO THE COUNCIL. THE CITY OF ELY ALLOTMENTS AND GARDENS ASSOCIATION WILL THEN TAKE OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SITE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman thanked Cllr Denness for taking on the Chair of the Association and for moving them forward. Cllr Denness proposed members formally approve the transfer of the new allotments at Hopkins Homes from ECDC to the Council. The Association will then take over the management of the site on behalf of the Council. This was seconded by the Chairman and unanimously approved.

20. FINANCE

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

Direct debit payments and BACS payments

TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	276.74	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	682.55	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	4673.00	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	33.93	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	136.39	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	2548.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	221.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	155.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	511.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	506.00	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	1430.61	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	50.25	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	241.89	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	602.39	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	4363.95	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	156.93	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	30.65	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	1003.94	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	406.37	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	578.64	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	387.08	Paid by direct debit
Kennett Equipment Leasing Ltd	205.86	Paid by direct debit
SSE Energy Solutions Ltd	73.73	Paid by direct debit
Information Commissioner	47.00	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	65.19	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	728.79	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	73.46	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	73.46	Paid by direct debit
Cellair Ltd	55.20	Paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease Ltd	353.67	Paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease Ltd	767.64	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media Business Ltd	77.32	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media Business Ltd	77.32	Paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	382.76	Paid by direct debit
Bidfood Ltd	589.74	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	79.25	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	359.74	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	1879.75	Paid by direct debit
Bidfood Ltd	446.33	Paid by direct debit
SSE Energy Solutions Ltd	57.60	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media Business Ltd	77.32	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media Business Ltd	77.32	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	273.45	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	568.70	Paid by direct debit

20. FINANCE CONTINUED

TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	4971.88	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	167.13	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	33.56	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	1032.97	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	378.08	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	528.91	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	1312.80	Paid by direct debit
Yandell Publishing Ltd	812.88	Paid by BACS
Bannold Supplies & Services Ltd	24.90	Paid by BACS
Cary Otis	37.50	Paid by BACS
Advanced Thinking Systems Ltd	1195.20	Paid by BACS
Stark Building Materials UK Ltd	65.45	Paid by BACS
Screwfix Direct Ltd	360.30	Paid by BACS
Mayor of Ely Charity Account	225.00	Paid by BACS
Ely Skip Hire Ltd	414.00	Paid by BACS
March Stationery & Print	118.60	Paid by BACS
Cambridge Art	370.80	Paid by BACS
Amazon Business UK Payments	145.48	Paid by BACS
1Ely Ltd	84.00	Paid by BACS
L D Sales	70.00	Paid by BACS
CamAlarms Ltd	402.00	Paid by BACS
HM Revenue & Customs	5146.04	Paid by BACS
We Are Blueshed Ltd	192.00	Paid by BACS
Shefs	672.00	Paid by BACS
Ely Museum	630.00	Paid by BACS
Churches Fire Security Ltd	1038.16	Paid by BACS
Konica Minolta Business Solutions Ltd	28.62	Paid by BACS
Savills (UK) Ltd	395.00	Paid by BACS
Eden Farm Hulley's	258.28	Paid by BACS
The Stained Glass Museum	283.50	Paid by BACS
ECDC	60.00	Paid by BACS
RBK (Ely) Ltd	7320.00	Paid by BACS
Amazon Business UK Payments	11.95	Paid by BACS
Aztek Services Ltd	191.97	Paid by BACS
Grocer's Brokers Ltd	154.92	Paid by BACS
M Banyard	247.50	Paid by BACS
Konica Minolta Business Solutions Ltd	329.94	Paid by BACS
Advanced Thinking Systems Ltd	504.00	Paid by BACS
Ely Museum	108.00	Paid by BACS
Ely Tool Hire Ltd	108.00	Paid by BACS
Screwfix Direct Ltd	36.99	Paid by BACS
Stark Building Materials UK Ltd	83.78	Paid by BACS
Pen & Sword Books Ltd	38.96	Paid by BACS
Studio Nova Ltd	36.00	Paid by BACS
Zurich Town & Parish	16654.15	Paid by BACS
Darren Wailes	1800.00	Paid by BACS
Mr C Berry	99.00	Paid by BACS
CAPALC	2100.40	Paid by BACS

20. FINANCE CONTINUED

VIX Technology UK Ltd	3150.00	Paid by BACS
Elyi Magazine	175.00	Paid by BACS
Soham Pest Control	99.00	Paid by BACS
Kamarin Computers Ltd	3240.00	Paid by BACS
Whitespace Publishers Ltd	1198.80	Paid by BACS
Croyland Building Surveyors Ltd	1140.00	Paid by BACS
Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	1154.40	Paid by BACS
G & G Gallo Enterprises Ltd	1376.27	Paid by BACS
CoolerAid Ltd	6.82	Paid by BACS
Pineneedle Design Ltd	468.00	Paid by BACS
We Are Blueshed Ltd	14864.40	Paid by BACS
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	15.91	Paid by BACS
We Are Blueshed Ltd	336.00	Paid by BACS
CAPALC	170.00	Paid by BACS
Eden Farm Hulley	315.22	Paid by BACS
Thompson Media Partners Ltd	225.00	Paid by BACS
Karzees Ltd	630.00	Paid by BACS
Human Capital Development Ltd	226.80	Paid by BACS
Ellgia Ltd	268.72	Paid by BACS
Mrs N Booth	311.00	Paid by BACS
Vix Technology UK Ltd	1350.00	Paid by BACS
CAPALC	35.00	Paid by BACS
RGP Security Services Ltd	138.60	Paid by BACS
Helloprint	956.39	Paid by BACS
Kamarin Computers Ltd	1074.00	Paid by BACS
ESPO	64.62	Paid by BACS
K & M Lighting Services Ltd	360.00	Paid by BACS
Anglian Water Business	52.12	Paid by BACS
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	14760.00	Paid by BACS
Kanazawa Event Solutions Ltd	546.00	Paid by BACS
East Cambs Trading Company	1391.71	Paid by BACS
ECDC	1322.05	Paid by BACS
Zurich Town & Parish	300.20	Paid by BACS
East Cambs Trading Company	1751.71	Paid by BACS
EPOS	72.12	Paid by BACS
K & M Lighting Services Ltd	96.00	Paid by BACS
Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	1104.00	Paid by BACS
English Eden	844.20	Paid by BACS
National Federation of Cemetery		
Friends	10.00	Paid by BACS
Millennium Pest Control Ltd	80.90	Paid by BACS
ECDC	250.00	Paid by BACS
ESPO	525.60	Paid by BACS
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions Ltd	76.66	Paid by BACS
Two Bad Mice Publishers Ltd	688.44	Paid by BACS
Star Editions Ltd	1136.56	Paid by BACS
Ely Museum	10862.50	Paid by BACS
Grocer's Brokers Ltd	170.76	Paid by BACS

20. FINANCE CONTINUED

Prepared Media Ltd	240.00	Paid by BACS
Xtreme Brewery Ltd	463.97	Paid by BACS
Anglian Water Business	95.14	Paid by BACS
Ely Tool Hire Ltd	68.94	Paid by BACS
Stark Building Materials UK Ltd	38.20	Paid by BACS
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	831.10	Paid by BACS
Screwfix Ltd	217.50	Paid by BACS
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions Ltd	142.94	Paid by BACS
Anglian Water Business	860.92	Paid by BACS
Lex Autolease Ltd	1121.31	Paid by direct debit
Aztek Services Ltd	238.44	Paid by BACS
Greene King Brewing & Retailing Ltd	1878.54	Paid by BACS
Greene King Brewing & Retailing Ltd	54.85	Paid by BACS
British Telecommunications	83.16	Paid by direct debit
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English Eden	165.00	Paid by BACS
ECDC	57.60	Paid by BACS
Compass IT Support Ltd	49.50	Paid by BACS
Kevin Robinson Collection	313.20	Paid by BACS
Clara Mora	40.00	Paid by BACS
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	250.00	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	37.85	Paid by direct debit
CAPALC	35.00	Paid by BACS
We Are Blueshed Ltd	9909.60	Paid by BACS
G & G Gallo Enterprises Ltd	1780.49	Paid by BACS
Training At Work Group	499.73	Paid by BACS

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 9th March 2026

Salaries and wages	£43,485.98 (March)	£43,879.59 (April)
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£14,879.14	£14,973.71
Pension fund payments	£14,026.47	£14,176.73

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliations for the periods ending 28th February 2026 and 31st March 2026.

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm.