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CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
CIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD, ELY
ON MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT:
Cllr M Banyard **Cllr C Ní Dhónaill** **Cllr C Phillips** **Cllr R Denness** **Cllr C Whelan** Cllr Mark Hucker
(bold indicates members with voting rights)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - *to receive declarations of disclosable, pecuniary & other interests from Councillors.*
No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD 15TH JUNE 2026 AND MATTERS ARISING.
The minutes of the meeting held 15th June 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages CIL 27 and 28 refer. There were no matters arising.

4. UPDATE OF CURRENT CIL FUNDS
Councillors noted the current CIL funds update, dated 7th September 2026. There was concern regarding the remaining allocation figures (highlighted in red) that the money had not yet been spent. Cllr Ní Dhónaill reported that exceeding the deadline date of when the funds must be spent by is not a concern as long as the outstanding sum has been allocated to a project.
After examination of the budget update, Cllr Hucker reported that to date, £574,551 has been spent on 42 projects. Of those 42 projects, 14 are ongoing, a number of which have significant funds committed. Cllr Hucker proposed that it would be a good idea to receive a project update report on the status of the ongoing projects. Cllr Ní Dhónaill agreed and that this could be facilitated by the Personnel, Finance & Governance committee and that the reports should be available for the next meeting.

5. ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
Funding for design and planning fees for the building of a splash pad to be located at the Hive Leisure Centre, Ely – £24,000

The request of £24,000 to be used to cover the initial design and planning costs of a splash pad was previously discussed at the last meeting on the 15th June 2026. Members felt that there was not enough information provided to support the award and asked for further clarification on project deliverability, community engagement, project strategy, and further fundraising.
It was agreed that the responses received from the applicant were reasonable but after much discussion, members still had concerns about the deliverability of the project and how the remainder of the funds needed would be raised. Members were not convinced of the project leadership and awareness of the campaign is very low-key. Cllr Ní Dhónaill proposed that the application should be rejected and not recommended to Full Council for funding. This was seconded by Cllr C Phillips. Cllrs C Phillips, Ní Dhónaill, Denness and Banyard voted to reject the application. Cllr Whelan voted against the motion.

6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING
The next meeting is scheduled for 8th February 2027.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

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Chairman 8th February 2027