



EAST
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 4

Minutes of the Meeting of East Cambridgeshire
District Council held in the Council Chamber,
The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely on Thursday
18 October 2018 at 6.00pm

PRESENT

Councillor Allen Alderson	Councillor Elaine Griffin-Singh
Councillor Christine Ambrose-Smith	Councillor Richard Hobbs
Councillor David Ambrose-Smith	Councillor Bill Hunt
Councillor Anna Bailey	Councillor Chris Morris
Councillor Derrick Beckett	Councillor Andrew Pearson
Councillor Ian Bovingdon	Councillor Charles Roberts
Councillor David Brown	Councillor Hamish Ross
Councillor Steve Cheetham	Councillor Daniel Schumann
Councillor Paul Cox	Councillor Joshua Schumann
Councillor Peter Cresswell (Chairman)	Councillor Carol Sennitt
Councillor Lorna Dupré	Councillor Alan Sharp
Councillor Lavinia Edwards	Councillor Mathew Shuter
Councillor Lis Every	Councillor Stuart Smith
Councillor Mark Goldsack	Councillor Jo Webber
Councillor Coralie Green	Councillor Christine Whelan

35. **INTRODUCTIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Chief Inspector Steve Kerridge and Inspector Paul Rogerson from Cambridgeshire Constabulary who would be giving a presentation on the recent policing re-structuring here in the County.

No public questions were submitted.

The Chairman stated how pleased the Council was to see the Democratic Services Manager, Tracy Couper, back and that all Members wished her much improved health. On a personal level, the Chairman expressed his appreciation for the services of the Democratic Services Manager.

36. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allan, Austen, Bradley, Chaplin, Hitchin, Huffer, Rouse and Stubbs.

37. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interests were received.

38. **MINUTES**

It was resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

39. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

Chairman's Civic Service

Members are reminded that the Council's Civic Services is taking place this coming Sunday 21st October at St George's Church in Littleport, commencing at 3:00pm.

I am pleased to report that almost 100 invitations have been accepted. The service is open to everyone so, if you haven't as yet accepted the invitation which was sent to you and you are able to join us, you would be very welcome.

To the best of my knowledge, it is the first time that the Council has held a civic event in Littleport.

Local Business Visit

As you are aware, during my Chairmanship, a number of Member visits have been made to local businesses. These have been well received by all parties. Our next visit will be to Corkers Crisps in the New Year. Full details will be sent to you by our Business Development Team in due course.

Councillor Michael Allan

On your behalf, I have conveyed congratulations to my predecessor, Councillor Michael Allan, who at the age of 79 has obtained a Masters Degree in Historical Studies by Research.

Change of Date of Next Council Meeting

The Chairman advised Councillors that, due to the need for decisions to be taken on particular items before the Christmas recess, the next Council meeting now would be held on **18 December 2018** rather than 10 January 2019.

End of World War I Commemorations

Finally, Sunday 11th November fast approaches. I hope that you will be able to participate in the commemorations for the end of World War I that will be taking place throughout the district, whether in your local community or here in Ely.

40. **PETITIONS**

No Petitions had been received.

41. **MOTIONS**

No motions were received under Council Procedure Rule 10.

42. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

With the permission of the Chairman, the following question was asked by Councillor Derrick Beckett:

Now that the Chief Executive is spending 2.5 days and one of the Senior Management Team 2 days working for the Combined Authority, should the Council be reviewing the Senior Management Structure of the Council at the end of these secondments?

The Leader of the Council responded in the negative regarding the need for a review of the Senior Management Structure of the Council and stated that the joint arrangements fully corresponded with the spirit of co-operation, support and partnership working being practised by authorities both within the County and nationally. The Leader also reminded Members that, when the Combined Authority was being established, Fenland DC had lent their Chief Executive to assist with the process. The Combined Authority again was in need of assistance following the recent resignation of its Chief Executive and, in the spirit of co-operation, this Council had offered to provide support. There was a great deal of cross-over between the work of the Combined Authority and this Council.

As a point of further clarification, Councillor Hunt referred to the fact that the Chief Executive had to attend meetings of the Combined Authority anyway and that the arrangements were a positive measure and showed that ECDC had talented and experienced Officers who could work for the benefit of both this Council and the wider Combined Authority. The officers being seconded often were spending time at evenings and weekends working for the Combined Authority and the Combined Authority was being recharged for this time, which shared the burden of costs between the two authorities. Councillor Bailey added to this clarification by reminding Members that the County Council also had adopted a shared services approach to make the best use of its officer resources. She believed that it made sense to share the experience and skills of officers in this way, particularly since all of the local

authorities within the County were a constituent part of the Combined Authority.

Councillor Dupré questioned whether the above was setting a precedent for debate on Member questions in contravention of Council Procedure Rules.

43. **NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING – APRIL 2018 ONWARDS**

Council received a presentation from Chief Inspector - Communities, Steve Kerridge, and Inspector Paul Rogerson, Partnerships Manager, on the local Policing review and Neighbourhood Policing from April 2018 onwards (a copy of which has been circulated to Members).

Chief Inspector Kerridge thanked Members for the opportunity to speak to them and explained his revised policing responsibilities and the rationale behind them resulting from the review. Prior to April there were 6 Neighbourhood Policing areas within the County, but these now had been reduced to 2 – the Northern and Southern sectors. Chief Inspector Kerridge was responsible for policing covering the 4 local authority areas of Huntingdonshire, South Cambridgeshire, Cambridge City and East Cambridgeshire. Previously, East Cambridgeshire had the smallest policing assets and command structure, meaning it had the least resilience to respond, but now the implementation of a single demand ‘hub’ based at Police HQ gave economies of scale and meant that resources could be moved around to the areas of greatest need. The Force had a good range of specialists capable of tackling the most pernicious and embedded crimes. Overall, this meant that the Police were in a better position to deal with the most vulnerable people in the community. Community resilience was built by providing support to local volunteers to undertake their community safety roles. The police also continued to work with the 4 Community Safety Partnerships. Chief Inspector Kerridge referred to the example of the Community Action Team work recently carried out in Littleport. The Force also worked in collaboration with neighbouring Counties such as Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, whilst retaining its separate identity.

Inspector Rogerson stated that his role was delivery of the Force priorities. In the East Cambridgeshire area this involved a 3 pillar system comprising:

- Response Officers
- Investigators
- Neighbourhood Team

The Neighbourhood Team aimed to respond to the symptoms of crime to solve problems and reduce harm by tackling the causes. Most of these causal factors took place ‘behind closed doors’.

Inspector Rogerson encouraged Members to use the website for on-line reporting, rather than ringing 101, as a more responsive service. He

then gave a breakdown by types of incidents for the average of 3,102 calls for service received by the Force each month and 36 per day average within East Cambridgeshire. In order to set priorities, it was intended to hold local meetings with elected Members on issues such as hare coursing and unauthorised encampments. Inspector Rogerson encouraged Members to share the presentation with their local communities.

In that connection, Councillor Dupré requested that electronic copies of the presentation be provided to all Councillors. She also requested clarification of the overall call figures for the Constabulary and East Cambridgeshire area.

Councillor Shuter highlighted the issue of rural crime in the south of the District and limited policing coverage in the East Cambridgeshire area around Newmarket. The lack of co-operation between the Cambridgeshire and Suffolk Forces meant that local landowners had lost confidence in the Police due to the lack of a deterrent resulting from the limited physical presence. Inspector Rogerson stated that such rural crime issues were to be the subject of one of the Member workshops. The regional computer system and cross-border information and meetings, meant that the two Forces were better connected than they had ever been. Inspector Rogerson emphasised that crimes needed to be reported by the public in order for the police to make an accurate assessment of priority areas.

Councillor Brown referred to a recent spate of van break-ins in Newmarket and the dumping of these and the contents in his Ward of Burwell. Inspector Rogerson stated that the reporting of such incidents meant that they would be highlighted at Morning briefings.

Councillor David Ambrose-Smith commended the Police on the Community Action Team work recently carried out in Littleport. Councillor Alderson complimented the Police on the quality of their presentation, which gave a good understanding of the re-structuring and way forward. Members concluded with a round of applause for Chief Inspector Kerridge and Inspector Rogerson.

44. **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)**

Council received a presentation from Maggie Camp, Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer, on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), a copy of which has been circulated to all Members. The presentation covered the following areas:

- Background
- Members' role as Data Controllers
- Lawfulness of Processing
- Rights of Data Subject
- Principles
- Changes/Actions

- Data Breach
- Non-Compliance
- How to get it Right
- Further Information

The Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer encouraged individual Members to contact Victoria Higham, or herself with any questions relating to GDPR.

45. **SCHEDULE OF ITEMS RECOMMENDED FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEMBER BODIES**

Council considered a report T120, previously circulated, containing items recommended from Committees and other Member bodies as follows:

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 12 SEPTEMBER 2018

Gambling Act 2005 – Licensing Statement of Principles – Three Year Review

It was resolved:

That the Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles for Licensing be adopted to come into effect on 31 January 2019, following a period of publication to be not less than 28 days.

46. **COMBINED AUTHORITY UPDATE REPORTS**

Council received reports on the activities of the Combined Authority from the Council’s appointees for the period June to September 2018.

Councillor Dupré referred to a letter signed by the Chief Executives of the Constituent Authorities within the Combined Authority raising serious concerns regarding the governance of the Combined Authority. The Chief Executive of this Council was the only non-signatory to the letter. Councillor Dupré asked the Leader of the Council why this was and what instruction he had given to the Chief Executive in this regard? The Leader of the Council responded by stating that he had not given any instruction to the Chief Executive and it had been his own decision whether or not to be a signatory to the letter.

It was resolved:

That the reports on the activities of the Combined Authority from the Council’s appointees be noted.

The meeting concluded at 7.16pm.

Chairman.....
Date 18 December 2018