



EAST  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM NO. x

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

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### **PRESENT**

Councillor Peter Cresswell (Chairman)	
Councillor Allen Alderson	Councillor Julia Huffer
Councillor Anna Bailey	Councillor Mark Hugo
Councillor Derrick Beckett	Councillor Bill Hunt
Councillor Mike Bradley	Councillor Chris Morris
Councillor David Chaplin	Councillor Charles Roberts
Councillor Steve Cheetham	Councillor Hamish Ross
Councillor Paul Cox	Councillor Mike Rouse
Councillor Lorna Dupré	Councillor Joshua Schumann
Councillor Lavinia Edwards	Councillor Carol Sennitt
Councillor Lis Every	Councillor Alan Sharp
Councillor Coralie Green	Councillor Stuart Smith
Councillor Elaine Griffin-Singh	Councillor Jo Webber
	Councillor Christine Whelan

The Chairman welcomed the Reverend Eleanor Whalley, who opened the Council meeting with prayers.

#### 1. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were submitted.

#### 2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2018/19**

It was resolved:

That Councillor Peter Cresswell be elected as Chairman of the Council for the 2018/19 municipal year.

Councillor Peter Cresswell read out and signed his declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Chief Executive.

#### 3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allan, C Ambrose Smith, D Ambrose Smith, Austen, Brown, Goldsack, Hitchin, Hobbs, D Schumann, Shuter and Stubbs.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2018/19**

It was resolved:

That Councillor Lis Every be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2018/19 municipal year.

Councillor Lis every read out and signed her declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Chief Executive.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Joshua Schumann declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 16, as he was a Trustee of the Viva Arts and Community Group.

Councillor Charles Roberts declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 16, as he was the Chairman of the Stretham & Wilburton Community Land Trust.

Councillor Mike Rouse declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 16, as he was a trustee of Ely Museum, as also a personal interest in the same item, as he was a member of the Viva Arts and Community Group.

Councillor Lis Every declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 16, as she was the Chairman of the Ely Museum trust.

6. **MINUTES**

It was resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

7. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements:  
Former District Councillor Nigel Bell

For the second month running the Chairman had the sad duty to report the passing of another former District Councillor, Nigel Bell. Nigel Bell was a Member for Ely East from 2003 to 2007. He served on a number of Council committees and was Chairman of Personal Committee during his term of office. A letter of condolence had been sent to his partner on behalf of the Council.

A minute's silence was held to commemorate former Councillor Bell.

Members' Business Visit

During the last year the Chairman had arranged a number of visits for Members to local businesses. These would continue during the coming year, the next visit would be to D S Smith on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Arrangements would be emailed to Members in due course.

### Mini-Committee Meetings

Members were reminded that immediately following this evening's Council meeting the Committee would be electing their Chairs and appointing Vice Chairs for the new municipal year, plus a number of various appointments on other Member bodies. Members were requested to remain in the chamber after Annual Council had concluded, to enable the proper elections and appointments to those positions.

### Extraordinary Meeting

These meetings would be followed by an Extraordinary meeting of full Council, when there would be an opportunity to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillor Andy Wright.

#### 8. **PETITIONS**

No Petitions had been received.

#### 9. **MOTIONS**

No Motions were received.

#### 10. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

No questions from Members were received.

#### 11. **LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, GROUP LEADERS AND DEPUTIES**

Council considered a report T1, previously circulated, that gave details of the Leader and Deputy Leader of Council, Political Groups and the Group Leaders and Deputies for the forthcoming year.

It was resolved:

That the details of the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, Political Groups; Group Leaders and Deputies for the forthcoming municipal year, as reported at the Annual Council meeting be noted.

The Chairman offered his congratulations to the Group Leaders.

#### 12. **POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY**

Council considered a report T2, previously circulated, that gave details of the political balance of the Council and the implications for the allocation of seats on Committee, Sub-Committee and other Member bodies.

Councillor Hunt thought that it was thoroughly deserved that Independent Councillor Derrick Beckett had been nominated to two committees. He was a real asset and both committees benefited from his presence.

Councillor Derrick Beckett responded by stating his thanks to the Conservative Group for allowing to sit on those committees.

It was resolved:

That the details of the political balance of the Council as set out in Appendix 1 be noted and the allocation of seats on Committee, Sub-Committees and other Member Bodies as set out in Appendix 2 be approved.

13. **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES (INCLUDING SUBSTITUTES) AND OTHER MEMBER BODIES 2018/19**

Council considered a report, T3, previously circulated, that detailed the proposed appointments of members and Substitutes to Committee, Sub-Committees and other member bodies for 2018/19.

It was resolved:

That the membership of Committees, Sub-Committees and other Member bodies for 2018/19 be approved.

14. **CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY – CONSENT TO BUSINESS RATES ORDER AND DEVOLUTION OF THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET**

Council considered a report, T4a previously circulated, about the transfer of functions to the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA).

The Chief Executive reminded the Council that this was the second such request and was being considered by each partner authority.

It was resolved:

- (i) That the transfer of functions to the CPCA conferred by the Business Rates Supplement Act 2009 be approved;
- (ii) That the transfer of functions to the CPCA to enable the devolution of the AEB be approved;
- (iii) That consent be given on behalf of the CPCA to the making of Orders to give effect to the transfer of functions as outlined in 2.1 (Paragraphs (i) (ii));

- (iv) That the Chief Executive and Legal Services Manager/Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to approve the final draft order to meet the timetable for the transfer.

15. **CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY – MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

Council considered a report, T4b previously circulated, requesting the Council to make appointments to the Combined Authority for 2018/19.

It was resolved:

- (i) That the Leader of the Council be appointed as the Council's appointee to the Combined Authority with Councillor Anna Bailey as the Substitute Member;
- (ii) That Councillors Mike Bradley and Alan Sharp be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, with Councillors Julia Huffer and Chris Morris as Substitute Members;
- (iii) That Councillor Chris Morris be appointed to the Audit and Governance Committee with Councillor Alan Sharp as the Substitute Member.

*Councillors Every, Roberts, Rouse and Schumann left the meeting at this point.*

16. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY: AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATION 123 LIST**

Council considered a report, T5 previously circulated, that set out amendments to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulation 123 List (R123) to include new infrastructure projects.

The Director Commercial advised the Council that a consultation had taken place resulting in eleven new submissions for entry on the R123. Consequently a number had been recommended for inclusion including projects for Burwell Parish Council, Ely Museum, The Mill at Soham, Sutton General Practitioners and Stretham General Practitioners. This did not mean that those project would receive funding but gave them the potential to do so.

Councillor Mike Bradley congratulated Councillor Stubbs and officers for getting the project for the surgery in Sutton on the List, as it was much needed. It would have an expensive cost so would need CIL money to succeed.

Councillor Anna Bailey offered thanks for a well-managed CIL process and R123. This Council had contributed to many projects and it was pleasing that the Council had adopted CIL to achieve this. The revised List included for more cultural facilities, such as for Ely Museum which would help tourism in the district. The Soham Mill was a very exciting project and the one for Viva was

welcomed, as it was well known for its outstanding work in rejuvenating its building.

Councillor Bill Hunt was thrilled that the Council was seeking to support the recreation ground improvements in Burwell, and the projects for Ely Museum and Viva. It was good to see the improvements Viva had made and the Council should help the two surgeries schemes.

Councillor Lorna Dupré understood the significance of the Sutton practice project and what a difference it would make. Being a General Practitioner was not an easy thing in these difficult times. Its inclusion on the List was welcomed as it would help to meet local needs.

It was resolved:

That the draft Regulation 123 List as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

*Councillors Every, Roberts, Rouse and Schumann returned to the meeting at this point.*

17. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was resolved:

That the press and public be excluded during consideration of the remaining item no. 18 because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of public were present during the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category 1, 2 & 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

18. **EXEMPT MINUTES**

It was resolved:

That the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

The meeting concluded at 6:29pm.