

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 29th JULY 2010

PRESENT: Cllr T Robbins (The Mayor)
Cllrs: D Anderson; M Brandon; C Borastero; Butt-Philip;
L Byrne; J North; J Osman; J Parkes; C Price.

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk F White; RFO S Luck
District Councillor R MacKenzie
Members of the public

INFORMAL SESSION:

The Mayor's Chaplain led the Council in prayers

Members of the public spoke on the following matters:

- i. Closure of Wells Tourism Ltd.
The Mayor and Town Clerk confirmed that no letter had been received from the MEP on the subject.
- ii. The appearance of the Nutritia site and the Health and Safety hazard it presents. The City Council will see if anything can be done to improve the situation.
- iii. Cllr MacKenzie requested feedback on the choice-based lettings system for social housing in Somerset.
- iv. Parking in Whiting Way car park.
- v. Wells bus station: Damaged crash barriers, over grown foliage and buses "rutting" in tarmac surface.
The City Council will look into the situation.

FORMAL SESSION:

10/071C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs; S Davies (approved); N Kennedy; H Siggs; D Unwin; J Nicholas.
S Robertson (Deputy Mayor) sent apologies for all meetings until the end of September.

10/072C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

10/073C REPORT FROM THE POLICE

Disappointment was expressed that no Police were present and no report or apologies were received.

10/074C PRESENTATIONS

- I. A presentation was received and questions answered, on proposals for a new contemplative garden at the Bishop's Palace.
- II. Mendip District Council Conservation Officer spoke and answered questions about the proposed Wells Conservation Area appraisal.

10/075C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL held on 17th June were proposed, confirmed as a true record and signed.

Matters arising: Councillors noted no report had been received from the Police regarding use of CCTV.

10/076C MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 8th July 2010 were presented and accepted.

10/077C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on 17th June, 30th June, 14th July were presented and accepted.

10/078C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARCHIVES AND CIVIC ASSETS COMMITTEE held on 14th July were presented and accepted.
The Chairman called for volunteers to assist with events on Heritage Day 10th September 2010.

10/79C APPOINTMENTS
Representatives were appointed to various City organisations in accordance with the attached schedule.

10/80C REPORTS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- i. Mendip District Council
Cllr Brandon reported the Car Parks Working Group will be consulting again to see if something can be arranged that is more acceptable for the City.
- ii. Somerset County Council
Cllr Osman asked that all Councillors respond to the questionnaire that will be circulated from Highways, regarding Winter services.

10/81C ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

- i. Cllr Osman was congratulated on his impending nuptials.
- ii. Cllr Byrne expressed extreme concern about the state of the Recreation Ground; reports from residents indicate real cause for alarm. It was very regrettable that the Police were not in attendance at this meeting, nor, apparently, at the Recreation Ground when needed.

10/82C DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The next full Meeting of Wells City Council will be at 7pm on **THURSDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2010**

Signed.....
(The Mayor)

Date.....