

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7th JANUARY 2009

PRESENT: Cllr C Price (Chairman)
Cllrs C Borastero, L Byrne and S Robertson.
Messrs I Burt, R Green, G Sapstead and J Roberts.
Mrs S Duthie and F Edwards

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk and Mrs D Swain (MDC)
Cllr S Davies.

09/001CC APOLOGIES

The apologies tendered by Cllrs Brandon, Nicholas and Robbins were noted. Cllr Unwin did not attend.

09/002CC MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 5th November 2008 were noted.

09/003CC “A PROPOSED STRATEGY FOR WELLS”

The working group led by Mr Sapstead had met to consider transport, Heritage, Environment and Tourism and a report was tabled. In the discussion that followed Mr Sapstead was thanked for his work although the status of the foundation document and the involvement of Cllr Osman were questioned. Concern was raised that he would be unaware of the creative work done and many were unclear as to the next steps. A multiplicity of plans and consultation would only cause further confusion. It was eventually agreed that the two remaining groups should meet to report in six weeks with a view to further discussion at the meeting of the Committee in March.

09/004CC OTHER MATTERS RAISED

The Committee learned of plans for the May funfair but of no progress in the “Bastins” clock project. It was agreed to **recommend** a grant of £200 for this year’s band concerts; no funding would be forthcoming from Mendip this year. The replacement road sign project would start soon with a view to completion before March and the car park maps had been updated and replaced. Mendip would be asked to produce a list of the owners of empty shops so that pressure could be applied to keep them tidy whilst unlet. Sarah Duthie reported on the destruction of the Palace ticket office in a fire, John Roberts informed the Committee of progress in the work on Cathedral Green and the Town Clerk said that the extension of the alcohol ban would proceed as soon as the police gave their written support for it.