

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER 2008

PRESENT: Cllr C Borastero (Mayor)
Cllrs D Anderson, L Byrne, M Brandon, T Butt Philip,
N Kennedy, J North, J Osman, J Parkes, S Robertson,
T Robbins and D Unwin.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk

INFORMAL SESSION

The Mayor's Chaplain led prayers at the end of a busy day or the start of a busy evening invited members to pray for the community and the service of varied interests. He particularly thought of those affected by the weather and those facing financial difficulties.

FORMAL SESSION

08/109C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The apologies received from Cllrs Davies, Nicholas, Price and Siggs were noted.

08/110C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

08/111C REPORT FROM POLICE

PC Page reported that 96 tickets had been issued since the last meeting and he thanked all who had helped in various projects through the year.

08/112C MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor informed members of the successful visit made the previous Friday by members of the recently formed Hereford City Council who left the City with a favourable impression of its administration.

08/113C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL held on Thursday 23rd October 2008.

Cllr Osman moved the adoption of the minutes which was unanimously resolved.

08/114C CORRESPONDENCE

The schedule of correspondence was noted together with the news from SALC.

08/115C REPORTS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Unwin reported on "Pioneer Somerset" deliberations.

Cllr North informed members that Wells Tourism was actively investigating additional income generation and participating in the TIC review being undertaken by Mendip.

Cllr Osman observed on difficult budget deliberations but speed indication devices were now likely to be installed and partnership working had resulted in the Tor Furlong cycle path being completed.

Cllr Brandon informed members that the choice based letting system for social housing would go live in the next week.

- 08/116C MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Thursday 6th November 2008 and Thursday 3rd December 2008.
Cllr Anderson presented the minutes and it was **resolved** that they be adopted.
- 08/117C MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on Thursday 6th November 2008 and Thursday 27th November 2008.
Cllr Kennedy presented the minutes and moved their adoption as necessary which was **resolved**.
- 08/117C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 5th November 2008.
Cllr Borastero presented the minutes and moved their adoption which was **resolved**.
- 08/118C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 19th November 2008
Cllr Brandon presented the minutes and moved their adoption which was **resolved**.
- 08/119C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARCHIVES AND CIVIC ASSETS COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 29th October 2008.
Cllr North presented the minutes and moved their adoption which was **resolved**.
- 08/120C ITEM FOR URGENT REPORT**
Cllr Kennedy drew attention to the need for gully maintenance the apparent lack of which had resulted in flooding.
Cllr Robertson sought clarification of the funding and arrangements for the cross street lighting.
It was agreed that the criteria for the granting of civic awards would be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee in February in addition to the review to be undertaken by the Archives Committee at their meeting in January.