

WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the City Centre Management Meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2009
at 6.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Wells

PRESENT: Councillor C Price – Chairman
Councillors Borastero, Anderson, Brandon, Davies and Robertson

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Swift – Town Clerk
Mr Roberts (Cathedral), Mr Cookman (Civic Society), Mr Green
(Commerce), Mr Burt (Tourism), Sarah Duthie (Bishops Palace) and
Sara Blair (The Crown).

027 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none

028 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Nicholas

029 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interest under the Local Authority (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 issued under SI No. 1159 including paragraph 12 (2).

Councillor S Davies declared a personal interest in agenda item 4.

030 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th September 2009 were noted.

031 PROPOSAL TO GRANT STREET TRADING LICENCE - Fudge Corner for 2010 season and the Baked Potato Kitchen – as previously circulated.

After a short discussion it was agreed to grant the licence to Fudge Corner but not the Baked Potato Kitchen. The vote in favour was unanimous. Cllr Davies abstained.

032 BUSKING PERMITS

There has been a problem with minors busking without their parent's knowledge. There have also been problems removing buskers without permits. It agreed that a letter should be sent to the police regarding this issue.

RECOMMENDED:

That the present application form be amended to include that no busking under 13 years of age is allowed and that under 16's need permission.

033 SKATE PARK MEETING

There was nothing to report. A question was asked, who is responsible for the skateboard park – Mendip District Council is.

034 A PROPOSED STRATEGY FOR WELLS – THE NEXT STEPS

Cllr Robertson provided a 'conclusion' of all the reports to be forwarded on to the District Council to feed into the City Plan and Local Development Framework.

RECOMMENDED:

To adopt the 'conclusion' of the strategy for Wells.

035 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS AND ITEMS FOR URGENT REPORT

- The clock will be back before Christmas.
- Reindeer parade – the shortfall has been donated by a local solicitor.
- Night On The Town – a report will be distributed when received. Costs could be cut dramatically for next time.
- Alcohol signs have been changed as the previous ones were incorrect. They will be going up shortly if they haven't already.
- Christmas trees will be in the Market Place and around the City in time for the switch on.
- The Christmas lights will be switched on on 29th November.
- It was suggested that Sara from The Crown be the representative for Pub Watch.
- Highways need to be contacted regarding the state of the road from Moat Walk to Tour Street.
- Mendip DC has requested that all lamp posts be tested to see if they are suitable for hanging baskets. There will be a charge. Other alternatives are being looked into as the cost is high.
- A reminder that the Town Clerks email address has changed to townclerk@wells.gov.uk

The meeting closed at 7.30p.m. There was one member of the public present