

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD**  
**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010**  
**AT 6.30PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr: C Price – Chairman  
Cllrs: C. Borastero (The Mayor); D. Anderson; M. Brandon  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** TheTown Clerk F White; Mr R. Cookman (Civic Society), Mr R Green;  
Miss S Duthie (Bishops Palace); Mr P Richards (Cathedral)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs Siddons asked the Committee if there was any further information concerning the future of the Bishops Barn and Wells Recreation Ground Trust.

The Chairman reported the matter is now in the hands of Mendip District Council.

The City Council will report the following to MDC:

- i. Shield plaques on the Pillars at the entrance to the Recreation Area from the Moat Walk are in poor condition and obscured by ivy.
- ii. The Plaque commemorating restoration of the Bishops Barn by English Heritage in 1988 has disappeared from in front of the Play Area.

**10/24CC APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs: J Nicholas, T. Butt Philip; S Davies. Mr I Burt.

**10/25CC DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were none.

**10/26CC MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010**

The minutes were noted and approved.

**10/27CC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- i. Cllr Price reported the High Street clock has been successfully installed; it was unveiled by the Mayor on 30<sup>th</sup> April; it will be maintained by the owner.
- ii. Mr Green was invited to speak; he reported the May Fair had passed off very well; takings were down on last year. He was thanked for all his work and for a very generous lunch on this 20<sup>th</sup> Civic Opening year.

**10/28CC SPEND A NIGHT ON THE TOWN**

The County Councillor has given a grant from his Local Initiatives Budget. No other information was available.

**10/29CC HIGHWAYS:**

- i. Condition of Moat walk to Tor Street  
The Town Clerk reported Mendip District Council has a contract to clean the area; she is arranging a site meeting with the Officer responsible. The Bishops Palace staff have cleaned along the Moat side. The land belongs to the Church Commissioners; the Palace Office have a contact and will liaise with the Town Clerk's Office in passing on complaints from the public to the landowners.
- ii. Repairs to Sadler Street and High Street will be carried out during the evenings of 25, 26 May; SCC have notified the road closure.
- iii. Highways matters to report:
  - a) The bollard under Browns Gate removed for Harry Patch's funeral needs resetting.
  - b) There is a bollard sheared off in the Market Place outside Phase 8.

The Town Clerk will investigate which authority is responsible for clearing the grids in the guttering over the open water culverts along the High Street.

**10/30CC HERITAGE WEEKEND**

After some discussion it was agreed that Sarah Duthie from the Bishop's Palace office will coordinate a simple A4 size leaflet giving details of all the venues taking part in the City open day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September; the Town Clerk's Office will assist. It is hoped this will then be straightforward to pass on by e-mail and for each venue to photocopy and distribute as required.

**10/31CC HERITAGE CONSERVATION**

Local Listing Forum 6pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May, Mendip District Council. Mr Cookman gave a report about the Listing Forum; representatives from the 5 Mendip Towns are welcome to attend. A local List is being proposed, suggestions are invited of significant structures/buildings not already Listed.

**10/32CC OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT**

- i. Councillors are reminded to submit sites for Winter Grit Bins in time for the next meeting.
- ii. The Town Clerk reported a complaint about "sandwich boards" on the High Street pavement; the Chairman explained the background and the Council's policy.
- iii. Car parking. MDC charges and time restrictions changed on 26<sup>th</sup> April;
  - a) Councillors had received many complaints. The Bishops Palace, the Cathedral and High Street shops, are all adversely affected as there is now a 3-hour restriction, with no return within 2 hours, also applying to the disabled.
  - b) Councillors doubted that the study carried out by MDC had been specific to Wells.
  - c) The submission from Wells to the Local Development Framework Consultation included recommendation of pay-on-exit parking.
  - d) After lengthy discussion the meeting agreed the following recommendation to Full Council:  
**RECOMMENDED:**
    - i. That the City Council should write to Mendip District Council in the strongest possible terms objecting to:
      - a) the time restrictions
      - b) the lack of consultation – no information was given about the proposed time restrictions
    - ii. requesting immediate removal of the time restrictions
- iv. Wells Action has arranged concerts in the Bandstand on Sunday afternoons during June to August and wish to apply for grant funding; the Committee agreed in principle to grant £500.
- v. Councillor Brandon has approached several shop-owners in Union Street and succeeded in getting them to take their bins in after emptying.
- vi. Websites. There was a short discussion about coordination between the various groups represented at the meeting, communication and use of websites.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Date of the next meeting: **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.00pm**

