

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY, 19th January
2012 AT 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs: C Price (the Deputy-Mayor, Chairman); D Unwin (the Mayor)
M Brandon; A Gibson; G Wilson; J Mitchell (sub. for Cllr Davies)

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: Mrs F White.
Cllr Kennedy

12/01CC APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs: S Davies (approved); T Robbins; J Osman.

12/02CC DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
None given.

12/03CC MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 20th October 2011
The minutes were proposed, accepted and signed.

- i. Refurbishment of Coats of Arms at the Moat Walk entrance to the Recreation Ground: The Town Clerk reported that a quote and request for funding has been submitted to Mendip District Council for application to the Bishops Barn and Recreation Ground Trust.
- ii. The Mayor reported the new finger sign posts are now in place.
- iii. The Civic Society reported work on the proposal for the town centre is on-going; a survey of signage is being carried out. The Mayor suggested that all groups feed information about signage requirements back to this committee. It was agreed recommendations could then be made to MDC.

12/04CC MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
None.

12/05CC REPLACEMENT OF DEFECTIVE PAVING SLABS
The Town Clerk and Chairman reported the proposal from SCC and information from a recent site meeting with SCC Highways. Cllr Gibson shared her concerns about the condition of the town centre pavements. After discussion the Committee agreed to concur with the recommendations of the Planning and Environment Committee; the Market Place and Cathedral Green should be a priority; alternative materials should be considered where appropriate for other areas and the Council should be cautious in taking on financial responsibilities from other authorities.

12/06CC CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
Feedback would be welcome from the Chamber of Commerce regarding what they would like to see provided. Members present felt that there would be benefit in more use of Christmas trees rather than cross-street lights.

12/07CC CYCLE RACKS
It was proposed and agreed that the City Centre Management Committee will contribute £100 to the cost of each of two or three new cycle racks in Broad Street, to be installed by SCC Highways.
It was also agreed to obtain costs to install two additional cycle racks outside the Town Hall.

12/08CC "A" BOARDS AND PAVEMENT OBSTRUCTIONS

The Chairman summarised the progress so far and explained the issues. The matter is with the SCC legal department.

12/09CC CIGARETTE BINS

The Committee asked for commendation to be conveyed to Carl, the street-sweeper; everyone has noticed a great improvement recently. It was agreed the Town Clerk will ask him if any business premises cause him a particular problem, if so the Town Clerk will contact them asking them to take a more responsible approach to the litter they generate.

12/10CC REPORTS FROM OTHER GROUPS

- i. Wells Cathedral: No problems experienced during the recent "occupation of the green" events

12/11CC REPORTS FROM EVENTS

- i. **Carnival** No report available.
Concerns were expressed about the change of route, particularly in relation to the effect on the Fair. It is hoped a report will be available to the next meeting.
- ii. **May Fair**
Richard Green reported arrangements are well in hand.
- iii. **Queen's Diamond Jubilee**
The Mayor reported meetings are being held to co-ordinate groups; arrangements are not yet finalised.
- iv. **Olympic Games**
The Olympic Torch will pass through Wells on 22nd May.
There will be a Family Sports Day at the Blue School Sports Centre on Saturday 30th June.

12/12CC ITEMS FOR URGENT REPORT

- i. The unveiling of the Harry Patch Memorial stone at the Museum will be on Sunday 6th May, after 3pm evensong at the Cathedral.
- ii. HMS Somerset will make a Freedom visit to the City on a day to be confirmed during 9th – 20th July.

12/13CC DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 7pm Thursday 19th April 2012