

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 6th MAY 2009

PRESENT: Cllr C Price (Chairman)
Cllrs C Borastero, M Brandon, S Robertson and T Robbins
Messrs I Burt, R Cookman, R Green and J Roberts.
Mrs S Duthie

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Siddons was delighted to learn that sixty chairs from the Cathedral had been placed in the Bishop's Barn.

Mr Jim Paul reported on "Bastins" clock. It had been removed at a cost of £635 and found to be in need of repair. This would cost £2,700 and reinstatement would be £810, a total of £4,150. After some discussion it was agreed that a fund from Wells of £2,000 could be established with £1,000 from the Committee budget and at least £500 from the Civic Society with other funds being sought and used as a lever for other contributions.

09/010CC APOLOGIES

The apologies tendered by Cllr Byrne and Unwin were noted. Cllr Nicholas did not attend.

09/011CC MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 4th March 2009 were noted.

09/012CC "A PROPOSED STRATEGY FOR WELLS" – THE NEXT STEPS

The committee were given a report from Transport and Accessibility, Heritage and Environment and Tourism Task Group. It was encouraging to learn that some of the items on the "wish list" were already in hand. To it were added a desire for pay on exit car parking and the exploration of the enhancement of tourist gateways such as one at Dulcote. All reports would be resolved at the next meeting of the Committee.

09/013CC TO UPDATE ON MATTERS NOT COVERED BY MINUTES

The Town Clerk reported on a successful May Fair with better police engagement. A working group would be established to promote ideas for the twentieth civic opening since its revival.

09/014CC OTHER MATTERS RAISED

The Committee learned that the planning application for developments at the Bishop's Palace had been submitted.

They also learned of a major promotional event to be staged in Wells in September which they welcomed.