

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr C Borastero (The Mayor)
Cllrs T Robbins (Chairman); D Anderson, M Brandon, N Kennedy, J
North and C Price, H Siggs.

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Luck (RFO)

10/012F PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Siddons stated the following concerns:

- Meeting venues for Wells City Band and the council's position regarding financial support.
- Wish for Wells City Council and Mendip District Council to work together over the future of the Bishops Barn.

10/013F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

10/014F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interest under the Local Authority (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007, issued under SI No. 11/59 including paragraph 12 (2).

No declarations were made

10/015F FINANCIAL REPORT

The Committee received the financial reports for January which had been scrutinised and approved.

Members expressed appreciation of the Christmas lights 2009.

10/016F REPORT FROM RFO

The report was circulated and the contents noted.

10/017F REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN

Cllr Robbins reported on the progress in registering council properties with Land Registry, members agreed to approve the increased financial costs.

10/018F TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

- Council properties
Nothing to report.
- Finance

Cllr North proposed the finance working group in future will work with the RFO to oversee the renewal of council contracts and future council projects, to achieve best value. This was agreed by members.

10/019F **CEMETARY WALL**

RFO had received quotes for the repair of cemetery wall adjoining Tuddington Gardens. Cllr Kennedy proposed, Cllr Borastero seconded and it was agreed to go ahead.

10/020F **REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

- (i) Bandstand Marathon, Superact CIC.
Refer request back for more information.
- (ii) Citizens Advice Bureau
Grant approved in line with previous years.

10/021F **ITEMS FOR URGENT REPORT**

Cllr Brandon reported damage to Wells In Bloom pole displays in High Street and intention to remove them to cover health and safety.

Cllr Siggs suggested removal of £2,000 unused grant money to general reserves.

RFO reported account received from Historic Towns Forum, it was agreed by members to cease membership.

EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public is excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

No items

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Finance & General Purposes meeting is **Thursday 11th March 2010 at 7.00 pm**