

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2012

AT 7:00PM

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: D Unwin (The Mayor); C Price (Deputy Mayor); C Briton; A Denison; A Gibson; N Kennedy; J North; H Siggs; S Davies; T Butt Philip; J Osman; D Anderson; M Brandon; J Mitchell; T Robbins.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White; RFO: S Luck  
Mace-Bearer: G Weatherhead  
1 member of the press; 6 members of the public.  
PC Scott-Page

**12/29C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr G Wilson.

**12/30C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

The Mayor and Cllr Robbins each declared a personal and prejudicial interest in The Swans of Wells as Directors; it was not anticipated this would cause any difficulties as the item was presented for information only, not for council decision.

Cllr Davies was welcomed back; it was noted that substitutions on committees during his absence on service have now ceased; Councillors were thanked for their additional work during this time.

**12/31C MINUTES** of meetings of the City Council held at 8.30pm on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and at 7pm on 2nd February 2012 were proposed, seconded accepted and signed.

**12/32C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None wishing to speak.

**12/33C REPORT FROM THE POLICE**

PC Page reported 92 tickets issued.

Hedges in Elm Close have now been cut back (issue raised at PACT meeting); this is much appreciated by residents of St Cuthbert Out. Confirmed Cllr Price will represent City Council on Skateboard Park Committee.

PC Page answered questions from Councillors on various community matters.

**12/34C PRESENTATION**

Megan Witty Associates: The Swans of Wells.

Ms Witty gave a power-point presentation and answered questions from Councillors.

**12/35C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

i. Civic Events; the Mayor drew Members' attention to the busy schedule of events.

ii. The unveiling of the Harry Patch memorial will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May; the Council will not be attending in state but members are invited to attend.

iii. City Council Calendar of Meetings; the calendar was presented and approved subject to adjustment of some committee meeting dates.

- iii. The Annual Parish Meeting will be re-scheduled due to a clash of bookings.
- iv. The Ceremony for Conferment of Freedoms of the City will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

**12/36C ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

- i. To nominate the next Mayor to be elected at 'Mayor-Making'.  
Cllr Brandon was proposed by Cllr Robbins and seconded by Cllr Denison; there were no further nominations; a vote was taken and the proposal was unanimously approved.  
Cllr Brandon thanked Councillors for their confidence in her; she spoke of the busy year ahead in which she would welcome everyone's support.
- ii. To nominate the next Deputy Mayor to be elected at 'Mayor-Making'.  
Cllr Butt Philip was proposed by Cllr Briton and seconded by Cllr Mitchell; there were no further nominations; a vote was taken and the proposal was unanimously approved.  
Cllr Butt Philip spoke briefly thanking members for their support; and pledging his efforts to support the Mayor in the coming year.

**12/37C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.

**12/38C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
An error to Minute 12/26P was corrected. The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.

**12/39C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012.  
The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.  
Cllr Robbins reported an up-date from the Carnival Committee will be available very shortly regarding arrangements for 2012.

**12/40C MINUTES OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012.  
The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.  
Cllr Brandon gave an up-date regarding fixings for hanging baskets.

**12/41C MINUTES OF THE ARCHIVES AND CIVIC ASSETS COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.  
The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.

**12/42C MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012.  
The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.

**12/43C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

- i. SCC  
Cllr Osman reported on the recent Budget decisions and

- answered questions.
- ii. MDC Standards Committee.
  - iii. Cllr Davies reported he will be returning to his role as parishes representative.
  - iv. Fair Trade Committee  
Cllr Brandon reported she had been able to attend a recent meeting and drew members attention to Fair Trade fortnight 27<sup>th</sup> February – 11<sup>th</sup> March.
  - v. MDC  
Cllr Siggs reported on the recent Budget decisions and answered questions.
  - vi. Connect Youth Club  
Cllr Gibson reported the club reopened in October, training is being provided by SCC and the club is functioning and developing well.
  - vii. Town Twinning  
Cllr Butt Philip and Cllr Davies sought Council's approval for Cllr Butt Philip to continue as the representative to the Town Twinning Association, having become involve in on-going matters whilst serving as substitute. This was readily approved.
  - viii. PACT  
It was agreed Cllr Davies will become the representative to PACT taking over from Cllr Robbins who has had difficulty in getting to the meetings.

**12/44C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**

None.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting will be at **7pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2012**