

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER WELLS TOWN HALL, THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2013 AT 7:00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: T Butt Philip (The Mayor); C Briton (Deputy Mayor);
D Anderson; M Brandon; S Davies; A Gibson; N Kennedy; J North;
J Parkes; C Price; T Robbins; D Unwin; G Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White.
RFO: S Luck.
Mace-Bearer: M Goody. Chaplain: Ven. N Sullivan.
1 member of the press. 1 member of the public.
Rev C North (Wells Children's Centre)

13/162C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: A Denison; J Osman; H Siggs.
Cllr Gibson would arrive late due to work commitment.
Avon and Somerset Police.

13/163C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

13/1364C MINUTES of the meeting of the City Council held on **28th NOVEMBER 2013** were proposed, seconded, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

13/165C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr Mackenzie spoke about the Co-operative Group local funding scheme; he is a member of the Devon and Somerset Regional Committee.

13/166C PRESENTATION: Wells Children's Centre

Rev C North gave a most interesting presentation about the work of the Centre and answered questions from members.

13/167C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked everyone who had supported the Civic Carol Service on Sunday. He invited all those present to hospitality in the Mayor's Parlour immediately following this meeting.

13/168C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 5th December 2013.
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
2013/2072 land at Cherry Orchard Close: It was reported that trees have been removed (the Tree Officer has visited the site).

13/169C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2013.
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

13/170C NAMING OF NEW ROOM AND BAR

Options on the names were discussed. The matter was put to the vote and it was resolved that the bar will be called the Gallery Bar and downstairs the Court Room.

13/171C SCC PARKING CONSULTATION

It was agreed not to submit any response; individuals can do so if they wish.

13/172C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- i. Transition Wells – Cllr Briton
A thermal imaging camera is available on loan free of charge, under the local energy project.
- ii. Wells and Mendip Museum – Cllr Briton
The Museum will be closed until 6th January, then open free of charge until Easter during refurbishment and preparation of the WWI exhibition.
- iii. Fair Trade – Cllr Briton
Various events are planned for Wells Fair trade fortnight in February.
- iv. Wells Sports Council – Cllr Price
MDC has submitted a planning application for new fencing around the existing sports ground.
- v. Mendip District Council – Cllr North
All the sports clubs have agreed to engage with the consultants to come up with what they want for the proposed new ground; it will be a long process.

(Cllr Gibson arrived)

13/173C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

- i. Cllr Kennedy drew members' attention to the Local Audit and Accountability Bill.
- ii. Cllr Anderson proposed creating a memorial poppy bed in the Recreation Ground during the WWI commemoration years; this was approved. Cllr North will raise the matter with the Trust Board.
- iii. The Mayor drew members' attention to the draft calendar of meetings for 2014; it was agreed not to hold a meeting on 22nd May, the day of the European elections.

13/174C DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting will be at **7pm on Thursday 23rd January 2014.**