

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2014 AT 7:00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: T Butt Philip (The Mayor); C Briton (Deputy Mayor);
D Anderson; M Brandon; A Denison; A Gibson; N Kennedy; J Osman;
J Parkes; T Robbins; H Siggs; D Unwin; G Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White.
RFO: S Luck.
Mace-Bearer: J Rood; Chaplain: Ven. N Sullivan.
Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner; Chief Executive;
Wells Inspector & Sergeant.
1 member of the press. 11 members of the public.

14/01C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor welcomed everyone and explained the procedure for the meeting.

14/02C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: S Davies; J North; C Price.

14/03C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

14/04C MINUTES of the meeting of the City Council held on **19TH DECEMBER 2013** were proposed, seconded, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

14/05C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None wishing to speak.

14/06C PRESENTATION: The Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset
The Police and Crime Commissioner spoke about her role and answered questions.

14/07C NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Wells 21 gave a presentation about making a Neighbourhood Plan for Wells.
It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Mayor, Cllrs Kennedy, Parkes and Briton, will work with Wells 21 and St Cuthbert Out Parish Council to take the project forward.

14/08C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 19th December 2013 and 2nd January 2014.
The Chairman presented the Minutes and invited questions.

14/09C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2014.
The Chairman presented the Minutes and invited questions.

- i. Cllr Briton drew members' attention to minute 14/08F; dates for the Art Exhibition in the Council Chamber will be 7-9th April.
- ii. Cllr Anderson reported MDC has been very cooperative and arrangements have been made to prepare the commemorative poppy bed at the Recreation Ground.

- 14/10C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2014.
The Mayor presented the Minutes and invited questions.
- 14/11C MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION**
Information had been circulated to members; Council confirmed that there was nothing further to add to the written response, therefore no request to participate in the hearings.
- 14/12C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**
- i. Mendip District Council
Cllr Siggs reported on a visit from the Secretary of State for Local Government.
 - ii. Somerset County Council
Cllr Osman spoke about the flooding crisis in the county.
He also spoke about the forthcoming budget process, more saving must be made.
Cllr Siggs asked for everyone to be mindful that county staff who deal with highways matters are currently busy helping with problems caused by the floods.
Cllr Osman explained that there is formula funding for flood relief; everything possible is being done to seek government assistance.
Members expressed support for the parts of the county suffering, especially farmers losing their livelihood.
- 14/13C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**
No further matters.
- 14/14C TO APPROVE WELLS CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2014**
Proposed, seconded and approved.
- 14/15C DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting will be at **7pm on Thursday 27TH FEBRUARY 2014.**