

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2014 AT 7.00PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck; Mace-Bearer: J Rood;
2 members of the public.

14/161C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: S Davis; A Denison; J Osman; T Robbins; H Siggs
Chaplain: Preb. A Wheeler
Avon and Somerset Police.

14/162C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 27th July 2012.
None declared.

14/163C MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH NOVEMBER 2014 (attached) were proposed, seconded, approved, and signed.

14/164C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None wishing to speak.

14/165C TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE

A written report was received.

14/166C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor drew members' attention to the Bishop Bekynton Commemoration Service to be held at 3pm on Sunday 11th January in Wells Cathedral. He thanked everyone for their support throughout the year and invited all those present to seasonal hospitality in the Mayor's Parlour after the City Council meeting.

14/167C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2014 (attached)
The Vice-Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

14/168C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2014 (attached)
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
There was a short discussion about the newly adopted Mendip Local Plan.

14/169C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

i. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr Butt Philip reported the draft Plan is still in preparation. He answered questions about expenditure from the Locality grant funding and about joint working with other parishes. Cllr Price offered to assist if there is to be any joint working on cycle routes. The City Council is not committed to any further funding of the Neighbourhood Plan project.

ii. Wells Recreation Ground Trust

Cllr North reported that the recommendations of the Trust committee have

been approved by Mendip District Council. A Shadow Board will be appointed, it has been suggested that some members should come from Wells City Council. A small stipend for the Chairman during the first few months, paid from the Trust funds, could be considered, as there will be a great deal of work at the start.

iii. Wells Sports Clubs

Cllr Price gave an up-date. He asked that the Council send a letter of support to the football club, for future grant applications. This was agreed.

iv. Mendip District Council

Cllr Unwin reported on the recent agreement made by MDC to secure the future of the district leisure centres.

v. Citizens Advice Bureau

Cllr Brandon reported from the annual Stakeholder Forum (at which the City Council had been thanked for its support). It was agreed to invite a representative to give a short presentation to the Council. The CAB was commended for its work.

14/170C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

A request was received from the Bishop's Palace asking for a letter in support of a funding application for their play-scape project. This was agreed.

14/171C DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place at 7pm on **Thursday 29th January 2015**