

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 9TH
JANUARY 2014 AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT: Cllrs: T Robbins (Chairman); D Anderson (Vice Chairman);
M Brandon; C Briton (Deputy Mayor); T Butt Philip (the Mayor);
J North; C Price.

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White; RFO: S Luck.
Cllr N Kennedy.

14/01F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
G Wilson.

14/02F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

14/03F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2013
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

14/04F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC None present.

14/05F FINANCIAL REPORT To receive the financial reports for December 2013.
The accounts had been scrutinised and bank statements checked, prior to the meeting. It was noted that there is an amount outstanding in the budget for small grants; it was agreed that an item be put in the Wells Journal to inform the public that they can apply for small grants by 1st March.
The accounts for December 2013 were proposed, seconded and approved.

14/06F COURT ROOM DEVELOPMENT Up-date.
The RFO presented the latest accounts.
It was agreed to seek costs for curtaining the windows.
The next meeting will be held in the Old Court Room if available, and an opening event will be discussed.

14/07F PROPERTY LEASES Up-date.
The Town Clerk reported that matters are progressing well.

14/08F MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

- i. In answer to questions Cllr North had nothing further to report on the Recreation Ground Trust consultation at present.
- ii. The Town Clerk was asked to seek the latest legal advice and options regarding posting of agendas to members, in the interests of reducing costs of postage.
- iii. The British Legion has obtained a quote to have the War Memorial in St Cuthbert's churchyard cleaned and refurbished as part of the World War 1 commemorations; this would be under the guidance of the War Memorials Trust. The Legion is considering seeking grant funding and would ask for a letter of support from the Council should this progress to the next stage. Members were in agreement that the refurbishment was a good idea.
- iv. It is necessary to start preparing the poppy bed in the Recreation Ground for planting; MDC will be asked to hasten the permission from the Trust Board.
- v. Aster Homes Regional A-S B Officer has approached the Council to ask for partnership working in a project culminating in an art competition, to be

displayed in the Town Hall during the Easter holidays. It was felt that this would be a very worth-while project for which members indicate their support.

- vi. Cllr North drew members' attention to a public consultation to be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday 14th January at 6.30pm on wind turbines and solar farms.

14/09F DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7 pm Thursday 13th February 2014.