

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL
ON THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2014 AT 7.00PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: RFO: S Luck,
Cllr: H Siggs

14/24F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
F White (Town Clerk); Cllrs; C Briton (Deputy Mayor); G Wilson,

14/25F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

14/26F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2014
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

14/27F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Cllr not on the committee was invited to speak as item arose.

14/28F FINANCIAL REPORT
To receive the financial reports for February 2014. The accounts had been scrutinised and bank statements checked, prior to the meeting. The accounts for February 2014 were proposed, seconded and approved.
It was agreed due to the confidential nature of the rest of the report it would be considered at the end of the meeting in closed session.

14/29F APPLICATIONS FOR SMALL GRANTS

To consider the following applications:

- i. Glastonbury FM radio (S 137) £440 proposed, seconded and approved.
- ii. Mendip Community Credit Union (S137), grant unavailable as application did not meet criteria.
- iii. Heads Up (S137) £440 proposed, seconded and approved.
- iv. Mendip & Sedgemoor community Support (S137) £440 proposed, seconded and approved.
- v. The Somerset Motor Project (S137) £440 proposed, seconded and approved

Members were in agreement that as section 137 payments (LGA 1972) these would be commensurate with the benefit to parishioners.

14/30F SOMERSET LEVELS RELIEF FUND
After a discussion it was proposed, seconded and approved to support the fund and award a £2,000 grant (LGA S.137(3)(c)).

14/31F TOWN HALL PUBLIC TOILETS
After a discussion it was proposed, seconded and approved to accept the contractors quote to have the Town Hall public toilets open every Sunday.

- 14/32F RECEPTION SERVICES WORKING GROUP**
The draft costings were presented and it was agreed to consider staffing costs before proceeding.
- 14/33F COURT ROOM DEVELOPMENT**
1. The final budget statement was presented and noted.
The committee thanked the Town Hall manager for his work on the project.
2. The opening by the Mayor of the new rooms will take place on Saturday 15th March at 10.30am.
- 14/34F FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT**
After consideration and change to the asset review timescale the assessment was proposed, seconded and approved.
(The Mayor arrived at the meeting)
- 14/35F DIGITAL MAPPING**
The purchase of the new software was proposed, seconded and approved.
- 14/36F FINANCIAL REPORT (2)**
Exclude the press and public: Due to the confidential nature of the business to be considered, relating to contracts and legal matters, it will be proposed by the Chairman that a resolution be passed under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended.

It was agreed to delegate responsibility to the Chairman and RFO to deal with any opportunities which might occur to resolve personnel issues within the agreed budgets enabling more flexibility in Council staffing.
- 14/37F PROPERTY LEASES Update**
The RFO gave a report to members.
- 14/38F MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**
None.
- 14/39F DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm Thursday 10th April 2014.**