



WELLS CITY COUNCIL

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

- PRESENT:** Cllrs: D Anderson (Vice Chairman); C Briton (the Mayor); T Butt Philip; J North; C Price; T Robbins (Chairman); G Wilson (Deputy Mayor)
- IN ATTENDANCE** Town Clerk F White; RFO: S Luck
Cllr A Gibson
- 14/110F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr M Brandon
- 14/111F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26th July 2012:
Cllr Briton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Wells Operatic Society and left the room during item 14/115F.
- 14/112F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2014**
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.
Matters Arising
14/106F The Chairman clarified that it was agreed in principle to transfer to cloud hosting, subject to satisfactory answers to the on-going investigations.
- 14/113F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
None present
- 14/114F FINANCIAL REPORT** To receive financial reports for October 2014:
The accounts had been scrutinised and bank statements checked, prior to the meeting.
The accounts for October 2014 were proposed, seconded and approved.
- 14/115F FUNDING APPLICATION**
(Cllr Briton left the room)
Wells Operatic Society £1,000 for 2015-16 (LGA 1972 S145)
Members were of the view that the Little Theatre provides enormous benefit and enjoyment to the people of Wells.
The Town Clerk advised on the various legal powers under which the

council can give grants.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to grant £1,000, to be allocated from the current year small grants budget, subject to satisfactory scrutiny of accounts by the Chairman and RFO.

(Cllr Briton returned)

14/116F

CITY CENTRE MAPS To consider funding:

Cllr Gibson presented the project, with recommendations from the City Centre Management Committee. The CCM Committee has approved expenditure of £2,000 from its budget. After consideration it was proposed, seconded and agreed that the additional funding required for this project (£12,000) would be allocated from the Additional Income Grant received for 2014-15.

Cllr Gibson was thanked for her presentation and for all her work on this project.

14/117F

BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2015-16

To consider draft budget and make recommendations to council:

The RFO presented the details of the budget and answered questions from members.

Members considered the reserves and noted the increases in income from corporate property rentals.

It was agreed that the balance of the Additional Income Grant (£17,000) would be allocated to the general reserve, bringing this to an acceptable level of three to four months trading.

The RFO was thanked for a first class budget, clearly presented.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the **Budget be RECOMMENDED** to Council for adoption.

The RFO and Town Clerk were thanked for all their work.

14/118F

PROPERTY LEASES Up-date

No matters to report.

14/119F

MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

No matters to report.

14/120F

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2014

(Mid-Somerset Carol Concert Thursday 11th December)