



## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2014 AT 7.00PM

- PRESENT:** Cllrs: D Anderson (Vice Chairman); M Brandon; 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. J Parkes
- 14/121F** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllr Brandon was attending a CAB meeting and would arrive later.
- 14/122F** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012:  
Cllr Anderson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Wells Action and left the room during item 14/126F.
- 14/123F** **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**  
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.
- 14/124F** **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
None present
- 14/125F** **FINANCIAL REPORT** To receive financial reports for November 2014:  
The accounts had been scrutinised and bank statements checked, prior to the meeting.  
The accounts for November 2014 were proposed, seconded and approved.  
Cllr Anderson left the room.
- 14/126F** **SMALL GRANT APPLICATION**  
Wells Action: £500 to support the bandstand concerts 2015 (*LGA 1972 S145 Entertainment & Arts*):  
The Town Clerk answered questions on declarations of interests.  
Cllr Price stated for the record that he is no longer a member of Wells Action.  
Cllr Parkes presented information about the application and answered

questions.

£500 grant was proposed, seconded and approved.

Cllr Anderson returned.

Cllr Brandon arrived at the meeting.

**14/127F**

**ROAD BOLLARDS**

To approve purchase of replacement bollards for emergency access route at Carlton Mews; working in partnership with SCC Highways.  
Resolved.

**14/128F**

**MAYORAL ALLOWANCE**

There was a lengthy and detailed discussion.

It was proposed and seconded that the Mayoral Allowance and the annual increase system remain as it is.

6 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstain: Resolved.

**14/129F**

**MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**

1. Hush-boarding in the Old Court Room is completed and is effective.
2. Sites for grit bins have been agreed; they will be installed and filled by SCC Highways soon.
3. Members noted the national pay scale and allowances agreed by the NJC; to be applied to staff salaries, as already provided for in the City Council budget.

**14/130F**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015**