

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY CENTRE AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL
THURSDAY 16TH JULY 2015 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: G Wilson (Mayor); A Gibson (Deputy Mayor); M Brandon;
N Kennedy; J Ludovino (Chairman); C Price; C Wride

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck (Open Spaces Officer / Cemetery Superintendent Registrar)
2 Officers of Mendip District Council
Cllrs: MacKenzie; Unwin
2 members of the public

15/14CO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr C Cox; T Robbins

15/15CO DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
None declared

15/16CO MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
Minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2015 were proposed, seconded approved and signed.

15/17CO MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- i. A representative of the Palace Allotments Society spoke about the closure of Tor Furlong. There was a long discussion; in conclusion it was recommended that the Allotments Society communicate direct with the Cathedral School.
- ii. (Later in the meeting) Cllr Unwin spoke about a tree at Goodymoor Avenue.

15/18CO TOR FURLONG PLAY AREA
To consider S106 funded refurbishment proposal from Mendip District Council:
The proposal was presented by officers from MDC, together with information about S106 funds available for Wells.
A priority list had been prepared in consultation with Better Play Areas for Wells; this met with general approval from the committee.
One of the criteria for use of S106 monies is that the support of the town/parish council be given for the expenditure on the project.
It was proposed, seconded and agreed to support the use of the specified S106 monies for the refurbishment of Tor Furlong play area as presented.

15/19CO WELLS IN BLOOM
To receive the minutes of the Wells in Bloom sub-committee meeting held on 25th June and approve recommendations.
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions; she confirmed that the presentation evening will be on Tuesday 27th October.
The Finance Report was noted and all matters were approved.

15/20CO CITY AND TOURISM FORUM

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the City and Tourism Forum held on 1st July 2015 and approve recommendations.

The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

It is envisaged there will be some short term projects, with completion within the year; on-going work of a broader nature looking at longer-term issues will also be carried out. Members were pleased with the start that has been made.

15/21CO STREET FURNITURE

The cycle racks unit has been received and will be fitted next week.

The dog fouling bin will also be fitted next week.

A map has been obtained from MDC showing where all the dog fouling bins in the City are located; copies can be obtained from the Open Spaces Officer.

15/22CO MAINTENANCE REPORTS

To report matters for the attention of Somerset County Highways, Mendip District Council, or Wells Open Spaces section: pot holes, pavements, street lights, litter, street furniture etc.

- i. Two loose paving slabs outside NatWest Bank, High Street.
- ii. Bin frequently full outside The Good Earth, Priory Road.
- iii. A survey of litter bins was carried out late Sunday morning (12/07/15) and reported to MDC on Monday. The exercise will be repeated this Sunday.

15/23CO ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

- i. Officers have carried out the Allotments inspections (Allotment holders were notified in advance)
- ii. Four allotments were found to be in an unsatisfactory state and the holders were written to; three have subsequently given up and the fourth is being worked with.
- iii. The three available plots are being offered to the next people on the waiting list. There are currently around 80 on the waiting list; more than half of these will accept places at the Bishop's Palace only.

15/24CO DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6pm Thursday 17th September 2015