

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 23RD APRIL 2015 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: C Briton (The Mayor); G Wilson (Deputy Mayor); D Anderson;
M Brandon; S Davies; A Gibson; N Kennedy; J North; J Osman; J Parkes;
C Price; T Robbins; H Siggs; D Unwin

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck; Mace-Bearer: J Rood;
Chaplain: Preb. A Wheeler
3 members of the public; 1 member of the press

15/41C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: T Butt Philip; A Dennison
Avon and Somerset Police

15/42C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 27th July 2012.
None declared.

15/43C MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26TH MARCH 2015

were proposed, seconded, approved, and signed.

15/44C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None wishing to speak

15/45C TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE

PC Pearson sent his apologies.

15/46C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Wine and Cheese reception in the Mayor's Parlour following this meeting; everyone welcome
- ii. Opening of the May Fair: Saturday 2nd May
- iii. Provisional date for traditional 'Mayor Making': Saturday 27th June
- iv. The Mayor gave a tribute to retiring Councillors Anderson and Parkes, he spoke of their long service to the Council and the community, particularly mentioning the Candlelit Poppy Bed Dedication Ceremony in August 2014. They were given a standing ovation.
- v. The Town Hall Managers have each been presented with a certificate and an engraved tankard, in recognition of twenty-five years service with the City Council.

15/47C MINUTES OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2015 (attached)
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

15/48C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 19th March and 2nd April 2015 (attached) The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

It was agreed to ask the new council to investigate the possibility of protection or acquisition of new land for a further cemetery extension; working together with St Cuthbert Out parish council.

- 15/49C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**
i. To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2015 (attached)
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

ii. **Annual Audit**

RECOMMENDED:

To approve and sign the accounting statement and annual governance statement for the year ending 31st March 2015.

Proposed, seconded, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

The Chairman thanked to RFO for his diligence.

The Chairman gave his annual report on the work of the committee. He commended the hard work and dedication of the Town Hall staff.

Cllr Siggs thanked the City Council for the spirit of cooperation between WCC,

MDC, and SCC the teams work well together, to the benefit of the community.

Members joined in congratulating the Finance and General purposes committee in a productive four-year session.

- 15/50C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

None.

- 15/51C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**

i. Matters for the attention of SCC Highways.

ii. Cllr Osman particularly thanked those members who will not be standing again for Wells City council: Cllrs Anderson, Butt Philip, Denison, Davies, and Parkes.

- 15/52C DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will take place at **7pm on Thursday 21st May 2015**