

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2015 AT 7.00PM

- PRESENT:** Cllrs: D Anderson (Vice Chairman); M Brandon; T Butt Philip; C Price;
T Robbins (Chairman)
C Briton (the Mayor) for part of the meeting
- IN ATTENDANCE** Town Clerk F White; RFO: S Luck
5 members of the public
- 15/20F** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllrs: J North; G Wilson (Deputy Mayor)
- 15/21F** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the
Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26th July 2012:
None declared
- 15/22F** **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH
FEBRUARY 2015** Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed,
seconded, approved and signed.
- 15/23F** **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** None wishing to speak.
- 15/24F** **FINANCIAL REPORT** To receive financial reports for February 2015:
The bank statements and accounts had been checked prior to the
meeting. The accounts for February 2015 were proposed, seconded
and approved.
The RFO reported on arrangements for preparation of the end of year
accounts. It was agreed to ear-mark funds remaining in the budget for
public toilets across to the year 2015-16.
- 15/25F** **COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS**
Representatives were present from each group to speak about their
application and answer questions.
To consider applications from:
- i. Youth with a Future, 6x'Moving-in' packs: £480 approved.
(LGA1972 s.137) Members agreed the benefit to
parishioners would be commensurate with the expenditure.
 - ii. Stoberry Park School, books: £220 approved (LGA1972
s.137). Members agreed the benefit to parishioners would
be commensurate with the expenditure.
 - iii. Wells City Band, musical instruments: £250 approved. (LGA
1972 s. 145):

15/26F

ANNUAL REVIEWS

To consider:

- i. Draft Standing Orders
Proposed, seconded and approved.
- ii. Draft Committee Delegation Scheme
Proposed, seconded and approved.
- iii. Complaints Procedure – (NALC model)
Members were asked to return their comments to the Town Clerk in time for presentation of the draft to full Council.

RECOMMENDED:

That Council adopt these procedures for implementation from May 2015.

It was agreed that, subject to council approval of the delegation scheme, the accounts statements will be rearranged at the start of the financial year to reflect the committee structure.

15/27F

PROPERTY LEASES up-date

The Town Clerk presented a report on income streams, lettings and leases at the Town Hall. The committee noted concerns about the long-term future of the Registrars service for Wells.

It was agreed that two offices with exterior access would be suitable for potential separate commercial letting.

15/28F

MAYORS FOR PEACE: Item withdrawn

15/29F

MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

- i. Cllr Butt Philip noted that the Community Grants budget had been fully used; he hoped to see the budget increased in future years.
- ii. Cllr Price raised a question about bonfires; referred to Environmental Health.
- iii. Cllr Robbins commented on use of the car park barrier.

15/30F

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed to ask Council to revise the date of the next meeting to: **Wednesday 8th April 2015 at 7pm**