

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.00PM

- PRESENT:** Cllrs: D Baker; M Brandon; C Briton; J North; T Robbins (Chairman);
H Siggs; G Wilson (the Mayor)
- IN ATTENDANCE** Town Clerk: F White. RFO: S Luck.
Cllr. R MacKenzie
2 members of the public
- 15/69F** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr. C Price(Vice-Chairman)
- 15/70F** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26th July 2012.
See 15/75F; 15/77F.
- 15/71F** **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2015** Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.
- 15/72F** **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
Representatives to speak at 15/73F and at 15/75F.
It was agreed to vary the order on the agenda.
- 15/73F** **FUNDING REQUEST**
Stoberry Park School Parent Forum: Crossing Patrol. (LGA 1972 S 137)
A representative presented the application and answered questions.
Cllr MacKenzie spoke.
After discussion a grant of £500 (s137 payment) was proposed, seconded and approved; members were in agreement that the expenditure would be commensurate with the benefit to parishioners. The payment to be released as and when the Parents Forum has established the other funding necessary and the project is definitely going ahead.
It was further agreed to instruct the Town Clerk and RFO, in consultation with the Chairman, to explore the possibilities of future funding for this project.
- 15/74F** **FINANCE REPORT**
To receive the financial reports for September 2015:
The bank statements and accounts had been checked prior to the meeting.
The accounts for September 2015 were proposed, seconded and approved.
The Committee expressed their congratulations to the Town Hall Manager on the increase in rentals.
- 15/75F** **COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATION**
The Lawrence Centre (LGA 1972 S 137)
Cllr Wilson (The Mayor) declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest, as The Lawrence Centre is one of the Mayor's nominated charities this year.
A representative presented the application and answered questions. After discussion a grant of £300 (s137 payment) was proposed, seconded and

approved; members were in agreement that the expenditure would be commensurate with the benefit to parishioners.

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EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

As it would be necessary for matters of contract to be considered in confidence, it was proposed by the Chairman that a resolution be passed under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended, excluding the press and public: RESOLVED

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PROPERTIES up-date

Cllrs North and Siggs each declared a personal and prejudicial interest as members of Mendip District Council; both left the room.

The Town Clerk gave a confidential report on contractual matters.

Cllrs North and Siggs returned to the meeting.

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MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

- i. It was agreed to make provisional allowance in the draft budget for additional support to the community
- ii. The RFO gave a report on the telephone contract

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING : 7pm Thursday 12th November 2015
To consider the DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT