

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 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.00PM

- PRESENT:** Cllrs: D Baker; M Brandon; C Briton; J North; C Price(Vice-Chairman);
G Wilson (the Mayor)
- IN ATTENDANCE** Town Clerk: F White. RFO: S Luck.
Cllr: N Kennedy
Representative of Wells Rotary Club Annual Reindeer Parade Committee
- 15/80F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllrs: T Robbins (Chairman); H Siggs
- 15/81F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26th July 2012.
Cllr North declared a personal interest as a member of Mendip District Council, in any matter relating to public toilets.
- 15/82F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2015**
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.
- 15/83F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
i. Ref: 15/85F The representative presented the application and answered questions
ii. It was agreed that councillors present would speak at 15/86F
- 15/84F FINANCE REPORT**
To receive the financial reports for October 2015:
The bank statements and accounts had been checked prior to the meeting.
The accounts for October 2015 were proposed, seconded and approved.
The Committee expressed their congratulations to the Town Hall Manager on the increased rentals.
- 15/85F COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATION**
Rotary Club of Wells: Reindeer Parade
It was proposed, seconded and agreed to make a grant of £500. (LGA 1972 S 145)
- 15/86F BUDGET FOR 2016-17**
To consider the draft budget and Precept for 2016-17 and make recommendations to Council:
The RFO presented the draft budget and answered questions.
Careful consideration was given to each item; various matters were discussed.
After a wide ranging discussion of the council's aims, and including consideration of reserves, the draft was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved for recommendation to Council, the precept to be set in December. (Cllr North abstained from comment on the public toilets section of the budget).

RECOMMENDED:

To adopt the draft budget for 2016-17. The Precept to be set at the December meeting of full Council.

It was agreed that criteria for the new discretionary grants category would be an item for the next Finance and General Purposes Committee agenda. The RFO was thanked for his presentation and for a clear, understandable budget.

15/87F

MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

- i. Town Hall car parking spaces

15/88F

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : 7pm Wednesday 9th December 2015