

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY CENTRE AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON
THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 2016 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: C Cox; A Gibson (Deputy Mayor); N Kennedy; J Ludovino (Chairman);
C Price; C Wride.

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck
Cllr R MacKenzie

16/22CO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: M Brandon; T Robbins; G Wilson (The Mayor)

16/23CO DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None declared

16/24CO MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on **17TH MARCH 2016** were proposed, seconded approved and signed.

16/25CO MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None present

16/26CO CITY AND TOURISM FORUM

To receive the minutes of the City and Tourism Forum meeting held on 13th April 2016:
The Chairman (Cllr Gibson) presented the minutes and answered questions.

- i. 16/16CT: The events list to be up-dated regarding the road closure details for the Brocante Fair on Sunday 8th May.
- ii. 16/14CTii.: Information from 'Visit by Coach' to be circulated to members.

16/27CO OPEN SPACES REPORT

The Open Spaces Officer presented the report and invited questions.

- i. Recent minor damage to ramp at Skateboard park has been dealt with
- ii. Cutting at the relief road has begun for this season
- iii. Problems continue with the drainage gully outside Whittings, reported to SCC Highways
- iv. It was agreed by the committee to purchase a dog bin to be sited at the Blue School footpath junction with Ash Lane.
- v. A request was received for a dog bin at the new Crest Nicholson housing development; site to be investigated

16/28CO 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. Street lights out of order on Cathedral Green and at the path from St Thomas Street to Millers Gardens.

16/29CO ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

- i. Members' attention was drawn to the current Mendip District Council consultation on Street Trading Licensing and Licensing fees. Cllr MacKenzie reported from the open session held at the Town Hall the previous day. Members were urged to respond to the consultation.
- ii. Concerns about an unsafe play area at the new Crest Nicholson housing development

16/30CO DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6pm Thursday 2nd June 2016

Open Spaces Report April 2016

Skateboard Park

No maintenance issues with ramps.
Daily Inspections and rubbish clearing taking place.

Relief Road /Maintenance

Hedges/Grass will be cut this week.
Drainage gully grids in High Street / Broad Street / Queen Street / Market Street are being cleared every week.

Fire Hydrant

I have been informed of a fire hydrant in St Andrews Street that we will restore and paint.

Allotments

All plots are allocated.
We cleared a concrete post from a plot in the Bishops Palace at the request of the plot holder. No other problems to report.

Queen's 90th Birthday

All flags and bunting have been put up in City Centre as requested.

Dog Waste Bins

The three Dog Bins agreed at previous meeting have been installed.
We have received another request for a bin to be put by the footpath to the Blue School in Ash Lane.

Window Posters

I have had a request to clear the posters from the windows of the closed shops in the High Street as they look untidy.

Steve Luck, Open Spaces Officer