

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL**  
**CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: A Gibson (The Mayor); N Kennedy; J Ludovino; R MacKenzie;  
J North (Deputy Mayor); C Price; T Robbins; D Swain; G Wilson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White  
RFO: S Luck ; Mace-Bearer: J Rood;  
No press or public were present

**16/108C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs: M Brandon; C Briton; C Cox; J Osman; H Siggs; D Unwin; C Wride  
Chaplain: A Glanville

**16/109C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's  
Code of Conduct adopted 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012:

Cllr MacKenzie declared a personal and prejudicial interest as member, in  
any matters relating to Mendip District Council; and as trustee in any matter  
relating to Wells Recreation Ground Trust.

**16/110C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON**  
**28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016**

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, confirmed as a  
true record, and signed by the Mayor.

**16/111C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None present.

**16/112C POLICE REPORT**

No one available to attend.

**16/113C PRESENTATION**

Cllr Taylor, MDC Portfolio Holder for Regulatory Services, presented the  
arrangements for Wells Christmas Market and free Christmas parking in  
MDC car parks, to be held 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The proposals were  
welcomed by members.

Cllr Price asked if any information or update was available on the Sports  
Ground lease. Cllr Taylor promised to make enquires.

Cllr Ludovino asked about signage to MDC car parks and if this could be  
improved.

Cllr Taylor then led a lengthy discussion about the new Street Trading  
Policy; he thanked Wells City Council for their work on this and took detailed  
notes on members' views of particular issues. He undertook to reply to  
queries raised.

**16/114C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Quiz Night for Mayor's Charities, Town  
Hall
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Service, St Cuthbert's  
Church
- The Mayor has sent a card of thanks to the retiring CEO at Wells  
Almshouses.

- The recent Heritage Open day at the Town Hall was a great success. The Archivist was thanked for all her hard work on this event. It was run in conjunction with the Mayor's charities collection in the market, also very successful.
- The Mayor reported on her visit to Fontenallto and also thanked Cllr Price for representing her in Bad Durkheim.

**16/115C MINUTES OF THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016  
Cllr Price presented the minutes and invited questions.

**16/116C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016.  
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions. Cllr Ludovino requested more details on Town Hall energy usage.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**16/85F ANNUAL REVIEWS**

- To adopt the schedule of annual reviews for Council year 2016-17
- To adopt the Financial Regulations 2016
- To amend Standing Order 18

All three items were proposed, seconded and approved.

**16/87F PROPERTIES**

To approve use of the Council Seal on legal documents relating to lease of public toilets block: Proposed, seconded and approved.

Cllr Robbins and the RFO answered members' questions to up-date them on arrangements.

**16/117C TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT**

Proposed, seconded and approved.

The RFO and Town Clerk were thanked for all their hard work throughout the year, which went towards the Council once again achieving a clear accounting and governance audit.

**16/118C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016, and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

Cllr Robbins thanked the Town Clerk and Chairman for their work on the enforcement case; the resident has expressed appreciation for the help of the City Council.

**16/119C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES & FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

- Wells Recreation Ground Trust

Cllr North announced arrangements made by WRGT and Better Play Areas for Wells, to open the play area on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October. He invited the Mayor and Council to attend robed as a civic event; this was accepted.  
(Cllr Robbins gave his apologies and left the meeting)

- Wells Sports Clubs:  
Nothing further to report
- To appoint a Trustee to The City of Wells Almshouses:  
Deferred to next meeting

**16/120C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**

- Cllr Swain drew members' attention to discussions at the City and Tourism Forum regarding the congestion in Sadler Street due to problems with the coach bay, and to the new initiative set up by partners in the city with 'Visit by Coach'.
- Cllr Ludovino drew members' attention to events at the Work in Wells Week.
- The Mayor drew members' attention to the message from the 'Fire and Rescue Community Safety Champions' it was agreed to invite them to speak to Council.
- There was a brief discussion on how to address the lack of press attendance at council meetings. The Mayor will speak with one of the local correspondents.
- The calendar of committee meetings for January – May 2017 was approved.

**16/121C DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.00pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016**