

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Brandon; C Briton; C Cox; A Gibson (The Mayor); J Ludovino;
R MacKenzie; J North (Deputy Mayor); J Osman; C Price; T Robbins;
H Siggs; D Swain; D Unwin; G Wilson; C Wride

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck ; Mace-Bearer: M Goody
Chaplain: A Glanville
D Borlase, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue
PCSO Susie Buxton, Avon & Somerset Police

16/122C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr: N Kennedy. PC Darren Pearson (active on duty)

16/123C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

16/134C i. Cllrs: MacKenzie, North, Osman, Siggs, Unwin, each declared a personal and prejudicial interest as members of Wells Recreation Ground Committee; they all left the room while this item took place.

16/124C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER 2016

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

16/125C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None present.

16/126C POLICE REPORT

PCSO Buxton, East Somerset Rural Beat Team, introduced herself, she had come at short notice to represent PC Pearson and give his apologies. She was thanked for attending.

16/127C PRESENTATION

Community Safety Champions: Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service:

The Group Commander for East Somerset spoke about this preventative project with great commitment and enthusiasm. The aim is to reach people who may be particularly vulnerable to fire and injury.

16/128C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. 7.30pm, Friday 28th October: RBL Poppy Concert, Town Hall.
- ii. 11.00; 11.11.16: Act of Remembrance, Wells Market Place.
9.45am Sunday 13th November: Remembrance Service & Parade, St Cuthbert's Church.
- iii. The Mayor thanked everyone who helped with the quiz night on Saturday; £626.50 was raised for the Mayor's charities.
- iv. The Mayor welcomed visitors to the Town Hall from the friendship town of Klutzborg, Poland, hosting them in the Parlour.
- v. Opening of the new play area at Wells Recreation Ground from 1pm Sunday 30th October.

16/129C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2016,
With minutes of Wells in Bloom meeting 15th September
and minutes of City & Tourism Forum 7th September, 12th October:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

16/130C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2016:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions. He reminded Councillors that the budget will be discussed at the next meeting of the committee; please submit any comments in advance, or attend the meeting. The Mayor emphasised the date of the **budget meeting: 10th November.**

16/131C MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE

To receive minutes of the meeting held on 20th October:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions. He drew members' attention to the change of date of the next meeting: 5th January.

16/132C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 6th October & 20th October:
The Vice-Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions. Members were aware of a request from the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group regarding the terms of reference of the group. It was agreed the members of the Steering Group should attend the Planning Committee and put such requests there; any final decision would be sent to full Council for approval.

16/133C MOTION FROM CLLR BRITON:

'That Wells City Council adopts the General Power of Competence'.
Cllr Briton introduced the subject; there was a positive response and debate. Members felt they needed to know more about the power and that the implications should be considered carefully.
It was proposed, seconded and agreed to refer the matter to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

16/134C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES & FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

(Cllrs: MacKenzie, North, Osman, Siggs and Unwin left the room.)

Wells Recreation Ground Trust

- i. To appoint two members to the Wells Recreation Ground Trust Committee: Cllrs Robbins and Wride were proposed, seconded and appointed.

(Cllrs: MacKenzie, North, Osman, Siggs and Unwin returned.)

- ii. City of Wells Almshouses

To appoint a Trustee to The City of Wells Almshouses: Cllr Unwin was proposed, seconded and appointed.

- iii. Wells Sports Clubs

Cllr Price reported that feedback has been received from MDC and matters are moving forward with the lease.

THERE WERE NO FURTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

16/135C DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.00pm on Thursday 24th November 2016