

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 9TH JUNE 2016 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Brandon; C Briton; J North (Deputy Mayor); H Siggs;
T Robbins (Chairman); D Swain (Vice-Chairman); G Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck
Cllr N Kennedy
2 members of the public

16/54F ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN
Cllr Swain was elected as Vice-Chairman

16/55F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr Price

16/56F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26th July 2012.
Cllr Briton declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Wells Food Network, in item 16/61Fii. And left the meeting while the decision was made.

16/57F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH MAY 2016 Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

16/58F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Representatives from Health Works spoke about the application to be considered at 16/61F i.

16/59F FINANCE REPORT

- i. To receive the financial reports for May 2016
The bank statements and accounts had been checked prior to the meeting. The accounts for May 2016 were proposed, seconded and approved.
- ii. Council Tax Support Grant
Notification has been received from Mendip District Council that the Council Tax Support Grant will not be passed on to town and parish councils from 2017/18.

16/60F ANNUAL REVIEWS
Committee Delegation Scheme
The draft scheme was discussed and some amendments agreed; it was then proposed, seconded and approved for recommendation to Council.
RECOMMENDED
To adopt the draft delegation scheme as amended

16/61F COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

- i. Health Works, the community arm of the Counsellors' Collective South West
After careful consideration of the issues involved and the information provided, the Committee agreed that a grant could not be made.
- ii. Wells Food Network (WFN)
There was a lengthy discussion on all aspects of the application. It was proposed, seconded and agreed not to make a grant.

- 16/62F** **PROPERTIES** To note asset records:
Post Office, Wells Market Place
Discussions are on-going.
Public Toilets at Princes Road
No further developments. Draft contract from MDC has not yet been received.
The final payment under the current arrangement will be made at the end of June.
- 16/63F** **WELLS RECREATION GROUND TRUST**
No matters to report.
- 16/64F** **MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**
Cllr Briton: Concern regarding the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, referred to full council.
- 16/65F** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING : 7pm Thursday 14th July 2016**