

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.00PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck
Cllr N Kennedy
Mr A Yeates, Treasurer, Wells Scout Group

16/91F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr C Price

16/92F 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 member, in any matter relating to Mendip District Council.
Cllr Siggs declared a personal interest as long-standing associate, in Wells Scout Group.

16/93F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2016
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

16/94F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Mr Yeates presented the community grant application on behalf of Wells Scout Group, and answered questions.

16/95F FINANCE REPORT

- i. To receive the financial reports for September 2016
The bank statements and accounts had been checked prior to the meeting. The accounts for September 2016 were proposed, seconded and approved.
- ii. The RFO reminded members that the first draft of the budget for 2017-18 will be prepared for presentation at the next meeting (10th November); any items for inclusion should be submitted as soon as possible please.

16/96F COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION
Wells Scout Group:
Members commended the work done by this group.
A grant of £500 was proposed, seconded and approved.

16/97F DCLG CONSULTATION
The 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement:
The RFO gave an outline of the consultation; members made some initial comments. It was agreed that the Town Clerk will e-mail consultation questions 4-7 to F&GP members and compile a response, for further e-mail confirmation, in order to submit the council's response in time for the deadline.

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PROPERTIES

- i. Wells Post Office
The Chairman gave an up-date and reported on a very positive meeting held with the Post Office. The Council to carry out a structural survey on one of the internal walls: proposed, seconded and approved.
- ii. Public toilets & ticket office at Princes Road bus station
All legal work is now with the Council's solicitor and should be concluded soon.

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MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

No further matters.

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EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Due to the confidential nature of the matters to be considered, relating to individuals, it was proposed by the Chairman that a resolution be passed under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended, excluding the press and public:

RESOLVED

The Town Clerk and RFO left the meeting.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

(Ref Min 16/45F) The Chairman reported all matters have been concluded:

APPROVED

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING : 7pm Thursday 10th November 2016