

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 AT 6TH APRIL 2017 6.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Brandon; A Gibson (Mayor); N Kennedy;
J North (Deputy Mayor); C Price (Vice-Chairman);
D Swain (Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: RFO: S Luck;
Cllr R MacKenzie
2 members of the Public

17/12CO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Town Clerk: F White
Cllrs: C Cox; C Briton

17/13CO DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None declared.

17/14CO MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on **2nd February 2017** were proposed, seconded approved and signed.

17/15CO MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None wanted to speak.

17/16CO MINUTES OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM:

Noted.

17/17CO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2017

Cllr Gibson (The Mayor) reported a meeting has been arranged with herself, the RFO and Paul Toole to consider design and orders for this year. Options being considered are the replacement of the cross street wreaths and swags and an alternative to the tree at the bottom of the High street.

17/18CO OPEN SPACES REPORT

The RFO reported on:
Memorial checks completed at the cemetery.
Grass cutting had started at the cemetery and to the verges on the relief road.
New tree planting in the cemetery extension.
Dog Bins sited.
Work on the cemetery chapel was on going.
Allotment grass cutting about to start.

17/19CO BUS STATION TOILET BLOCK

The RFO reported the toilet block lease had now been signed. Repairs had been carried out to the automatic locking and the Wallgate hand washers and the whole building was being deep cleaned. The clock was being repaired. Options for extended use of the ticket office will be discussed at the F&GP committee.

Members expressed their wish to see the ticket office remain open and hours and services extended if possible.

Cllr Mackenzie was concerned over the Banners in the Bus station and the RFO agreed to look into it.

17/20/CO SCC HIGHWAYS DELEGATED FUNCTIONS

The RFO reported the five-year agreement with Somerset Highways was coming to an end and we had been informed no extra funds to extend the agreement were available. The work involved verge cutting, cutting Lovers Walk and keeping the water gullies clear in the City.

Members expressed their wishes we continue the work around the City and it was noted Wells City Council will have to make budget provision.

17/21/CO DOG BIN

Request for dog fouling bin on public path adjacent to Lidl was proposed, seconded approved and agreed.

17/22CO MAINTENANCE REPORTS

None reported.

17/23CO ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT.

Cllr Price expressed his concern over the poor state of the cycle racks in the High street. It was agreed to contact Somerset Highways.

The RFO reported he had received complaints about the poor state of repair of the empty shop in the High Street. It was agreed to contact the enforcement officer at Mendip District Council to see if any action could be taken.

17/24CO DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6pm, Thursday 6th July 2017