

**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 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017 AT 2017 6.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: M Brandon; C Cox; A Gibson (Chairman); R MacKenzie;  
C Price (Vice-Chairman); C Wride (Deputy Mayor)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** RFO: S Luck  
No members of the Public

**17/52CO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Town Clerk: F White  
Cllr J North (Mayor); D Swain

**17/53CO DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None

**17/54CO MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017 were proposed, seconded approved and signed.

**17/55CO MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None present.

**17/56CO MINUTES OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM MEETING**

To receive the minutes of Wells in Bloom meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017:  
Noted and payments approved.

**17/57CO MINUTES OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM**

To receive the minutes of the City and Tourism Forum meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017: Noted.

**17/58CO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The RFO reported he had received good feedback for this years display and the work was done within budget.

The Open Spaces team and volunteers were thanked for their work.

Ideas to change the display for next year were discussed.

**17/59CO OPEN SPACES OFFICER**

- i. All allotments were allocated and all invoices for rents had been paid.  
A new fence has been erected at Barnes Close and tree work was taking place at all sites.
- ii. Cemetery gates condition reports were circulated and it was agreed to ask the F & GP committee to include the gates as a budget item for next year so the work can be done.
- iii. Morrisons map board has been cleaned, updated with new locks and a map of the City was now being displayed.

**17/60CO MAINTENANCE REPORTS**

Cllrs Wride and Cox reported litter and general waste was being left by school children daily in the Recreation Ground. The RFO said this would be reported to MDC as they are responsible for the area.

Cllr Mackenzie reported that concerns were raised at the PACT meeting regarding rubbish and glass at the skate park but he had checked and the area was visited and cleaned daily by WCC staff.

Cllrs were concerned with the amount of litter in verges around the City; this will be reported to MDC who are responsible for street cleaning.

**17/61CO THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2018:**

Cllr Wride reported she was trying to arrange volunteer groups to take part in the City as part of the national initiative in March 2018. She will be contacting local groups and will consult with the Open Spaces team about suitable safe areas for volunteers to clean.

**17/62CO ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**

Cllrs Wride and Price reported they were still trying to secure an old style red phone box from Open Reach that could be used to house a defibrillator in the Market Place subject to permissions being obtained.

**17/63CO DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6pm Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018**