

**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 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 6.00PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White  
RFO: S Luck  
Cllr MacKenzie

**17/01CO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllrs: C Cox

**17/02CO DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**  
None declared.

**17/03CO MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2016 were proposed,  
seconded approved and signed.

**17/04CO MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
None present.

**17/05CO MINUTES OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM: Noted.**  
**17/08CT** Members' attention was drawn to the [www.visitwellssomerset.co.uk](http://www.visitwellssomerset.co.uk)  
website, this is now active. The Mayor expressed the thanks of the committee  
to the Administrator for all the hard work that has gone into setting this up, the  
outcome is very successful.  
**17/09CT** Cllr North reported a 'deep clean' has been carried out at the bus  
station. It was agreed to request that this become part of the regular schedule.

**17/06CO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS up-date**  
The display was once again very successful. There was a very small over-  
spend, due to a shortfall of volunteer helpers. Plans for the coming year were  
proposed, seconded and approved.  
(Cllr Brandon arrived)

**17/07CO OPEN SPACES REPORT**  
A verbal report was given, as there is not much activity at this time of year:

- i. A member of staff is now working in the city centre role.
- ii. Alleged problem with broken glass at the skateboard park was reported in the Wells Journal.  
Regular cleaning and safety checks are carried out; the contact details are displayed for the public to report and problems to the council.
- iii. Request from the allotment holders: The council's insurer is not able to provide them with public liability cover; it advises that this is the responsibility of the individuals and cover is normally available through householder policies.
- iv. Allotments: compost heap issue at the Bishops Palace is being managed by the open spaces team.
- v. Dog bin for Goodymoore Ave area is now in place.

**17/08CO DOG BIN**

To consider request for dog fouling bin for St Andrews Mews:  
An appropriate site for the locality has been identified. Cost £300: proposed, seconded and approved.

**17/09CO MAINTENANCE REPORTS**

Matters for the attention of Somerset County Highways, Mendip District Council, or Wells Open Spaces section:

- i. Loose paving slab outside Santander, Market Place
- ii. Dog poo bags in hedge in path from Ash Lane to the Blue School creating a public health hazard
- iii. Fly-tipping: Large plastic container in corner of Burcott Road
- iv. Litter on roadsides particularly Burcott Road, Strawberry Way, Priory Road, Mountery Road.

**17/10CO ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT**

Cllr MacKenzie reported that the Guardian has featured a jigsaw puzzled map of Wells.

**17/11CO DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 6pm, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017