

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: M Brandon; C Briton; C Cox; A Gibson (The Mayor);  
N Kennedy; R MacKenzie; J North (Deputy Mayor); C Price;  
T Robbins; H Siggs; D Swain; G Wilson; C Wride

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White  
RFO: S Luck ; Mace-Bearer: M Goody; Chaplain: A Glanville  
PC Darren Pearson. 5 members of the public

**17/01C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs: D Unwin. Cllr. J Osman arrived later

**17/02C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012: None declared.

**17/03C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON**

**22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2016** Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, confirmed as a true record, and signed by the Mayor.

**17/04C CASUAL VACANCY**

To note that a casual vacancy has arisen in the St Cuthbert Ward and to receive an up-date on procedure for filling the vacancy:  
A bye-election will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. All enquiries should be directed to the Elections Office at Mendip District Council.

**17/05C POLICE REPORT**

PC Darren Pearson was welcomed back. He reported it has been a quiet month in Wells.

**17/06C PRESENTATIONS** were given by:

- i. Fair Trade Wells
- ii. Mendip Community Transport

**17/07C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

A representative of a bus-users group spoke about the 67 bus route.  
(Cllr Osman arrived)

**17/08C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- i. The Mayor has sent condolences to the family of the late John Harris, former Mace Bearer, and will attend the funeral.
- ii. Mayors Charity Concert Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April
- iii. Civic Service Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 3.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church,
- iv. Councillors Dinner Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Swan Hotel
- v. A film night is being planned in aid of the Mayor's charities

**17/09C MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017:  
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.  
Cllr Price reported he and Cllr Robbins had attended the training session in Bath on Neighbourhood Planning.

- 17/10C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017:  
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions. She drew members' attention to 17/22P Glastonbury Road street works; County Cllr Osman replied that he is aware of the situation and is monitoring it. He asked members to contact him in the event of any difficulties.
- 17/11C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**  
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
and note recommendation:  
**RECOMMENDED**  
**To adopt the General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011)**  
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
- 17/12C GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE (Localism Act 2011)**  
In presenting the motion, the Chairman made clear that while this is a useful power, giving the Council wider scope, financial guidance and the Council's own Financial Regulations remain in place.  
**To resolve:**  
**Wells City Council meets the conditions for eligibility set out in: Statutory Instrument, Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 and hereby adopts the power: Proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed.**
- 17/13C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES & FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS**
- i. Wells Recreation Ground Trust  
Cllrs Robbins reported it has been agreed to resurface the whole play area, due to excessive mud. Also to install infrared CCTV before the vandalised structure is replaced.  
It was agreed to progress taking on a project manager for the Bishops Barn.
  - ii. Bus 67 route  
Cllr Briton and Price reported from the meeting at Wedmore; all parishes were represented except Burnham. 3 possible timetable options had been presented and some example costings circulated.  
After discussion it was agreed that a definite proposal should be put to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- 17/14C COUNCIL DIARY**  
To approve the Council's calendar of meetings and civic appointments to May 2018: **APPROVED**, with the exception of Wells in Bloom meetings to be rearranged.  
The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- 17/15C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**
- i. Cllr North reported he had represented the Mayor at Fletcher House for the opening of the new Dementia Wing.
  - ii. Cllr Price suggested the Council invite the Chairman of the Somerset Health Partnership to speak about the provision or reduction of hospital services in the area.
- 17/16C DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.00pm Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.**