

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.00PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White  
RFO: S Luck ; Mace-Bearer: J Rood; Chaplain: A Glanville  
PC Darren Pearson. 0 members of the public  
Dr P Richards: Wells Cathedral

**17/17C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs: D Unwin

**17/18C 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.

**17/19C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON**

**26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017** Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, confirmed as a true record, and signed by the Mayor.

Matters Arising

- i. Cllr Price: To confirm a presentation by the Chairman of the Somerset Health Partnership
- ii. Cllr MacKenzie: To report good progress with the organisation of the Wells Fair trade committee and fair Trade fortnight events.

**17/20C POLICE REPORT**

PC Darren Pearson reported priorities from the recent PACT meeting, gave an up-date for the month, and answered questions.

**17/21C PRESENTATION**

Wells Cathedral: Vicar's Close Heritage Programme. Dr Richards spoke eloquently about this important conservation project; he provided an information brochure and answered questions.

It was agreed to write a letter of support for the Vicars Close Project.

**17/22C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None present.

**17/23C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- i. Annual Parish Meeting: 6pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Wells Town Hall. The Mayor reminded council committee chairmen to prepare their reports for this meeting.
- ii. The Legal Service: 11.30am Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Wells Cathedral
- iii. The Mayors Charity Concert: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April, Wells Town Hall
- iv. The Mayor's Civic Service: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 3.00pm, St Cuthbert's Church
- v. Councillors' Dinner: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April, The Swan Hotel
- vi. The Mayor's Charity Film Show: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April, Wells Cinema
- vii. The Mayor read out a card of thanks from Mrs Harris ref: 17/08Ci.

- 17/24C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**  
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017, with minutes of the City & Tourism Forum held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017: The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions. Cllr Kennedy thanked the open spaces team for the recent clearance work on the relief road.  
The Administrator was thanked for all her hard work preparing the new website ref: 17/05CO.
- 17/25C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017: The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.  
Cllr Osman reported the 67 bus service has not been withdrawn (17/28P1iv)
- 17/26C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**  
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and approve recommendations.  
**RECOMMENDED to Council for adoption:**
- **Data Protection Policy & Records Policy**
  - **Press & Media Policy**
  - **Third-Party Recording of Meetings Policy**
  - **Complaints Policy** (Procedure for use in complaints against the Council)
  - **Flag Policy**
- The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.  
**The recommended policies were proposed, seconded, and adopted.**
- 17/27C MINUTES OF THE ARCHIVES & CIVIC ASSETS COMMITTEE**  
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017: The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
- 17/28C NOMINATION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**  
To receive nominations for election at Mayor Making in May 2017: Cllr North was proposed for nomination as Mayor by Cllr Osman, seconded by Cllr Wride; a vote was held and the proposal was carried unanimously. Cllr Wride was proposed for nomination as Deputy Mayor by Cllr Robbins, seconded by Cllr Gibson, a vote was held and the proposal was carried unanimously.
- 17/29C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES & FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS**
- i. Wells Recreation Ground Trust  
Cllr Wride reported work to the play area is progressing. Candidates for Project manager have been shortlisted.
  - ii. Bus 67 route  
Cllr Briton reported from a meeting held with other parishes, (Burnham & Highbridge not present); SCC had announced funding for the route to continue with a reduced service until 21<sup>st</sup> July, to allow the parishes time to decide if it will be possible to continue after that. Monthly usage data has been requested.  
The first meeting of a Wells Bus-Users Group has taken place.
- 17/30C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**  
Concerns about an item in the Wells Journal on the Ward by-election.
- 17/31C DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.00pm Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**