

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: R Ayres; C Cox; R Greenwell; N Kennedy, R MacKenzie;
J North (The Mayor); J Osman; C Price; D Swain; D Unwin; G Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck
Chaplain: A Glanville
Mace Bearer M Goody
Somerset County Cllr. T Munt
2 representatives from Somerset and Avon Police
No member of the public

17/141C CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced the standard emergency evacuation procedures. He requested that mobile phones and other devices be set on silent or turned off. Anyone intending to record any part of the meeting was asked to declare this.

17/142C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: M Brandon; A Gibson; T Robbins; H Siggs; C Wride (Deputy Mayor)

17/143C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

17/144C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 2017:

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

17/145C POLICE REPORT

To receive a report from Avon and Somerset Police:
PC Pearson introduced the new PCSO and gave a report on recent incidents. CCTV footage is being searched for identification.
Wells Community Speedwatch has started, at 5 approved locations.
The Carnival went well and there were no problems with the Fair.

17/146C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None present.

17/147C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. The Mayor thanked the RFO and Open Spaces team for their hard work putting up the Christmas lights and for the way they conducted themselves in the face of some difficult behaviour from members of the public.
- ii. The Town Clerk and Town Hall Staff for all their hard work and support during the twinning visit over the Carnival weekend.
- iii. The Mayor and Mayoress were thanked for their efforts in raising the profile of town twinning; for all their hospitality and hard work.
- iv. Saturday 9th December: Mayor's Charity Christmas Market, Wells Town Hall
- v. Mid-Somerset Carol Service: 7pm Thursday 14th December, Wells Cathedral
- vi. Wells Christmas Market Wed.-Sat. 20-23 December
- vii. Mayor's Charity events

17/148C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd and 16th November 2017:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

17/149C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2017:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

17/150C MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2017:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions. The Chairman drew members' attention to the Staff Structural Review.
The Chairman and the Town clerk were thanked for all the hard work they have put into this project.

17/151C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- i. Wells Recreation Ground Trust: A meeting is scheduled to take place at 6.30pm on 5th December at the District Council Offices, Shepton Mallet (no room was available at Wells Town Hall)
- ii. MDC: Cllr Unwin reported on the Wells Christmas Market, all the chalets have now been sold. He commended the officers of MDC for all their hard work on this project and thanked Wells city Council officers for their support.
- iii. Wells Almshouses: Cllr Unwin reported the trustees are keen to integrate the Almshouses more into the community. A 2018 calendar will be on sale at the Christmas market.
- iv. SCC: Cllr Munt gave her monthly report (copy available)
She spoke about:
 - Report from the Director of Public Health on End of Life Care
 - Ofsted visit to Somerset County
 - Hinckley Point C funding, available via Somerset Community Foundation
 - The future for Somerset Libraries is currently under consultation
- v. Wells Sports Clubs / Athletic Ground: Cllr Price reported a 25 year Lease has been agreed in principle; details are being checked.

17/152C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

The Mayor will provide the traditional mulled wine and mince pies in the Parlour after the December Council meeting.

17/153C DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Wells City Council will be at
7pm on Thursday 21st December 2017: BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2018 - 19