

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7.00PM

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: M Brandon; C Briton; J North (Deputy Mayor); C Price; H Siggs;  
D Swain (Vice-Chairman)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White  
RFO: S Luck  
2 members of the public

**17/01F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllrs: T Robbins (Chairman); G Wilson  
SALC County Secretary.

**17/02F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012:  
Cllrs North and Siggs each declared a personal interest as member, in any matter relating to Mendip District Council.  
See also 17/09F.

**17/03F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016**  
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

**17/04F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
Representatives presented the projects applying for grant funding ref. **17/07F**

**17/05F FINANCE REPORT**  
To receive the financial reports for December 2016  
The bank statements and accounts had been checked prior to the meeting.  
The accounts for December 2016 were proposed, seconded and approved.  
- Ref. 16/83F; information received and approved, grant to be released.  
- The RFO reported the investment account has reached its term; this was reviewed and agreed to continue.  
- Appointment of a new external auditor for 2017-2022 was noted.

**17/06F THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**  
To receive presentation and consider recommendations to Council:  
The County Secretary was unfortunately unable to be present due to illness. However, Members had studied the matter and each gave their views. Careful consideration was given to risks and controls; it was agreed that the Council has the necessary measures in places. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to recommend that Council adopt the new power.  
**RECOMMENDED**  
**To adopt the General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011)**

**17/07F COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS**  
i. Wells Short Mat Bowls Club: £500 proposed, seconded and approved.  
ii. 'Sing & Smile', at Wells Lawrence Centre: £416 proposed, seconded and approved.

**17/08F**

**PROPERTIES up-date**

- i. Public toilets/ticket office  
There have been further delays; the target date has been moved to 1<sup>st</sup> February.
- ii. Post Office  
The Internal structural survey has carried out but report not yet received. Post Office Ltd has requested a lease extension to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017. This was approved.

**17/09F**

**MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**

- i. Cllr Briton reported back from the meeting held at Wedmore about the 67 bus. SCC has found funding until 4<sup>th</sup> March and suggested three options for the parishes. It was thought that the most realistic for Wells would be to work with Mendip Community Transport and some of the nearest parishes, however there is no firm proposal to put to the Council as yet. The next meeting will be in February; the Town Hall has been offered as a venue; facts and figures are being requested by the parishes.  
It was agreed to put Closure of route 67 on the next F&GP agenda.
- ii. The Town Clerk reported on the Casual Vacancy on the Council.

**17/10F**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017**