

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 5TH APRIL 2018 AT 2017 6.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: A Gibson (Chairman); R MacKenzie; J North (Mayor); D Swain;
C Price (Vice-Chairman); C Wride (Deputy Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck
County Cllr T Munt
2 members of the Public

18/13CO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs M Brandon; C Cox

18/14CO DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
None declared

18/15CO MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
Minutes of the meeting held on 1ST FEBRUARY 2018 were proposed,
seconded approved and signed.

18/16CO MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Representatives from Wells Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, and from
the Visit by Coach 'Meet & Greet' Team, spoke about progress at the bus
station. Businesses are providing incentives for coach drivers to come to
Wells. The group are contacting MDC to ask for a suspension of fees for
coach parking at Princes Road as paying to park is a known dis-incentive to
coach drivers.
County Cllr Munt commented on the Car Parks review under way at MDC.
Cllr MacKenzie declared an interest as member of Mendip District Council.
**Members of the committee were minded to ask that Council write to MDC
in support of the request.**

18/17CO MINUTES OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM
To receive the minutes of the City and Tourism Forum meeting held on
1st March 2018: The Chairman drew member's attention to the award of
'Coach-Friendly Status', and to the visit by Cllr Taylor to discuss the Wells
Christmas Market. **Noted.**

18/18CO MAY CHARTER FAIR
The Town Clerk presented a report; the Operator's agreement has been
issued, Mendip District Council has offered a further five year licence and has
authorised the 2018 May Fair to take place; the Road Closure Order has been
issued. Details are being finalised regarding street cleaning and annual event
management documentation.

18/19CO OPEN SPACES OFFICER'S REPORT

- i. Enhancement works at Princes road bus station: benches have been delivered; materials for constructing the planters are due shortly. Leaflet rack is in place in the waiting office and all internal works complete.
- ii. Speed Indicator Devices: Plans are in place for the scheme to be operated by the Open Spaces Team when project expenditure has been given approval from the Finance committee.
- iii. Request for dog fouling bins at Morrisons / Barratt Homes estate: these roads are not yet adopted by SCC Highways, and some of the area is on private property. It is proposed to put a general waste bin near the map board at the exit from Morrisons towards the town, junction with exit from footpath WS17/25, where it would be accessible for emptying: **Agreed.**
- iv. Request for Grit bin at Jocelyn Drive / industrial estate: costs will be looked into, as Council has no more bins in store.
- v. All grit bins in the City have been refilled by the Open Spaces Team; SCC no longer refill, they will supply a stock of grit.
- vi. Contractor's container bins outside Town Hall Buildings / Carlton Mews: The accumulation of refuse at this site is having an unacceptable impact on residents and pedestrians. It was agreed to ask for collections to be made at the end of market days and for the collection site to be moved off the highway and away from the residential area.
The Mayor, as District Councillor, undertook to contact MDC about this problem.
- vii. Red Phone Box: Awaiting a quote for moving, renovating and reinstalling the box.

18/20CO THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2018

Report from Cllr Wride (Deputy Mayor):

Cllr Wride reported the event was very successful, taking place the weekend of 20-23 April after being postponed due to severe weather; about 90 sacks of rubbish were collected. There were about 60 volunteers, who are keen to repeat the event; there will be a meeting for them at the end of April to plan the next steps.

18/21CO MAINTENANCE REPORTS

- i. SCC Highways will be thanked for attention to the list of pavement repairs compiled by the Council's City Centre worker after the last meeting.
- ii. Street nameplate missing at Market Street, Queen Street junction.
- For attention of Mendip District Council Street nameplates
- iii. Road-markings worn away at junction of Market Street turning right only into Queen Street (one way) ; lines in urgent need of replacing, there have been 'near misses' as vehicles turn left out of Market Street into the path of on-coming traffic. Particular danger at night.

18/22CO ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

- i. Cllr MacKenzie commented on an untidy site at Ash Rise building development (Flower and Hayes)
- ii. The Mayor commented on:
 - Parking enforcement signs at St John St have been replaced
 - Bridge on south side of Jocelyn Drive continues to flood, remedial action from SCC is due
 - 'Triplet bins' for recycling rubbish could be provided by sponsors in the City
- iii. Cllr Price noted the condition of the white finger-sign post at the Portway junction with Elm Close; this is scheduled for restorative works.
- iv. John Parkes had arrived and was invited to speak: he asked what the Council would like to see happen with the commemorative Poppy bed at the Recreation Ground after 11.11.18. This was referred to Cllr Wride and Robbins, as Trustee representatives, to discuss with Mr Parkes and then take to the Wells Recreation Ground Trust.

18/23CO DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6pm Thursday 7th June 2018