

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM HELD IN THE INDICTMENT ROOM, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 8TH MARCH 2018 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: **Committee Members:**
Cllrs: R MacKenzie; J North (The Mayor),
D Swain (Chairman), C Wride (Deputy Mayor)

Co-opted representatives:
Mr D Cooper in the Chair
Miss S Cooper, Wells Film Centre
Ms L Mann, Wells Cathedral
Ms R Martin, The Bishop's Palace
Mr R Powell, Wells Chamber of Commerce
Mr M Tobin, Hotels / Visit Somerset (Vice-Chairman)
Mr A Webb, Wells Museum Visitor Information Service
Ms C Winter, Wells Civic Society

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
Cllr. C Price
Cllr N Taylor, Mendip District Council
J Croft, Wells Cathedral Administrator

18/09CT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Ms T Chichester, B&B representative

18/10CT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
None declared. See 18/14CT Visit Somerset.

18/11CT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
Minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2018 were proposed, seconded approved and signed.

18/12CT MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- i. **WELLS CHRISTMAS MARKET**
Cllr Taylor (MDC) spoke about the Wells Christmas Market and answered questions. There was discussion and exchange of ideas for the coming year.
The date has been fixed for Wed.19 – Sat. 22nd December 2018.
- ii. Kirstie Harris spoke about a 'Wake Up Wells' community event, to celebrate living in Wells. There was a discussion and support for the concept.

18/13CT REPORTS FROM GROUPS

- i. Twining Association
The Mayor reported there will be a visit from Fontanellato, 28-30th April.
- ii. 'Visit by Coach' (Lynsey Mann)
Accreditation visit for 'Coach –Friendly City' status – 14th March.
Wells is short-listed for the British Tourism 'Coach-Friendliest City' Award.
The Meet & Greet scheme at the Bus Station is now operating 4 days a week.
The agreement has been signed between the City and Mendip Councils, planters and benches will be put in over the next few weeks.

iii. Visit Wells (Andy Webb)

Wells has been asked to host the next Visit Somerset (Mendip) conference; those present were generally in favour; it was asked that John Turner attend the next meeting to explain what is required.

Mark Tobin declared an interest as a director of Visit Somerset.

18/14CT 2018 EVENTS See attached list

18/15CT ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

- i. Wells Cathedral has won a silver award in the South West Tourism 'large attraction', category.
- ii. The City Council has adopted the last red telephone box in Wells; this will be moved to the town centre and a public access defibrillator installed in it.
- iii. The City Council is looking into reducing single-use plastics and hoping to work on providing water bottle refilling points.
The Chamber of Commerce has voted to support the Plastic-Free Wells motion.
There was a discussion about this issue.
- iv. The City Council was asked whether it can do anything about the lack of on-street parking enforcement at St John St and Southover, where the signs have been defaced, and the double-glazing van that parks in the High Street all day on Wednesdays.

18/16CT DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 6pm on Thursday 3rd May 2018

PUBLIC EVENTS / ROAD CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY OF WELLS 2018

Note: This listing attempts to identify major events likely to cause significant additional traffic or other disruption. Notifications of any other such events will be gratefully received.

These may also be days when it would not be appropriate to arrange another major event in the City.

March

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| Saturday 10 th March | Sports Skills for children, Bishop's Green Women's Day, Drama at Wells Blue School |
| Saturday 17 th March | Mendip Men's Walk, Cathedral Green |
| Sunday 18 th March | The Legal Service, Market Place & Cathedral Green |
| 23-25 th March | great British Spring Clean - City litter-pick |

April

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| Saturday 28 th April | WI Banner Parade, Wells High St |
| Fri 27 th - Sun 29 th April | Wells Film Festival |
| Fri 29 th April | Half-Ciderthon' run; City Centre & Wells area |

May

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| Fri, Sat, 4-5 th May | May Charter Fair, Fun Fair Market Place |
| Mon 7 th May | May Day Fair, Market Place |
| Saturday 12 th May | Somerset Day |
| Sunday 13 th May | Vintage & Classic Cars, Cathedral Green |
| Saturday 19 th May | Royal wedding |
| Sunday 27 th May | Wells Fun Run |

JuneSunday 3rd June

Tortoise& Hare m/c Run, City centre

Saturday 16th JuneSomerset Schools Folk Dance Festival
*Civic Day*Sunday 24th June
22-24th JuneCoast to Coast m/c rally. Market Place
Bishop's Palace Garden Festival**July**Sunday 8th July

Boules Tournament, Market Place

Thur 12th- Sun 15th July
Sat 14th JulyWells Orchestral Weekend. & Wells Theatre Festival
Main events at Bishop's Palace and Cathedral**August**Sat - Sun 11-12th August

Rail Wells Exhibition, Town Hall

Mon 27th August

Moat Boat Race

SeptemberSat 8th September

Heritage Open Day; City centre venues

OctoberPROV: Sun. 7th October

'Wake up Wells' launch at Town Hall

FESTIVALS

Sunday 14th October

Food Festival, City centre

Saturday 27th October

Poppy Concert, Town Hall

NovemberTuesday 6th November

WWI commemoration Wells Cathedral

Sunday 11th November

6am the lone piper, Wells Cathedral
11am Remembrance Services & Parade
12-4pm Wells Lions events? Wells Market Place?
Wells Museum open
7pm Beacon lighting, Wookey Hole; City Band,
British Legion

Fri 16th November

Carnival and Charter Fair (Fun Fair)

Mon – Tues 19-20th November

Christmas lights go up

DecemberSun. 9th December

Reindeer Parade

Wed. 19 – Sat.22 December

Wells Christmas Market