

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 28TH JUNE 2018 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: R Ayres, M Brandon; C Cox; R Greenwell; N Kennedy;
R MacKenzie; J North; J Osman (Deputy Mayor); C Price; T Robbins; H Siggs;
D Swain; D Unwin; G Wilson; C Wride (Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
Mace Bearer: J Rood
RFO: S Luck
County Cllr. T Munt
1 member of the public

18/80C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None received

18/81C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 27th July 2012: None received.

**18/82C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
19th and 24th May 2018:** Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

18/83C POLICE REPORT
To receive a report from Avon and Somerset Police:
The Town Clerk reported from a meeting with PC Pearson giving up-dates on recent concerns with rough sleepers. The City Council staff had been able to assist Police with their enquiries on anti-social behaviour; progress is being made.

18/84C PRESENTATION
Kirstie Harris spoke about 'Wake up Wells' and answered questions.

18/85C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Public speaking time is normally restricted to 15 minutes in total, at the discretion of the Mayor. None present.
Cllr. MacKenzie spoke about fund-raising activity for the benefit of the residents of Fletcher House.

18/86C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Mayor reported the resignation of Cllr. Alison Gibson; the Town Clerk will notify the MDC Elections Officer to begin the legal process.

18/87C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2018:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

18/88C MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2018:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

18/26S RECOMMENDED

That the review of pay and grading go forward to the next Council cycle.

The recommendation was proposed, seconded and agreed.

18/89C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 7th June and 21st June 2018:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

18/106P PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

Proposed new base station installation at VF 95452 – Wells BP SW, Bath Road, adjacent BP garage, Wells, Somerset BA5 3LF

The Town Clerk had obtained agreement from the agent to arrange a local meeting with Councillors. Cllrs. Osman, MacKenzie, Kennedy and Unwin offered to attend.

18/90C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2018

With minutes of the City & Tourism Forum held 3rd May 2018:

The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

18/91C COMMITTEE VACANCIES and APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE

The following appointments were made:

- i. Planning Committee – Cllr. North
- ii. City Centre & Open Spaces Committee – Cllrs. Kennedy and North
- iii. Staffing Committee – Cllr. North
- iv. Representative to the Town Twinning Association – Cllr. North

18/91C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- i. Wells Recreation Ground Trust

Cllr. Wride (The Mayor) presented the report and invited questions.

The Mayor asked that the Council's representatives prepare reports for the Council agenda when they have something to report.

18/92C REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- i. Mendip District Council

Cllr. Siggs presented the report and invited questions

- ii. Somerset County Council

Cllr. Munt presented the report and invited questions

18/93C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

- i. Request that the Mayor write to the head of the Clinical Commissioning Group for Somerset, asking what their strategy is for the next five years. In view of the proposed increase in housing there are concerns about increasing waiting times at GP surgeries, and difficulties with car parking.
- ii. Comment on councillors' attendance at meetings; suggestion that a system of appointing substitutes be considered.
- iii. Comments on e-mails received concerning bus route 67. The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee confirmed that the City Council gave a single discretionary grant payment for the current year and did not sign up to any on-going partnership agreement.

18/94C DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Wells City Council will be at **7pm on Thursday 26th July 2018**