

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018 AT 7.00PM

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: M Brandon; R Greenwell; R MacKenzie; J Osman (Deputy Mayor);  
D Swain; C Wride (Mayor)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White  
Mace Bearer: M Goody  
RFO: S Luck  
County Cllr. T Munt  
2 members of the public, 3 press  
Somerset & Avon Crime and Police Commissioner, Chief Constable  
and Chief Inspector

**18/95C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr R Ayres, C Cox; N Kennedy; J North; C Price; T Robbins; H Siggs; D Unwin;  
G Wilson

**18/96C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of  
Conduct adopted 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012: None received.

**18/97C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON**

**28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018:** Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded,  
confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

**18/98C PRESENTATION by Avon & Somerset Police**

The Police & Crime Commissioner Sue Mount-Stevens; Chief Constable Andy Marsh;  
and Chief Inspector Sharon Bennett, spoke about strategy, priorities, funding, and local  
interpretation; specifically the forthcoming move of the Wells Police Station to a new site  
at the Fire Station. They answered questions from Councillors and from the press and  
public. This very interesting session lasted about an hour and was much appreciated  
by those present.

**18/99C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

A question about the casual vacancy on the council was answered. MDC Elections  
Officer has reported that no poll was called for by the public within the required time,  
therefore the City Council should co-opt as soon as is practicable.

Members agreed that it would not be appropriate to advertise during August as the  
public would not have sufficient opportunity to be aware of the vacancy. It was agreed  
to advertise in September, with a view to co-opting at the October meeting.

**18/100C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor's Charities Quiz Night at the Town Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> September

**18/101C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018:  
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

**18/102C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> July and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018:  
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

**18/103C MINUTES OF THE ARCHIVES & CIVIC ASSESTS COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018:  
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

**18/104C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

- i. Connect Youth Centre: Noted.
- ii. Cllr MacKenzie reported from the recent Parish Forum on:
  - Somerset Waste Partnership (plastics) and
  - district councils' discussions of possible unitary bid options.

**18/105C REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

No reports received

**18/106C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**

1. Casual Vacancy: see 18/98C. The Town Clerk will send out a briefing paper to Councillors, as to co-option processes.
2. The Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group
3. A message has been received from Surfers Against Sewage to inform us that Wells has achieved Plastic Free status, in the reducing single-use plastics campaign.

**18/107C DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

*Note August: no meetings except Planning Committee 6pm 9<sup>th</sup> August.*

The next meeting of Wells City Council will take place at:

**7.00pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018** in the Council Chamber, Wells Town Hall.