

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.00PM

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

**ABSENT:** Cllrs: Ayres; Cox

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White  
Mace Bearer: J Rood  
County Cllr. T Munt  
10 members of the public, 5 press

**18/108C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from:  
Cllr. C Cox  
Avon and Somerset Police

**18/109C 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.

**18/110C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON**

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

**18/111C PRESENTATION:** Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group.

Mr M Bainbridge, Head of Primary Care, presented the 'Fit for my Future' section of the Health and Well-Being Strategy for Somerset. He spoke about the challenges to health service provision, particularly in relation to housing development in the Wells area, and he answered questions from members.

**18/112C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- i. Wells Theatre Festival: The representative thanked the Council for its support and reported that the festival was a great success. There are plans for a festival 11-14<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**18/113C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- i. The Mayor thanked everyone for their support at the recent quiz night; £1,632 was raised for the Mayor's charities.
- ii. The Mayor was pleased to announce that the Somerset County Council Chairman's Award will go to Derek Cooper for his work in the community.

**18/114C CASUAL VACANCIES**

- i. To confirm arrangements for co-option to fill the casual vacancy in Wells Central Ward: The Town Clerk reported on procedures.
- ii. Casual vacancy in Wells St Thomas Ward: MDC has set the date of poll for 25<sup>th</sup> October.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to transfer the date of the next City Council meeting to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**18/115C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018:  
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

**18/116C ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT**

To receive the governance and accountability reports for the year 2017-18:  
The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee drew members' attention to the report being completely clear with no advisories. Noted.  
The Town Clerk and RFO were thanked for all their work.

**18/117C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August and 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018:  
Cllr Wilson presented the minutes and invited questions.

**18/118C MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018:  
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

**18/119C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Reports were presented and questions invited:

- i. Report from PACT meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August (Cllr MacKenzie) (Police, Partners and Communities Together)
- ii. Wells and Mendip Museum (Cllr Price)  
It was proposed, seconded and agreed, to write to Viridor Credits, in support of the Museum grant application, as requested.
- iii. Wells Twinning Association (Cllr North) The Mayor stated, for clarification, that she had invited the Mayor of Paray-le-Monial but he had declined; the Twinning Association was now taking the matter forward as regards any funding application.

**18/120C REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

- i. Report from Somerset County Council: Councillor T Munt presented her report and answered questions.
- ii. Report from Mendip District Council: Councillor H Siggs presented his report and answered questions.

**18/121C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**

- i. Information was provided regarding the Somerset Poppies project for Remembrance.
- ii. Members of the Archives and Civic Assets Committee were reminded by the Chairman to submit comments on the Civic Review to the Town Clerk in advance of the next Committee meeting (18<sup>th</sup> October).

**18/122C EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be considered, involving individuals and contracts, it was proposed by the Mayor that a resolution be passed under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended, excluding the press and public: RESOLVED.

**18/123C CONFIDENTIAL REPORT**

Council received a confidential report from the Finance and General Purposes Committee; all matters were approved.

**18/124C DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Wells City Council will take place at:  
**7.00pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018** in the Council Chamber, Wells Town Hall.