



WELLS CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL SUMMONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL, WHICH MEMBERS ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND, WILL BE HELD IN WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.00PM

Please note this meeting will be recorded for the purpose of minute-taking.

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16th February 2023

AGENDA

Wells City Council has declared a climate emergency. Each agenda item must consider the impact on any policy and decision.

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 12th May 2022.
- 3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 26TH JANUARY 2023**
To be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.
- 5 MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
Public speaking time is normally restricted to 15 minutes in total, at the discretion of the Mayor.
- 6 POLICE REPORT**

7 SUSTAINABLE FOOD SOMERSET PRESENTATION

By Stewart Crocker

8 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 8th March, 7pm, Wells Town Hall.

Civic Event

Legal Service, Wells Cathedral, Sunday 19th March, 3pm.

King's Coronation Celebration Day

Sunday 7th May, planned celebrations for the City (attached)

Mayor's Diary

- i. 1st March, Grand Organ Appeal, Wells Cathedral
- ii. 8th March, Annual Parish Meeting, 7pm, Well Town Hall **Cllrs to note**
- iii. 9th March, Social Reception for Civic Staff, Mayor's Parlour
- iv. 12th March, Countrywide Service of Thanksgiving, Wells Cathedral
- v. 13th March, Twinning AGM, Deputy Mayor attending, Wells Town Hall
- vi. 13th March, Youth Concert, St Cuthbert's Church
- vii. 19th March, Legal Service, 3pm, Wells Cathedral **Cllrs to note**
- viii. 23rd March, Symphony Orchestra Concert, Deputy Mayor attending, Wells Cathedral

9 NOMINATION OF MAYOR-ELECT AND DEPUTY MAYOR-ELECT

To make nominations in preparation for the next Mayoral year.

10 OUTSIDE SPACES & ESTATES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February (attached)

11 FINANCE & COUNCIL MATTERS COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2023 (attached)

12 GOVERNANCE REVIEW

To adopt policies approved by the Finance Committee.

- i. [Scheme of Delegation](#)
- ii. [Asset Register](#)
- iii. [Council Risk Assessment](#)

13 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February (to follow)

14 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

Cllr Von Mensenkampff to provide an update (report to follow)

15 BRITANNIA INN

To approve the application to place the former public house on the Register of Community Assets with MDC, Cllr Butt Philip (report to follow)

16 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/TRUSTEES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

No reports received

17 REPORT FOLLOWING LAST COUNCILLORS SURGERY ON 13TH FEBRUARY

Councillor in attendance: Cllr D Orrett (report attached)

18 TO RECEIVE ANY WRITTEN REPORTS FROM DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS

To follow, if any received.

19 ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Wells City Council will be **Thursday 23rd March 2023, 7pm**

EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Note: If it is necessary for matters to be considered in confidence, it will be proposed by the Mayor that a resolution be passed under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended.

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Wells City Council members	District Councillors	Wells Cathedral
Serjeants-at-Mace	County Councillor	Wells Police Station
Mayor's Chaplain		

Agenda Item 8 – King’s Coronation Celebration Day, Sunday 7th May 2023

A small group of volunteers under the leadership of the Mayor of Wells are planning a day of celebrations on the Cathedral Green.

There is little funding available for the Coronation weekend therefore events for the 7th are either very low cost or Wells businesses are supplying resources.

Some of the planned events for the day:

- An art exhibition with local artists in the Cathedral cloisters
- Family fun activities.
- A full programme of musical events on a stage.
- Stalls backed by local community groups.
- Stalls with local food and drink

First aid to be provided by St John’s Ambulance.

Electricity supply to be supplied by a business based in the Market Square with a back entrance onto the green.

There will be a service in the Cathedral on the 7th. Starting at 3pm and lasting approximately one hour. This event will be considered in our planning. A member of the cathedral staff is an active part of the team.

Cllr Stewart Cursley
The Mayor of Wells

Agenda Item 17 – Councillors Surgery

Summary of Councillor Surgery held on Monday 13th February 2023 in the Meeting Room, Wells Town Hall.

Present: Cllr Deborah Orrett

2 residents came with issues.

1. Barbara M from 105 Burcott Road was concerned that works carried out on the gas mains in Jocelyn Drive by Wales and West Utilities were causing noise and mess and restricting the width of the pavement outside her bungalow.

On inspection, I noted that a large storage container had been placed there by the company and earth was dumped and stored until it was collected by a lorry. Barriers had been placed around the area to contain it to the road but these had been pushed over the pavement making the passage narrow and muddy which would be slippery in wet weather.

Issue was resolved by W&W foreman moving the barriers and using an industrial brush to clean the pavement. Boards will also be placed under the soil heap in future to limit damage to the road surface.

2. Dr Christopher Spencer Jones came to gauge Councillor and personal opinion as to our vision for use of the Bishops Barn, as his role on Sarah Powell's Recreation Ground committee is to write a Consultation Document.

We discussed numerous options and locations for hire generally in Wells. Wider discussions ensued and he has experience with a Public Interest Entity. He would like to see more Community led projects.

Issue was resolved by putting him in touch with Mr Chris Charles who has approached me re: Community Land Trusts where land can be purchased and developed for community projects rather than massive commercial developments.

Cllr Deborah Orrett 15/02/2023