



## 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 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023 AT 7.00PM**

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

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Town Clerk

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20<sup>th</sup> April 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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- 3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 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 WELLS UKRAINIAN HUB PRESENTATION**  
Presented by Anna Tumanova.

## **8 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Mayor's Diary**

- i. 7<sup>th</sup> May – Celebration of King's Coronation, Wells Cathedral 10:30am
- ii. 7<sup>th</sup> May - King's Coronation Celebration Day, Cathedral Green 12 – 6pm
- iii. 8<sup>th</sup> May – The Big Help Out, Litter Pick organised by Cllr Orrett
- iv. 10<sup>th</sup> May – Axbridge Mayor Making, Deputy Mayor attending
- v. 11<sup>th</sup> May – Meeting with Cllr Laura Wolfers, Chair of Street Parish Council
- vi. 14<sup>th</sup> May – Mendip Vintage & Classic Tour, Cathedral Green
- vii. 20<sup>th</sup> May – Mayor Making
- viii. 25<sup>th</sup> May – Wells u3a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Wells Town Hall, Deputy Mayor attending

The Mayor invites all councillors and staff present to join him in the Mayor's Parlour after this meeting to mark the end of his mayoral term.

## **9 OUTSIDE SPACES & ESTATES COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (attached)

## **10 STAFFING COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (attached)

## **11 FINANCE & COUNCIL MATTERS COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (attached)

## **12 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April (to follow)

## **13 WCC PLAN**

### **Proposals from Cllr D Denis for Workshops for Councillors to Develop a Vision and Objectives for Wells City Council**

- i. Proposal 1- The proposal is to have 3 workshops approximately 2-2.5 hours long, in May, June and July so that there will be a set of guiding principles from September 2023.
- ii. Proposal 2- The first workshop date is proposed to be Wednesday 10 May.
- iii. Proposal 3- The 1st workshop comprises of Councillors, Chaired by the Mayor. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop will comprise of councillors and town Clerk and other officers.
- iv. Proposal 4- The workshops will break out into smaller cross-party groups with one spokesperson to feedback.

## **14 WELLS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Report from Chair.

## **15 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/TRUSTEES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

- i. Museum report from Jenny Rust (attached)
- ii. Wells Environment Network Day from Cllr D Denis (attached)
- iii. Somerset Bus Partnership Report from Cllr D Denis (attached)

## **16 REPORT FOLLOWING LAST COUNCILLORS SURGERY ON 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Councillors in attendance: Cllrs S Powell and T Robbins

### **Notes**

1<sup>st</sup> query was about the state of St Andrews Stream running alongside Silver Street – Cllr Robbins to enquire.

2<sup>nd</sup> query - Buskers with amplifiers and protestors on the Cathedral Green.  
Action, to ask whether the busking charter could be made more prominent on the WCC website.

Work with police to check on buskers activities and assessing whether their busking consists of a nuisance.

Area where the postbox is near the Bishops Eye needs cleaning up. Action talk to open spaces.

3<sup>rd</sup> query - The implementation of a 20 mph limit on Milton Lane along with a traffic calming scheme

Action: talk to County Councillors and Police.

**17 TO RECEIVE ANY WRITTEN REPORTS FROM DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

To follow, if any received.

**18 UPDATED CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS (attached)**

For Council approval.

**19 ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**

**20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Wells City Council will be **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 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.

**21 CONFIDENTIAL PROPERTY MATTER**

To receive a report from the Town Clerk.

**Circulation List:**

Town Clerk/RFO	Town Crier	Wells Chamber of Commerce
Town Clerk Assistant	WCC Internal Auditor	Wells Civic Society
Cemetery & Burial Officer	Wells Journal & Wells Voice	Wells Visitor Information
Outside Spaces Officer	Mendip District Council	The Bishop's Palace
Wells City Council members	District Councillors	Wells Cathedral
Serjeants-at-Mace	County Councillor	Wells Police Station
Mayor's Chaplain		

## **Agenda Item 15 (i)**

Wells and Mendip Museum Report

April 2023

Wells and Mendip Museum continues to see many exciting changes with the progress of the Search and Learn project. Many thanks are due to the talented and enthusiastic volunteers who give up so much of their time and energy, as well as to the project staff and student placement team. In particular Jon Chivers deserves especial thanks for his careful oversight of the Archives whilst the museum has no paid Archivist.

I will be stepping down from my role as WCC's nominated Trustee, but the March visit to the museum of so many councillors fills me with hope that one of them will come forward to participate in the life of the museum in a full and positive way and not just as an attendee at the board meetings.

The Wells and Mendip Museum is truly a hidden gem and one that deserves to be known to a much wider public.

Jenny Rust

## Wells Environment Network Day 1st July



It is looking really exciting with stands, workshops and possible speaker from the Bishop's Palace on Growing Your Own. The title of the event is Make Do-Can Do. The focus is on how we can all improve our carbon footprint, help the environment and save money in this challenging time by being creative, making do, and enjoying life in Wells.

I am also trying to set up a schools' competition for posters about Climate and Environmental issues, and hope to have a People's Vote for the best 3 posters. The aim is to entice in the younger generation of families.

The following organisations have committed to having a stand or workshop:

- Somerset Wildlife Trust
- Wells and District Wildlife Group
- Sustainable Wells Tor Hill Lane Project
- Sustainable Food
- Sustainable Wells Making Spaces
- Somerset Council Officers (tbc)
- Cycling groups
- Bishops Palace
- Wells CC Climate Emergency Working Group

The event will be opened by Mayor Elect Tanys Pullin at 1030, and it would be helpful if there could be a support from other councillors present at the opening, and during the event.

Cllr Denise Denis  
18/4/23

**Somerset Bus Partnership Report**

**SBP AGM** was held this week- attended by Rosa Kell who has agreed to become the lead person for Wells Bus User Group. The SBP continues to work hard on behalf of the 11 bus user groups of Somerset. It has a membership of 56 people.

**Wells Bus User Group achievements for 2022-2023 were:**

Running successful bus stalls and events raising awareness  
Developing a list of local supporters providing a focus for future actions  
Establishing links with Wells bus depot  
Setting-up an off-shoot 'Save the 126' campaign  
Developing links with Cheddar and Glastonbury bus groups

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Headline Notes from the latest survey by Transport Focus on the £2 fare cap, conducted between 24-26 March 2023.

40% of people said bus journeys were replacing ones they would have made by car, and that 11% of respondents were using the bus to travel more - up from 7% in January.

In a boost for those in favour of Youth Discounts and the "Solidaire" style fare we have in Brittany, usage of the £2 capped fare is highest among under 24s and people with lower household incomes.

Also, the South West scores highly compared to other regions when respondents are asked whether the £2 capped fare will encourage people to try the bus, and whether it might personally save them money.

Interesting also to note that the Office for National Statistics has said the £2 fare cap was a contributing factor in inflation slowing down in January - see also <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-65177420>

Cllr Denise Denis  
19/4/23