



**WELLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE OUTSIDE SPACES & ESTATES**  
**COMMITTEE, WHICH MEMBERS ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND,**  
**WILL BE HELD AT WELLS TOWN HALL**  
**ON THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 7:00PM**

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

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Town Clerk/RFO

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

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**Committee Members:**

Cllrs: L Agabani (Chair), T Butt-Philip, D Denis,  
S Eden, N Kennedy, D Orrett, S Powell,  
G Robbins

**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 COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
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 CITY CENTRE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**  
Matters arising
- 4 MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
Public speaking time is normally restricted to 15 minutes in total, at the discretion of the Chair
- 5 OUTSIDE SPACES**
  - i Skateboard park - to receive an update
  - ii To receive an update from the Outside Spaces Officer
  - iii Wells In Bloom – to receive an update
- 6 CLIMATE EMERGENCY**  
Climate Emergency Working Party Report from Cllr Denis (attached)

- 7 CEMETERY**
  - i. Memorial inspection
- 8 PORTWAY ANNEXE**
  - To receive an update
- 9 RECREATION GROUND**
  - i. To receive an update from the Outside Spaces Officer
- 10 PROPERTIES**
  - To receive an update
- 11 ANY MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**
- 12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Note:** If it is necessary for matters to be considered in confidence it will be proposed by the Chairman that a resolution be passed under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended, excluding the press and public, in order that confidential property items can be discussed.

## **Agenda Item 6**

### **Climate Change Working Group Report**

#### **1. Actions achieved since last meeting:**

- Wells CC Website updated-Climate and Environment is listed on the About page- please check it out.
- Report of Working Group Aim and Objectives presented to full Council 26/1/23.

#### **2. Survey draft trialled with 7 U3A Environment Group members and amendments to be made. James Mochrie has also produced an online survey to match the paper one <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BMK0P8/>.**

#### **3. Planning for Events in 2023.**

- Base survey to start 2 weeks commencing on March 13. Paper- based street survey with volunteers (hopefully from Councillors and on line survey (website and Facebook). James to redraft paper survey. No street licence is required.
- Campaign to inform Wells residents and businesses of the steps WCC is taking and hopefully send a positive message for Climate Change actions.
- Wells Voice article- DD to put out article for mid-June deadline.
- Information leaflet to draft to hand out at Coronation Event (7 May) and WEN open day (1 July)- Volunteers needed to be on stands at both. DD to ask at Full Council for extra councillors to support. G Folkard and DD in process of designing a leaflet.
- Market Stall- agreed Weds 17 Sept to continue information campaign- DD to book stall with Mendip Markets
- End survey to see if any impact from campaign.

#### **4. Climate Resilience in Wells -G Folkard has concerns re flash flood events and other climate induced disasters and would like to see Council consideration of the problem to devise contingency plans. DD to raise at next Open Spaces.**

5. Street Parish Council are considering a Climate Emergency Motion and would like to meet with us at the next meeting, **Tuesday 4 April at 1915h**
6. The Climate Emergency working party would like all councillors to try out one of the carbon footprint calculators . Try one of the following:
7. [Climate calculator - ClimateHero](#)
8. [Online carbon footprint calculator - Sustainable Wells](#)
9. [WWF Footprint Calculator](#)
10. (impact-tool.org.uk) Worth a read-My search for Wells shows that Wells compares well against the Mendip and National Carbon Footprint – but we can work on that to reduce it further with all involved at Wells CC.  
[Impact | Community carbon calculator](#)

**Cllr Denise Denis**

**20/2/23**