

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7:00PM VIA ZOOM

**PRESENT ON ZOOM:** Cllrs: L Agabani (Chairman), O Hartley, N Kennedy (Vice-Chairman), P Welch (Deputy Mayor), C Wride

**IN ATTENDANCE ON ZOOM:** Town Clerk/RFO, S Luck  
Cllrs: S Briton  
WCC Staff: A Westwood  
SCC Cllr T Munt  
4 members of the public

**20/45F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr P Crummay, S Cursley, J Osman (The Mayor)

**20/46F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Cllr Wride declared a personal interest in item 20/50F/1 as a supporter of the St John Ambulance.

Cllr Welch declared a personal and possible prejudicial interest in item 20/50F/4 as an organiser of the new Loyalty League.

Cllr Agabani declared a personal interest in item 20/50F/4 as a participating retailer.

The Town Clerk also advised he was the new Treasurer of the Loyalty League and would leave the room when the item was discussed.

**20/47F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020:**

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and will be signed in due course.

**20/48F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Four members of the public spoke about their grant applications and answered questions from members.

- i. Alex Fowler spoke on behalf of the St John Ambulance who had applied for a grant to purchase a QCPR resuscitation manikin to help with their ongoing training.
- ii. Laura Miller spoke on behalf of the Somerset & Wessex Eating Disorder Association who had applied for a grant to assist the work they do with young people in the Wells area.
- iii. Tamsin Smith spoke on behalf of the International Music Exchange who had applied for a grant to put on a concert in the Cathedral with youth orchestras and choirs.
- iv. Robert Powell spoke on behalf of the Wells Loyalty League and asked for support in relaunching it to help local retailers.

**20/49F FINANCE REPORT**

To receive the Finance Reports for July/August 2020.

The bank statements were checked prior to the meeting by Cllr Kennedy.

The Town Clerk answered questions from members on the accounts.

The accounts for July and August were proposed, seconded and approved.

**20/50F COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

- i. City of Wells St John Ambulance, a £2,762 grant was proposed, seconded and approved.
- ii. Somerset & Wessex Eating Disorder Association, a £500 grant was proposed, seconded and approved.
- iii. The International Music Exchange, a £350 grant was proposed, seconded and approved, subject to the grant being used in this financial year.
- iv. Wells Loyalty League, a £500 grant was proposed, seconded and approved.

**20/51F PROPERTIES UPDATE**

- i. The Town Clerk updated members that all tenants' rent was being received.
- ii. Ask restaurant was still being run by the Administrator and discussions over a new rent arrangement were continuing and further information will be given when received from our property agent.
- iii. The old Post Office building was subject to a change of use and planning application.
- iv. The Post Office have still not confirmed an opening date for their new branch in Peacocks.

**20/52F ANY MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**

The Town Clerk updated members on his proposal to select the new committee structure at the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> October. Members will firstly be invited to volunteer for committees and any over-subscribed committee will be subject to a postal vote prior to the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**20/53F DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020**