# WELLS CITY COUNCIL

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY CENTRE AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 2017 6.00PM

- **PRESENT**:Cllrs: C Cox; A Gibson (Chairman); R MacKenzie;<br/>J North (Mayor); C Price (Vice-Chairman); C Wride (Deputy Mayor)
- IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White RFO: S Luck No members of the Public
- **18/01CO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs M Brandon; D Swain
- 18/02CO DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS None
- **18/03CO MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> **December 2017** were proposed, seconded approved and signed.
- **18/04CO MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** None present.
- **18/05CO MINUTES OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM** To receive the minutes of the City and Tourism Forum meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018: Noted.

# 18/06CO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

# - Review and forward plan

The RFO reported cross street lights had been ordered to improve display at Lower High Street. The committee were happy to continue with the plan to improve and change the lights. Cllr North (The Mayor) reported he had received positive feedback from members of the public.

# - Safety assessment of cross-street cables

The RFO reported a failure of one cross street wire this year. It was agreed to continue the plan to check and replace the wires as needed.

# 18/07CO OPEN SPACES OFFICER'S REPORT

The memorial safety check in the cemetery has been completed and memorials made safe.

All Highway signs on the approaches and in the City were going to be cleaned. This work has started on the Bristol Hill.

All Allotments were allocated to tenants. Tree work had been completed in the Allotments.

It was noted during the winter months members of the team were being reassigned to other duties including painting work in the Town Hall.

### 18/08CO LITTER BIN

Request for a litter bin at St. Andrew's Walk was proposed seconded and approved.

# 18/09CO MAINTENANCE REPORTS

Cllr North (The Mayor) reported the poor state of the Glastonbury road by the new development, it was covered in mud and the storm drains were blocked. The developer has been approached to keep the road clear of mud. Cllr Wride reported a problem with the cut through into Lovers Walk opposite Waitrose. The RFO will investigate.

Cllr Wride and Cllr Cox reported litter problems on the recreation ground and were advised to report these to the Trust.

Cllr Gibson asked if the works to repair kerbs in Queen Street could be chased as traffic cones had been in place for a week and no work has taken place.

#### 18/10CO THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2018:

Cllr Wride reported on the arrangements she has made for volunteers to take part in the clean up. She has arranged for the safety equipment to be at the Town Hall ready for the groups to collect. Areas to clean have been identified. The Press will be asked to promote the event.

Members discussed options for collecting the waste after the clean up and the RFO agreed to look into this with Cllr Wride.

#### 18/11CO ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr North (The Mayor) gave his support to the Planning committee regarding a possible cemetery extension provision in the MDC Part II consultation. Cllr Price reported he has spoken to the Rotary Club regarding the idea of locating a defibrillator in a red phone box in the Market Place. The RFO reported on the proposals to provide planters, extra benches and a shelter in the future for the Coach meet and greet teams at the Bus station. Members were keen any agreement with MDC included all these proposals.

# 18/12CO DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018