

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 4TH OCTOBER 2018 AT 2017 6.00PM**

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Brandon, R Greenwell, R MacKenzie, D Swain (Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: RFO: S Luck
County Cllr. T Munt
2 Members of the Public

18/35CO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. N Kennedy, J North, C Price (Vice-Chairman), J Osman (Deputy Mayor)

18/36CO DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr. MacKenzie declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest as a member, in any matter relating to Mendip District Council.

18/37CO MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the City Centre & Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 7th June 2018 were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

18/38CO MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None wishing to speak.

18/39CO MINUTES OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM

To receive the minutes of the City and Tourism Forum meetings held on 3rd May, 5th July & 6th September 2018: Noted.

18/40CO WELLS IN BLOOM

To receive the minutes of the Wells in Bloom meeting held on 28th June 2018
Noted; payments requested were proposed, seconded and approved.

18/41CO WELLS CHARTER FAIRS

The report from MDC Safety Advisory Group was noted.

18/42CO OPEN SPACES OFFICERS REPORT

1) The Officer reported two dog bins had been damaged. Following discussions with MDC and their contractor it has been agreed to trial a new design of bin which was ground anchored. The purchase of replacement bins for Bubwith Walk and St Andrews Walk were proposed, seconded and approved.

2) The Officer reported that options for digitising the cemetery records were being sought. The ledgers date back to 1854 and were showing signs of age.

It was agreed quotes and options would be brought back to the committee next meeting and a request to the F&GP committee be made for a budget provision.

18/43CO CEMETERY FEES

The fees for the year 2019 were discussed, proposed, seconded and approved.

18/44CO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2018

The display for this year had been finalised including some new features. They would be erected starting on Monday 19th November.

18/45CO MAINTENANCE REPORTS

Cllr MacKenzie raised the matter of lack of emptying of litter bins on Moat Walk. He was advised this is a separate contract between the Church Commissioners and IDVerde.

18/46CO ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr MacKenzie gave an update on the MDC markets and was pleased to report the new market manager was doing a good job.

18/47CO DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6pm Thursday 6th December 2018