

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018 AT 6.00PM

**PRESENT:**                    **Committee Members:**  
Cllrs: R Greenwell; R MacKenzie; J North; D Swain; C Wride (Mayor)

**Co-opted representatives:**  
Mr D Cooper, Wells Film Centre  
Ms L Mann, Wells Cathedral  
Ms R Martin, The Bishop's Palace  
Mr R Powell, Wells Chamber of Commerce  
Mr A Webb, Wells Museum/Visitor Information

**IN ATTENDANCE:**    Town Clerk: F White  
County Cllr. T Munt

**18/27CT            ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Mayor opened the meeting and called for nominations: Cllr. Swain was proposed, seconded and elected as Chairman, and Mr Mark Tobin as Vice-Chairman. Cllr. Swain took the Chair.

**18/28CT            APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

J Osman (Deputy Mayor)  
Mr M Tobin, Hotels / Visit Somerset (Vice-Chairman)  
Ms T Chichester, B&B representative  
Ms C Winter, Wells Civic Society

**18/29CT            DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None declared.

**18/30CT            MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 were amended, proposed, seconded approved and signed.

Matters Arising

Questions regarding the suspension of coach parking charge at Wells bus station; it is not clear to the coach drivers, as the signs are still up.

Cllr. MacKenzie spoke once again on this subject, saying that he feels charging would be reasonable as it would not add much to the cost per passenger.

**18/31CT            MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None present

**18/32CT            WW1 CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS**

The Mayor has sent out a letter to organisations in the City inviting them to let her know what they are planning for the Centenary, with the intention of enabling and coordinating; some responses have been received. She will meet with Mr Cooper (British Legion) and this will be an on-going effort to assist groups in working in awareness of each others plans. The City Council will start a web page for sharing the information. Members shared their knowledge of events to date.

**18/33CT            REPORTS FROM GROUPS**

- i.        Comments that the new market manager seems to be doing well.
- ii.      On-going issues with coach parking – Sadler Street / bus station, and the need for long-term solutions.
- iii.     Plans for the Mendip Tourism Conference, provisional date 27<sup>th</sup> September, in Wells.

**18/34CT 2018 EVENTS** See attached list

**18/35CT ANY OTHER MATTERS**

- i. The Cathedral will be closed on Tuesday for filming to take place.
- ii. Somerset Day next May; members were asked to consider the Alfred Memorial at Wellington.
- iii. Comments on fly-posting in the City.

**18/36CT DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 6pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**PUBLIC EVENTS / ROAD CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY OF WELLS 2018**

*Note: This listing attempts to identify major events likely to cause significant additional traffic or other disruption. Notifications of any other such events will be gratefully received. These may also be days when it would not be appropriate to arrange another major event in the City.*

**July**

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Boules Tournament, Market Place
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> July Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Wells Orchestral Weekend. & Wells Theatre Festival Main events at Bishop's Palace and Cathedral
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Art360 Bishops Palace

**August**

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> August	CND Hiroshima Anniversary, Cathedral Green
Sat - Sun 11-12 <sup>th</sup> August	Rail Wells Exhibition, Town Hall
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Classic Car Tour, Cathedral Green
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Moat Boat Race

**September**

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Heritage Open Day; City centre venues
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Rolls Royce Visit, Cathedral Green
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Mendip Hills Hash Harriers, Cathedral Green

**October**

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	'Wake up Wells' launch, Town Hall
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**FESTIVALS**

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Food Festival, City centre
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## **WW1 Commemorations**

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	6pm Garden of Remembrance, Cathedral 7pm Poppy Concert, Town Hall
<b>November</b>	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	WWI commemoration Wells Cathedral
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	'Somerset Poppies', The Bishop's Palace
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	6am: the lone piper, Wells Cathedral 11am: Remembrance Services & Parade; Poppies 12-4pm: Wells Lions events in Wells Market Place Wells Museum: Wells Remembers Exhibition open 7pm: Beaconlighting, Wookey Hole; City Band, British Legion
Fri 16th November	Wells Carnival and Charter Fair (Fun Fair)
Mon–Tues 19-20th November	Christmas lights go up
<b>December</b>	
Sun. 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Reindeer Parade
Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup> –Sat.22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Wells Christmas Market
 <b><u>2019</u></b>	
<b>January</b>	
w/c Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas lights down
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> January	'Wake Up Wells' Community Day, Cathedral & Parade
<b>April</b>	
29-28 <sup>th</sup> April	Wells Film Festival
<b>May</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Local Council elections