

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2012 AT
7:00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Brandon (The Mayor); C Price; C Briton; A Gibson; H Siggs;
D Anderson; T Robbins; G Wilson; N Kennedy;
T Butt Philip (Deputy Mayor); J Osman.

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White, RFO S Luck.
Mace-Bearer: G Weatherhead; Chaplain: A Wheeler.
Representative of: Night on the Town.

- 12/124C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr: J Mitchell
Cllrs: A Denison; J North; D Unwin (attending District Council meeting)
Cllr J Osman expected to arrive later.
- 12/125C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** None.
- 12/126C MINUTES** of meetings of the City Council held on 26th July 2012 were proposed, seconded accepted and signed.
- 12/127C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** None
- 12/128C PRESENTATION:** Night on the Town
Mark Tobin, Manager of the Swan Hotel and organiser of Night on the Town, spoke about this year's event; it had been very successful and well attended; he thanked the Police and the City Council for their support; the aim was to showcase the City Centre and this was achieved; the footfall between 5pm – 10pm on the night was estimated by the Police at around 10,000. There were no adverse incidents of any kind.
The Council thanked Mark and his team for their efforts on behalf of Wells, their work is very much appreciated.
Members also noted the wide age-range of the public attending the event.
- 12/129C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
The Mayor gave a summary of her engagements during August and September. These had included a visit to the twin town of Bad Durkheim and welcoming visitors from the new twin town of Fontanellato.
A very nice letter of thanks had been received from new Freeman of the City Danny Nightingale, thanking the Council for honouring him in this way and for the wonderful day of the ceremony.
- 12/130C COUNCIL SEAL** To approve use of the Council Seal: - Land Registry documents: Resolved.
(Cllr Butt Philip (Deputy Mayor) arrived).
- 12/131C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2012.
The Chairman presented the minutes.
Cllr Siggs gave an up-date on the Court Room development; Cllr Kennedy congratulated the Working Group on the proposals; there was a brief discussion; costings will be taken to the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Cllr Siggs was thanked for all his work on the project.
Members commented on Minute 12/102F, Committee Delegation Scheme; there

was a brief discussion; some suggestions were made; the Chairman of the City Centre Management Committee raised the point that delay to this item had delayed other matters.

The Chairman (F&GP) said the matter will be brought back to the next F&GP meeting.

The minutes were proposed, seconded, and accepted.

12/132C MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2012.

The minutes were proposed, seconded, and accepted.

12/133C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 19th July, 6th September and 19th September.

A query was answered by the Chairman.

The minutes were proposed, seconded, and accepted.

12/134C PROPOSAL FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR MACHINE TO BE HOUSED IN WELLS TOWN HALL (Cllr J Osman – SCC Health & Well-being Budget)

Information had been provided to all members. The proposal was presented by Cllr Siggs; Cllr Osman, (delayed) arrived and answered questions. Training in use of the Defibrillator would be provided but not essential; Cllr Osman is satisfied that there would be no liability on anyone attempting to use it.

The proposal was seconded, a vote was taken and it was approved.

12/135C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

1. Almshouses (Cllr Wilson)

A new Chief Executive has been selected (subject to routine checks).

12/136C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

1. Cllr Gibson reported:

- a. Highways matters in need of attention.
- b. Two “Mendip in Bloom” awards won in Wells.

Cllr Gibson was thanked for all her hard work as Chairman of Wells in Bloom.

2. Cllr Price reported:

- a. Heritage Open Day – a very successful event; good turn out at all venues and good visitor numbers to the Town Hall; he thanked all the volunteers, and Cllr Gibson for her support throughout the day.
- b. Concerns regarding rumours about the future of the Wells Bus Station: Cllrs Siggs and Osman reported some information, inconclusive as yet.
3. Cllr Wilson congratulated the Town Clerk on completion of Staff Appraisals.

12/137C DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday 25th October 2012