

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 2014

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

IN ATTENDANCE: RFO: S Luck
Mace-Bearer: J Rood
Chaplain: Ven. N Sullivan
Member of the press
Two members of the public

14/32C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Mayor thanked Councillors who attended the recent opening of the newly refurbished rooms in the Town Hall.
2. Annual Parish meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd April at 7pm in the Town Hall.
3. Mayor Making will take place on Saturday 17th May at 5pm.

14/33C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. M Brandon; J Osman; S Davies; Town Clerk: F White.

14/34C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllrs Siggs; Unwin and North declared a personnel and prejudicial interest on item 12 (Neighbourhood Plan) as members of Mendip District Council.

14/35C MINUTES of the meeting of the City Council held on **27th February 2014** were proposed, seconded, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

14/36C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None present who wanted to speak.

14/37C POLICE REPORT

Apologies received.

14/38C PRESENTATION

Rosie Martin, Chief Executive of The Bishops Palace Trust gave a presentation and answered members questions on the Great Hall Conservation Project.

14/39C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2014.
The Chairman presented the Minutes and invited questions.
Cllr Kennedy requested that organisation's grant applications that had been refused on ground of criteria be guided on how to reapply.

14/40C MINUTES OF CEMETERY AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2014.
The Chairman presented the Minutes and invited questions.

14/41C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 6th and 20th March 2014.
The Chairman presented the Minutes and invited questions.

14/42C MINUTES OF ARCHIVES & CIVIC ASSETS COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2014.
The Deputy Mayor presented the Minutes and invited questions.

14/43C WELLS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Mayor reported meetings had taken place with representatives from Wells 21 and the Wells Civic Society. St Cuthberts Out Parish Council is working on their own plan and it is suggested that Wells City Council do the same. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to apply to Mendip District Council for Wells to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area.

14/44C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Siggs reported that Somerset Highways has work planned in Coxley for 5 days from 12th May to install new crossing and also planned closure of Portway in Wells for 3 nights commencing 15th April for resurfacing.

Cllr Unwin reported Mendip District Council had approved outline planning permission for the new development of houses off Glastonbury Road.

Cllr North reported and answered questions on the latest consultation meeting of the Recreation Ground Trust. The next public meeting will be on Wednesday 7th May in the Town Hall.

14/45C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr Robbins reported on the ongoing parking/obstruction problems in Priory Road, members agreed the Council should write a letter to the Police to raise concerns.

Cllr Gibson reported Wells In Bloom committee would be having a tidy up of the flower beds on Wednesday 9th April at 5pm and she asked members for their help.

Cllr Parkes reported the dedication of the First World War commemorative Poppy Bed in the recreation ground would take place on Monday 4th August at 11.00pm. Members agreed to support the event and requested The Finance and General Purposes Committee provide a budget to fund the costs of the event.

14/46C DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday 24th April 2014.