

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 25TH JUNE 2015 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: D Baker; M Brandon; C Briton; C Cox; A Gibson(Deputy Mayor);
N Kennedy; J Ludovino; R MacKenzie; J North; J Osman; C Price;
T Robbins; H Siggs; D Unwin; G Wilson (The Mayor); C Wride

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck; Mace-Bearer: J Rood; Chaplain: Canon G Dodds
PC D Pearson.
2 invited speakers gave presentations, see 15/60C
No public or press were in attendance.

15/66C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Baker; Unwin.

15/67C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 27th July 2012: None declared. See 15/65C

15/68C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 21ST MAY

2015 Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

Matters arising

- i. Minutes of previous meetings attached / to follow.
- ii. Questions relating to the Neighbourhood Plan would be taken from the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 28th May.
- iii. Conflict of dates with Mendip District Council meeting.

15/69C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Public speaking time is normally restricted to 15 minutes in total, at the discretion of the Mayor. None wishing to speak.

15/70C TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE

PC Pearson gave his report. There had been very little crime in the past month but problems with drunken and anti-social behaviour in the city centre. Also cars being driven around Tesco car park. He noted report of anti-social behaviour in South Street car park.

The Police were thanked for dealing with a recent problem in the Recreation Ground.

15/71C PRESENTATIONS

Interesting presentations were received from:

- i. Mendip Citizens Advice Bureau
- ii. NHS Mendip, Wells Health & Well-Being Project

The speakers gave information and answered questions. They were thanked for attending.

15/72C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Mayor Making Ceremony: 6pm Saturday 27th June
- ii. Appointment of High Constables: Council agreed to appoint Cllrs Baker and Cox.
- iii. Rev Roger Redding MBE. The Mayor has written on behalf of the Council, to congratulate Rev Redding on the award of his MBE.
- iv. St Cuthbert's Music Festival Service 10am Sunday 6th September, Council will be attending robed: noted.

15/73C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 28th May and 18th June 2015.

The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

Members of the Wells Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group reported from their meeting on 22nd June. A discussion followed, summarised by the Mayor:

A lot of work had been done by volunteers on the committee and this should be acknowledged. The expressions of disappointment with progress, heard at the council meeting tonight, must be noted.

Ref: 15/93P It was agreed that the Steering Group should continue to report to the Planning Committee.

15/74C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2015.

The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

He asked members to note that the appointed bank signatories are Cllrs:

Brandon, Kennedy, Robbins and Wilson; this was agreed.

15/75C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2015.

The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

Comments were made on a letter received from the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. Any further comments were to be emailed to the Chair of the Committee.

15/76C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

I. Wells Recreation Ground Trust

Cllr North reported from the Trust Board meeting and answered questions.

(Cllr Robbins declared a personal interest as a resident of South Street in a question about residents parking permits. Cllr Cox declared a personal interest as a resident of Carlton Mews.)

15/77C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

- i. Water not flowing properly in the High Street, channel is green.
- ii. The EMI Club has voted to cease trading. The Council unanimously expressed sadness to see the loss of this facility in Wells.
- iii. Members noted the lack of any press attendance once again, at a full City Council meeting.

15/78C DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place at 7pm on **Thursday 23rd July 2015**