

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: R Ayres; M Brandon; A Gibson; R MacKenzie; J North (The Mayor);  
J Osman; C Price; T Robbins; H Siggs; D Swain; D Unwin;  
C Wride(Deputy Mayor)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White  
RFO: S Luck  
Mace-Bearer: M Goody  
Chaplain: A Glanville  
3 members of the public.

**17/68C CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor announced the standard emergency evacuation procedures. He requested that mobile phones and other devices be set on silent or turned off. Anyone intending to record any part of the meeting was asked to declare this. The Mayor thanked those Councillors who attended the vigil at Wells Cathedral on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. The mayor also read a letter he had sent to the Mayor of Greater Manchester.

**17/69C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs: C Briton; C Cox; N Kennedy; G Wilson.  
C Winter, Wells Civic Society.

**17/70C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012: None declared.  
Members were reminded to keep their registrations of interests up to date.

**17/71C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

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

**17/72C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017:  
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

**17/73C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> May and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017:  
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.  
Ref. 17/101Pi. Cllr Price reported on the Wells Neighbourhood Plan: Members have attended training and have reviewed the draft plan; an outline has been agreed for a way forward, and tasks allocated. Contact has been maintained with the MDC Planning Policy Officer regarding progress of the Mendip Local Plan Part Two and a meeting with him is being arranged.

**17/74C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Members of the public spoke on the following matters:

- i. Mrs C Borastero: Council's response to the Manchester atrocity.  
The Mayor made it known that a letter had been sent to the Mayor of Manchester expressing the Council and City's condolences and thoughts to all affected. Flying of a flag was deferred to the Town Clerk; see also 17/90Ci.
- ii. Mrs J Ludovino: Wells Neighbourhood Plan

- iii. Mr I Robinson: City of Culture bid –The Mayor responded to say that the shortlisted cities are not due to be announced until June. The City Council would (if Wells were to be short listed) wait for the “bid team” to identify its needs / requirements before discussing further.

**17/75C MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- i. The Mayor thanked his fellow Councillors for electing him, and Cllr Osman for his nomination speech.
- ii. Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May Wells Fun Run
- iii. Wells Almshouses Open Day Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2-4.30pm  
The Mayor read from a letter to Council from the Chairman of the Almshouses Trustees. See 17/78C.
- iv. Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 ‘Somerset Remembers’ an event in Wells to be led by the Lord Lieutenant.
- v. The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and support at Mayor Making on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May; he thanked the Town Hall staff for all their support.

**17/76C TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL’S COMMITTEES AND TO ELECT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

- i. Finance and General Purposes
- ii. Planning
- iii. City Centre and Open Spaces
- iv. Staffing
- v. Archives and Civic Assets

Sub-committees:

City and Tourism Forum  
Wells in Bloom

It was proposed, seconded and agreed, that a paper ballot would be held in accordance with Council’s Standing Orders if a committee were over-subscribed. A paper ballot was held for the Finance and General Purposes committee. Committees and sub-committees were appointed; see attached list. Committee and sub-committee Chairmen were proposed, seconded and elected (see list).  
The Mayor requested that the Chairman of the Archives committee commence the Civic Review as soon as possible.

**17/77C TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL’S STANDING ORDERS AND OTHER MATTERS**

Annual Reviews To resolve that the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall ensure the following are reviewed for presentation to Council during the year:

- i. Standing Orders
- ii. Financial Regulations and related matters

Committees’ terms of reference and related matters, and shall ensure that all annual reviews required under Standing Order 5j are completed: **RESOLVED**

**17/78C TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES**

Appointments were agreed; see list attached.

The Town Clerk reported from a meeting with the Chairman and CEO of the Wells Almshouses explaining the proposed changes to the trust constitution; members’ comments were invited; the response was supportive.

**17/79C CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

To note the Council Calendar of meetings and civic events for 2017-18 (approved 26.01.2017): **APPROVED** with one amendment: It was agreed that the time of the annual meeting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (Mayor Making) be fixed nearer the date at the discretion of the incoming Mayor Elect.

**17/80C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**

- i. Cllr Robbins: In respect of the recent atrocity in Manchester it was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Union Flag be flown at half-mast on the front of the Town Hall until the day of the first funeral.
- ii. Cllr MacKenzie: Spoke about 'Soup' charity lunches, explaining that they are organised by the Wells Independents.
- iii. Cllr Price: Reported that one of the Abbeyfield Homes has closed down.

**17/81C DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Wells City Council will be at **7pm** on **Thursday 22nd June 2017**

**Attached:**

- 1. Wells City Council Committees 2017-18
- 2. Wells City Organisations Representatives and Trustees Wells City Council Appointments May 2017

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2017–2018

<b>FINANCE &amp; GENERAL PURPOSES</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>
Cllr Maureen Brandon	Cllr Robert Ayres
Cllr John North (Mayor)	Cllr Maureen Brandon
Cllr John Osman	Cllr Norman Kennedy
Cllr Colin Price	Cllr John North (Mayor)
<b>Cllr Tony Robbins</b>	Cllr David Swain
Cllr Harvey Siggs	Cllr Danny Unwin
Cllr David Swain	Cllr Gordon Wilson
Cllr Celia Wride (Deputy Mayor)	<b>Cllr Celia Wride</b> (Deputy Mayor)

<b>CITY CENTRE &amp; OPEN SPACES</b>	<b>ARCHIVES &amp; CIVIC ASSETS</b>
Cllr Maureen Brandon	Cllr Robert Ayres
Cllr Carol Cox	Cllr Carol Cox
<b>Cllr Alison Gibson</b>	Cllr Colin Price
Cllr Roy MacKenzie	Cllr Tony Robbins
Cllr John North (Mayor)	<b>Cllr Harvey Siggs</b>
Cllr Colin Price	Cllr David Swain
Cllr David Swain	Cllr Danny Unwin
Cllr Celia Wride (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr Celia Wride (Deputy Mayor)

<b>STAFFING</b>	
Cllr Maureen Brandon	Cllr David Swain
Cllr Norman Kennedy	Cllr Danny Unwin
Cllr Tony Robbins	<b>Cllr Gordon Wilson</b>

# WELLS CITY ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTATIVES AND TRUSTEES

## Wells City Council Appointments May 2017

### ORGANISATION

POLICE & COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT)

SOMERSET ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL  
COUNCILS (SALC)

MENDIP CCTV User Group

DISTRICT HEALTH & WELL-BEING BOARD

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM

WELLS TWINNING ASSOCIATION

WELLS SPORTS CLUBS

WELLS BLUE SPORTS CENTRE Management  
Committee

WELLS RECREATION GROUND TRUST  
COMMITTEE

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB) Management  
Committee

WELLS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

CONNECT YOUTH CENTRE

SUSTAINABLE WELLS

FAIR TRADE WELLS

CITY OF WELLS ALMSHOUSES

*Trustees nominated by Council for 4 year term; do  
not have to be Council members  
+ the Mayor*

WELLS MUSEUM

### REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr R MacKenzie  
Cllr C Wride (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr J North (The Mayor)

Cllr T Robbins

Cllr D Swain

Cllr R Ayres

Cllr G Wilson  
Cllr D Unwin

Cllr C Price

Cllr J Osman

Cllr T Robbins  
Cllr C Wride (Deputy Mayor)

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Cllr M Brandon

Cllr R MacKenzie

Cllr C Robbins

Cllr R MacKenzie

### TRUSTEES

- Cllr C Cox to May 2020  
- Cllr D Unwin to October 2020  
- Cllr J North (The Mayor)

- Cllr J Osman