

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.00PM

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: M Brandon; C Briton; J North (Deputy Mayor); C Price;  
T Robbins (Chairman); G Wilson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White  
RFO: S Luck  
4 members of the public

**16/111F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllr H Siggs; D Swain (Vice-Chairman)

**16/112F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012:  
Cllr North declared a personal interest as member, in any matter relating to Mendip District Council and as trustee in any matter relating to Wells Recreation Ground Trust.

**16/113F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**  
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

**16/114F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
Representatives presented the projects applying for grant funding ref. 16/117/F i.&ii.

**16/115F FINANCE REPORT**  
To receive the financial reports for November 2016  
The bank statements and accounts had been checked prior to the meeting.  
The accounts for November 2016 were proposed, seconded and approved.  
Reserves  
The committee reviewed and approved the council's reserves. The general reserve is approximately three month's trading, as recommended by NALC and approved by the auditors.

**16/116F PRECEPT FOR 2017-18**  
**RECOMMENDED:**  
**It was proposed, seconded and resolved to recommend that Council set a Precept of £380,910.**  
(As shown in the budget approved 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016)

**16/117F COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

- i. Wells Table Tennis Club: £500 proposed, seconded and approved.
- ii. Wells City Band: (for 'Bekynton Bandits')  
Proposed, seconded and approved a Discretionary Grant of £500 p.a. for 3 years, subject to return of accounts and a report to the Committee at the end of each year. Unanimous.  
The applicants were congratulated on their hard work and well-thought out plan; they were wished every success with this project.
- iii. MDC / Wells Health Centre: Free use of Town Hall for Health and Well-Being event. Proposed, seconded and agreed.

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**PROPERTIES up-date**

- i. Public toilets/ticket office  
Legal technical queries have been answered; practical arrangements are in progress for January.
- ii. Post Office  
Internal structural survey has been arranged.

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**MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**

**A speaker from Somerset Association of Local Councils will attend the next meeting to talk about the General Power of Competence for Local Councils; ALL Councillors are encouraged to attend.**

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017**