

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2017 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Brandon; J North (Mayor); J Osman; C Price; T Robbins (Chairman);
H Siggs; D Swain (Vice-Chairman); C Wride (Deputy Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck
Cllr D Unwin
County Cllr. T Munt and assistant
Cllr R Gaunt, St Cuthbert Out Parish Council
D Bolton, Clerk to Wookey Parish Council

17/67F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None received

17/68F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26th July 2012:
None declared.

17/69F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH JUNE 2017
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

17/70F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Cllr Unwin and Cllr Gaunt (St Cuthbert Out) spoke about bus route 67
(Cllr Siggs arrived)

17/71F FINANCE REPORT
To receive the financial reports for June 2017:
The bank statements and accounts had been checked prior to the meeting. The accounts for June 2017 were proposed, seconded and approved.

17/72F COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS

- i. TS5C
It was agreed to contact the applicant and request that a representative attend the next meeting to present the application and answer questions.
- ii. Explorer Scouts
£200 proposed, seconded and approved.

17/73F PROPERTIES
'Changing Places' project up-date
Cllr Swain reported a meeting was held with local representatives of the user group; their feedback on suitability of the proposed location was very positive. The next step is to check the technical details of the building installation and continue liaising with MDC regarding the district-wide strategy and funding.

17/74F

BUS 67 ROUTE up-date

Cllr Price reported from the on-going meetings held by Somerset County Council with the town and parish representatives. There was a lengthy discussion including consideration of best value. Officers provided information and a risk assessment. Members considered funding options from current year budgets or from reserves.

Proposed with amendment: To grant £3,500 with conditions; seconded, and rejected by majority vote.

The following proposal was seconded and carried by majority vote:

To grant £1,000 from the Discretionary Grants budget for the current year only, subject to the condition that the information below is to be supplied by SCC to Wells City Council by the end of September 2017:

- i. **A written explanation of how the proposed financial plan will function, to include options to cover the eventuality that a parish(s) drop out**
- ii. **A budget for the current year, including options for eventualities such as parishes dropping out and/or costs increasing**
- iii. **A budget for 2-3 years**
- iv. **Copies of the contracts with bus service providers (may be redacted)**
- v. **Copy of a draft contract for town/parishes**
- vi. **Passenger data in meaningful detail**

RESOLVED

17/75F

MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

No further matters

17/76F

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm Thursday 14th September 2017