

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 12TH JULY 2018 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Brandon, C Price, T Robbins (Chairman), H Siggs, D Swain

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White; RFO: S Luck
2 members of the public, 1 press
County Cllr. T Munt

18/71F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: R Ayres, J Osman (Deputy Mayor, Vice-Chairman), C Wride (The Mayor)

18/72F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26th July 2012: None declared.

18/73F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH JUNE 2018

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

18/74F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Representatives of Wells Food Festival presented the application 18/76Fii. and answered questions.

18/75F FINANCE REPORT

To receive the financial reports for June 2018:

The bank statements and accounts had been checked prior to the meeting. The accounts for June 2018 were proposed, seconded and approved. The Finance Officer reported:

- i. Savings account has been opened in accordance with Council policy.
- ii. SCC has outsourced provision of their wedding services brochure and the annual cost of advertising has doubled; the City Council advertising budget might overspend. It was agreed to continue as this brochure is a main source of bookings.

18/76F COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS

- i. Wells City Band £200 for a Band Concerts day
It was proposed, seconded and agreed:
 - a. to suggest that the Band apply to the Wells Recreation Ground Trust for the event to be accepted as one of the ten free community events.
 - b. To grant £200 to underwrite the event if a. is not accepted by WRGT
- ii. Wells Food Festival CIC: £711 to cover use of the Town Hall
The Committee considered this application in relation to the grant criteria, sustainability of the event, costs and income streams. In conclusion it was agreed to provide the grant this year; the Town Clerk was asked to write to the Directors.
- iii. Wells Mosaic CIC: £500
Proposed, seconded and approved; £500.

18/77F TOWN HALL REPAIRS

- i. Car park- to consider options for the control barrier:
Options and health and safety considerations were discussed, quotes were provided and a forward plan agreed.
- ii. Parkes Room radiators:
Costs were approved to replace with standard radiators with thermostats, run from the boiler.

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PROPERTIES

- i. Defibrillator
Wells Rotary Club wish to provide a defibrillator for public use, to be installed outside the bus station ticket office; minimal works are required. Agreed; subject to confirmation with MDC.
- ii. Post Office
Minor works to rectify external defects were approved.
- iii. Christmas lights, cross-street wires
Damage is being caused to the cross-street wiring system due to the use for banners. After consideration of the health and safety implications, risk to the public, and the costs of repair, it was agreed:
 - To make good the damage, replacing the wires where needed
 - To assess which wires can safely be used for banners
 - To limit size, weight and fixing of banners from January 2018, monitoring the effect thereafter.

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MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

- i. SID is now being operated on a pilot scheme at Portway. Some initial figures were available from the first data download.
- ii. The red phone box electricity has been disconnected; box is ready for collection and assessment for refurbishment.
- iii. Complaint about the toilets at the bus station. It is understood this is in part due to the construction of the building; a program of refurbishment is making improvements. Misuse by the public is affecting one cubicle in particular.
- iv. The Mayor of Paray-le-Monial has replied to the Mayor of Wells saying that he is not able to attend the Carnival visit in November. It is therefore agreed the funding from the Hospitality budget will not be required, as this was allocated for hosting the Mayoral visit.
- v. SCC has called a meeting about bus route 67 next week; Cllr Price will try to attend.
- vi. Exclude the press and public:
Due to the confidential nature of the matters to be considered, concerning individuals, it was proposed by the Chairman that a resolution be passed under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended, excluding the press and public: RESOLVED
Member of the press and public left the room.
- vii. Chairman's report Ref 18/69Fiv. legal advice has been considered and will now be discussed with relevant staff member by Chairman and Vice-Chairman: agreed.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm Thursday 13th September 2018