WELLS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD IN THE PARKES ROOM AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 26th JANUARY 2012 AT 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: M Brandon (Chairman); A Gibson (Vice Chairman);

D Anderson; T Robbins; J Mitchell; C Price; J North.

IN ATTENDANCE: F White (Town Clerk)), Mrs S Hanks; Mrs B Beauchamp;

Mr T Whitman; Miss E Thorne; Mr R Hole; Mrs L Bishop;

Mrs J Jones; Mrs G North.

12/01W APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr D Unwin (The Mayor); Mrs R Sweales; Mr John Woods; Mr J Parkes

12/02W DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

12/03W MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 28th September 2011,

were proposed, approved and signed.

A report was received from the inquorate meeting held on 24th November.

12/04W MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC None present

12/05W CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was a very quiet time of year. Some plants had been stolen from the display outside the Town Hall; arrangements were made for replacements.

12/06W VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Plans were in hand for the Open Gardens in July; stewards would be needed. Somerset County Council Highways will be repairing the cycle racks in the High Street and installing some new ones in Broad Street in partnership with the City Council.

12/07W SCHOOLS - Jenny Jones

As this will be a very busy year for the schools it was agreed not to hold a painting competition. The garden and baskets events will continue as planned.

12/08W FINANCE - Sponsorship

i.The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are working on a letter to sponsors to be ready for distribution in early March. Suggestions and contactsfor new sponsors are always welcome.

ii. Kudos Beds. The planting has been taken on from MDC. Kudos have claimed ownership of one bed and are sponsoring Wells in Bloom to continue planting it. Sponsorship of the other bed will continue as before; appropriate signs are being provided.

iii. Funds still in hand for the year will cover the purchase of 6 cradles; it was agreed to go ahead with these. Also the purchase of the necessary compost and fertilizer at the end of March.

12/09W MAINTENANCE AND NEW SHRUBS FOR BEDS

Arrangements were made for teams to visit bedding areas and for the maintenance of the new shrubs.

12/10W STALL ON CATHEDRAL GREEN (4th JUNE)

Donations of plants will be needed for the stall.

.Names for organizing and manning the stall are to be confirmed.

SUMMER GARDEN TRAIL 20th, 21st July. 12/11W

The Chairman has details of the proposed route and gardens participating.

12/12W

NEW DATE TO RECEIVE SUMMER PLANTS AND BASKETS Plant delivery: 24th May The Big Plant Out: 27th May

ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR URGENT REPORT 12/13W

i. Letters to business re: Hanging baskets.

12/14W DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 6pm Thursday 22nd March 2012.