

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 28th MARCH 2013, 7:00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Brandon (The Mayor); T Butt Philip (Deputy Mayor); C Price; T Robbins; D Anderson; G Wilson; N Kennedy; A Gibson; H Siggs; J Osman; J North; C Briton; S Davies; J Parkes.
Following the recent bye election the Mayor welcomed Cllr Parkes onto the Council.

IN Town Clerk: F White.
ATTENDANCE: RFO: S Luck; Mace-Bearer: G Weatherhead; Chaplain: A Glanville.
1 member of the press; 4 members of the public.

13/31C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs: A Denison; D Unwin. Wells Police Beat Team.

13/32C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- i. Cllr Osman declared a personal interest as Trustee of St Cuthbert's Academy, in matters relating to St Cuthbert's School.
- ii. Cllr Briton declared a personal interest as employee, in matters relating to Somerset County Council.

13/33C MINUTES of the meeting of the City Council held on 28th February 2013 were proposed, seconded accepted and signed.

13/34C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. Mr A. Ballard spoke on behalf of the new community group Better Play Areas for Wells.
2. Mr R. Hudsmith spoke about:
 - i. The Nutricia site
 - ii. Waitrose development - traffic management at Whiting Way
 - iii. Moat Walk

13/35C PRESENTATION: S Turner, Headteacher, St Cuthbert's School
It has become necessary to examine ways to restrict access to the school site at evenings and weekends. The path through the centre of the site is not a public right of way. The proposal is to install gates at each end, to be locked when the site is not in use. The school is keen to work with partners and for the community to be fully aware of the plan. There will be a public meeting to which Ward Councillors were invited and agreed to attend; members indicated support for the proposals and congratulated the school on its excellent results.

13/36C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
Annual Parish Meeting: 7pm Wednesday 10th April
The Mayor's Civic Service: 3pm Sunday 28th April
Opening of the May Fair: 11am Saturday 4th May.

13/37C COMMITTEE VACANCIES
To appoint a member to:

- i. Planning and Environment Committee
- ii. Wells in Bloom Committee

Cllr Parkes was proposed, seconded and appointed to fill both vacancies.

- 13/38C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2013.
Questions re: 13/27F: Cllr North was asked to submit a request and information to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.
Cllr Parkes was appointed to join the Town Hall Reception Services Working Group.
The Minutes were proposed, seconded and adopted.
- 13/39C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 7th March and 21st March 2013.
The Minutes were proposed, seconded and adopted.
It was agreed that the Mayor will speak on behalf of the City Council at the meeting of the Mendip District Planning Board to be held on Wednesday 3rd April.
- 13/40C MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2013.
The Minutes were proposed, seconded and adopted.
- 13/41C MINUTES OF THE ARCHIVES AND CIVIC ASSETS COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2013.
The Minutes were proposed, seconded and adopted.
- 13/42C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**
No reports.
- 13/43C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**
- i. Query regarding closure of HMRC Tax Enquiry Offices; the Town Clerk was instructed to write a letter.
 - ii. In Touch Project Open Day Saturday 20th April 9.15am – 4.30pm, at Glastonbury Town Hall.
- 13/44C DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
To note that the next meeting will be at **7pm on Thursday 25th April 2013.**