

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY
18th APRIL 2013 AT 6.00pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: A Gibson; (Chairman); M Brandon(The Mayor);
D Anderson; C Price; J Parkes.

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
Mrs B Beauchamp; Mr R Hole; Mrs L Bishop;
Mrs R Sweales; Mr T Whitman; Mrs J Jones; Mr J Woods.

13/11W APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs: T Robbins; J North; D Unwin.
Mrs S Hanks.

13/12W DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

13/13W MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Thursday 7th February 2013 were
proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

13/14W MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC None present

13/15W CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked everyone who had come out to assist with watering in the recent dry spell.

Local businesses have been visited to encourage them to purchase the baskets or troughs and make a good display in the city.

Using CCTV the Police were able to identify the person who damaged the plants outside the Kings Head. A letter of apology from him was read out.

One of the square planters has been damaged; although they can be turned round and repaired it may be advisable to keep some spares, as they are frequently damaged by cars reversing into them.

13/16W FINANCE REPORT

The new mower has been purchased.

Sponsorship letters have been sent out; there has been a good response – cheques are already coming in. There is a possible new sponsor.

The bed on the Cheddar road is available for sponsorship.

The Wells in Bloom festival account has not been used for a while, quite a large sum has accumulated; it would be a good idea to think of a project.

13/16W SUMMER WORK SCHEDULES

Thursday 30th May: Plants delivered.

Sunday 19th / 26th May t.b.a. 8.30am: Clear-out / Tidy Up

Sunday 2nd June 8.30am: The Big Plant-Out.

13/17W GARDENS COMPETITION

Monday 3rd June: Send out entry forms

Friday 28th June: Closing date

8th, 9th, 10th July: Judging

15th July: -Notify winners

-Submit entries to Mendip in Bloom

-Send list of winners to Wells Journal for 18th July.

13/18W SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Baskets went out to schools this week and will be returned on Monday 10th June.

All schools will be entered in the gardens competition. Cllr Brandon and Alistair Glanville will be the Judges.

13/19W ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR URGENT REPORT

- i. A letter regarding Bristol Hill will be passed to the relevant person.
- ii. Baskets and troughs are available at £42 each.
- iii. The National Trust funding for its floral display has been reinstated.
- iv. The Wells in Bloom pole in the High Street is ready and will be reinstalled shortly.
- v. The damaged lighting pole in the Market Place will be followed up.

13/20W DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be at 6pm on Thursday 20th June 2013