

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2014, 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: C Briton (The Mayor); G Wilson (Deputy Mayor)
D Anderson; M Brandon; T Butt Philip; A Gibson; N Kennedy; J North;
J Parkes; C Price; T Robbins; H Siggs.

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White RFO: S Luck
Mace-Bearer: M Goody; Chaplain: A Wheeler
1 Member of the press.

Before the start of the meeting the Mayor asked everyone present to stand for a short silence in memory of former Mayor Peter Wride (1985-6), who died in August.

14/120C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: S Davies; A Denison. J Osman; D Unwin.

14/121C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 27th July 2012:

Cllrs. Siggs and North each declared a personal interest in 14/131ii.C as trustees of the Wells Recreation Ground Trust.

14/122C MINUTES of the City Council meeting held on 24TH JULY 2014 (attached) were proposed, seconded, approved, and signed.

14/123C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr R Green spoke about problems with collections by Somerset Waste Recycling Partnership on the Fairways estate in Wells. Councillors put further questions. Councillor Siggs responded and will send on a briefing message he has supplied.

14/124C TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE

Indications are that the Police may not be in a position to send representatives to council meetings in the way that they used to, as their shift arrangements have changed.

It was agreed to invite the new Inspector to a Council meeting as soon as he is in post.

14/125C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. The Mayor's Charity Ball in aid of Heads Up: Friday 10th October
- ii. Wells Literature Festival. Wells Food Festival: Sunday 12th October
- iii. Annual Remembrance Service: Sunday 9th November, St Cuthbert's
- iv. Cllr Anderson and Parkes were thanked for their work in organising the very successful Poppy Bed dedication event on 4th August.

14/126C WELLS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

To approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding with St Cuthbert Out Parish Council. After discussion the document was approved; it was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Mayor will sign it on behalf of the Council.

14/127C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 24th July & 18th September 2014
The Chairman presented the minutes and answered questions.

14/128C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

- i. To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2014
The Chairman presented the minutes and answered questions.

ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

- ii. To receive the annual Audit Report for the year 2013-14: Noted.
No questions arising.

14/129C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 31st July, 14th August, 4th September & 18th September 2014

The Chairman presented the minutes and answered questions.

There was a discussion about the meeting held on 4th September.

The Town Clerk gave advice regarding procedures.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Planning Committee be asked to reconsider application 2014/1552 land at East Somerset Way.

(Cllrs: Siggs and North asked for it to be noted that they abstained from the vote)

14/130C CALENDAR OF MEETINGS MAY 2015

To approve the calendar of Council meetings for May 2015:

The Town Clerk provided legal guidance notes on the timetable for elections, annual meeting and election of Chairman (Mayor).

- i. The draft calendar of meetings for May 2015 was amended striking out Mayor Making on 16th May; the Mayor will be elected at the start of the annual business meeting on Thursday 21st May.
- ii. Traditional Mayor Making will be arranged by the new Mayor; it will take place 2 -3 weeks later, on a Saturday in early to mid June.

After considerable discussion these arrangements were proposed, seconded and a vote was taken; the majority voted in favour: Resolved that the amended calendar of meetings for May 2015 be adopted.

14/131C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- i. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Cllr Butt Philip reported; public consultations are on-going.
- ii. Wells Recreation Ground Trust
Cllr North gave an up-date.
- iii. Wells Sports Clubs
Cllr Price reported the clubs now hope to work towards renegotiating their long-term lease.
- iv. Mendip District Council
Cllr Siggs spoke about the successful operating of the new Mendip Hub.
- v. Wells Carnival Club
Cllr Butt Philip reported from the Wells Carnival Club AGM.
- vi. Town Twinning
Cllr Butt Philip reported from a recent visit to Bad Durkheim.

14/132C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

- i. Damaged railings outside Tincknells have not been repaired.
- ii. Damaged bus stop sign at Burcott Road is to be repaired by SCC Highways.
- iii. Wells in Bloom were congratulated on being awarded the South West in Bloom GOLD PENANT.

14/133C DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place at 7pm on **Thursday 23rd October 2014.**