

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY CENTRE AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON
THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: G Wilson (The Mayor); A Gibson (Deputy Mayor); C Cox; N Kennedy;
J Ludovino (Chairman); C Price; C Wride

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck (Open Spaces Officer / Cemetery Superintendent Registrar)
Cllr R MacKenzie
2 members of the public

15/25CO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: M Brandon; T Robbins

15/26CO DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None declared

15/27CO MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2015 were proposed, seconded approved and signed.

Matters Arising

- i. The bin survey was very successful; a report to MDC resulted in a review of the contractor's schedule and a notable improvement the following week. The committee thanked Cllr Brandon for attention to this matter.
- ii. The dog bin at Burcott Rd had to be moved as a landowner objected to the position. Cllr Price will re-negotiate the location.

15/28CO MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- i. The Chairman of the Bishop's Palace Allotments Society asked some operational queries, answered by the Open Spaces Officer.
- ii. Cllr. MacKenzie spoke about the Old Deanery Garden and about the Glastonbury Brocante Fair.

15/29CO WELLS IN BLOOM

To receive a report from Wells in Bloom:

Cllr Wride presented the report and described the plants that are being ordered for next summer's floral display.

15/30CO CITY AND TOURISM FORUM

To receive the minutes of the meetings of the City and Tourism Forum held on 29th July and 9th September 2015:

Cllr Gibson presented the minutes and answered questions. There was a brief discussion about the visitor information website proposal; this will be put before the full Council meeting next week.

15/31CO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

To approve expenditure (within budget) and confirm arrangements for December 2015. The RFO reported on the orders and payments to date, and the arrangements in place for installation of the lights, 23rd-25th November and removal in the first week of January. All outdoor electrical sockets have now been checked and renewed as necessary. Mark

Tobin at The Swan, and the independent stores at the lower end of the town were particularly thanked for their assistance. All matters were approved.

15/32CO OPEN SPACES REPORT

To receive a report from the Town Clerk:

The report was discussed, additional suggestions were made by members; questions were answered by the Town Clerk and RFO.

RESOLVED

Following on from the Town Clerk's report, the Committee wishes to investigate the possibility of the Open Spaces Team carrying out additional works, subject to the council's finance and budget process.

Proposed, seconded and agreed.

15/33CO MAINTENANCE REPORTS

To report matters for the attention of Somerset County Highways, Mendip District Council, or Wells Open Spaces section: (pot holes, pavements, street lights, litter, street furniture etc.)

- a. Notification has been received from Somerset Heritage Centre that the Market Place heritage lamp post has been restored and will be reinstalled on 29th September.
- b. Matters for the attention of SCC Highways:
 - i. Damaged crash barriers at junction of Portway / Strawberry Way
 - ii. Loose slab next to BT cover outside 'Ribbons & Bows', High Street
 - iii. Loose slab outside Vision Express, High Street
 - iv. Completely blocked drain in entrance to Princes Road car park, flooding occurs with every rain fall, drain believed to have collapsed due to nearby tree root

15/34CO ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

No further matters.

15/35CO DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6pm Thursday 15th October 2015