

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ARCHIVES AND CIVIC ASSETS COMMITTEE HELD AT WELLS MUSEUM,
AT 6:00PM ON THURSDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Cllrs: C Briton (Chairman); C Cox; C Price; H Siggs; D Unwin; C Wride.

IN ATTENDANCE: Archivist: Dr J Wood; David Walker (Wells Museum Curator);
Clerk: Charlie Pritchard-Williams.

16/21A APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Town Clerk: F White; Cllrs: A Gibson (Mayor); T Robbins.

16/22A DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26th July 2012.

None declared.

16/23A MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Thursday **30th June 2016**

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

16/24A MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None wishing to speak.

16/25A HERITAGE OPEN DAY

Saturday 10th September 2016 10am – 4pm

The Archivist gave a report of the arrangements to date.

Everything is now ready, the Wells Journal is running another article this week to help promote and advertise it.

Julia thanked all the volunteers for their help on the day.

The new magazine Local Reach also ran an article about HOD last month.

16/26A REPORTS FROM THE ARCHIVIST

To receive the Archivist's Report to the Committee.

a) Once the Wells Remembers exhibition ends, the museum is planning to develop two rooms into an exhibition called 'History of Wells'.

b) An online database allowing the public to search for your own family history from home is likely to trial in the New Year.

c) There are plans for a joint exhibition running from the 4th February – 2nd December between The Bishop's Palace and Wells Archives. The exhibition will take place in The Bishop's Palace.

It will have a working title of "The Wells you know & the Wells you don't".

The Archivist answered questions from Councillors about the project;

Councillors were in favour of this collaborative working.

16/27A CONSERVATION

The Archivist reported that she has now received a prioritisation list of the paintings. One is in need of urgent restoration and four others are in need of relatively urgent restoration.

A conversation followed about the Archives budget.

Cllr Siggs felt that the purpose of the Archives budget is to look after the civic assets (robes, badges and regalia). The budget is not enough to take on the paintings restoration works so the project would need to be taken to city council.

Cllr Unwin agreed and said it needed to go to F&GP.

It was agreed that the Chairman be asked to talk to the Town Clerk to come up with a proposal to give to city council.

Support in principle for the restoration work, was proposed, seconded and approved.

- 16/28A PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK ON WELLS ALMSHOUSES** written by Jean Imray, a former City Archivist:
No further up-date.
- 16/29A BUDGET FOR 2017-18**
Deferred to next agenda.
- 16/30A URGENT BUSINESS**
Cllr Price spoke about the positioning of the 'Railwells' painting.
- 16/31A DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6 pm Thursday 17th November 2016**