

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL**  
**CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 AT 6.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: D Swain (Chairman); R MacKenzie; C Wride  
A Gibson (The Mayor); J North (Deputy Mayor)  
Ms T Chichester, 'B&B' representative  
Mr M Johns, Wells Chamber of Commerce  
Ms L Mann, Wells Cathedral  
Mrs R Martin, The Bishop's Palace  
Mr A Webb, Wells Museum/Visitor Information  
Mr M Tobin (Vice-Chairman), Swan Hotel / Visit Somerset

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White  
Cllr: M Brandon  
Mr J Turner, CEO Visit Somerset  
7 members of the public

**17/13CT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Ms C Winter, Wells Civic Society  
Ms S Cooper, Mr D Cooper, Wells Film Centre

**17/14CT DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None declared.

**17/15CT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were proposed, seconded approved and signed.

**17/16CT MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
None wishing to speak.  
(It was agreed to vary the order on the agenda.)

**17/17CT UK CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2021**  
Mr Webb explained it had been necessary to submit an expression of interest by 28<sup>th</sup> February; this had generated local and national press interest. He spoke about the requirements and time scale for submitting a bid; he will circulate his notes. The Chairman invited everyone to put their views and the idea was given very lengthy consideration. Positive support for the concept was generally strong. There were concerns about the limited time and resources available. The next stage is to prepare a 30 page submission and a 2 hour presentation by 28<sup>th</sup> April. Any group can lead the formal bidding process but full commitment from all levels of local authority is a compulsory element.  
It was agreed to meet again in two weeks time, each representative to seek input from their group. The proposers to consult MDC and SCC, and pursue other contacts. To coordinate through the Forum for the present, a lead person to be identified as soon as possible.

**17/18CT PARKING**  
i. Data from MDC Car Parks  
The request is being processed by MDC.  
ii. Notice of Proposal from MDC Off Street Parking Places order 2017  
Consultation documents will be circulated by e-mail for groups to respond.

**17/19CT WEBSITE** Launch of [www.VisitWellsSomerset.co.uk](http://www.VisitWellsSomerset.co.uk)  
The website is now live; feedback is requested prior to the full launch scheduled for early April.

**17/20CT PROMOTING THE CITY**

Progress report from 'Visit by Coach' project  
A meeting has taken place at the bus station with MDC Officers to explain all the suggestions.

A set of vouchers for coach drivers has been prepared.

The DVD is nearly ready.

Photographs for the wall may not be required as a development may be taking place, but the idea may be used elsewhere.

There are concerns about the various 'branding' being used by different groups and it was agreed to try to coordinate.

**17/21CT 2017 EVENTS**

See attached list.

**17/22CT ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT**

Items for the agenda at the next scheduled meeting:

- i. Branding and image
- ii. Ideas for funding bid to Mendip Tourism Ltd

**17/23CT DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** 6pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

Additional meeting to be arranged for City of Culture bid.

**PUBLIC EVENTS / ROAD CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY OF WELLS**

**2017** *Note: This listing attempts to identify major events likely to cause significant additional traffic or other disruption. Notifications of any other such events will be gratefully received.*

w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas lights come down
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Film crew in Market Place
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	The Legal Service, Market Place
(Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> -Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter)
26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> April	Wells Festival of Film 2017
(Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day)
Friday-Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> May	Fun Fair, Market Place
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Fun Run (provisional date)
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Wells in Bloom plant-out
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Dancing on the Green
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Ceremonial procession, Market Place (provisional)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Boules, Market Place
Sat-Sun 12-13 <sup>th</sup> August	Rail Wells exhibition, Town Hall
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Moat Boat Race
Sat-Sun 9-10 <sup>th</sup> September	Heritage Open Days
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Wells Food Festival
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Wells Carnival