

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 8TH JUNE 2017 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Brandon; J North (Mayor); T Robbins (Chairman); H Siggs

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck
2 members of the public

Before the start of the meeting the Chairman invited all those present to pause for a short period of reflection in memory of Cllr Chris Briton.

17/57F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs J Osman; C Price; D Swain; C Wride (Deputy Mayor)

17/58F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Ref. 17/63F Community Funding Applications:
Cllrs. North & Siggs each declared a personal interest as members of Mendip District Council, in application i. City of Wells Bowling Club.
Cllr Siggs declared a personal interest as close associate, in application ii. Wells Cricket Club.

17/59F ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN
Cllr Swain was proposed, seconded and elected as Vice-Chairman.

17/60F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH MAY 2017
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

17/61F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Representatives presented community funding applications and answered questions:

- i. City of Wells Bowling Club
- ii. Wells Cricket Club

17/62F FINANCE REPORT

- i. To receive the financial reports for May 2017:
The bank statements and accounts had been checked prior to the meeting. The accounts for May 2017 were proposed, seconded and approved. Members noted the increase in Town Hall lettings; income had approximately doubled since 2010, reflecting an increase in both business and workload.
- ii. The property insurance valuations report was received from the independent assessor.

17/63F COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS

- i. City of Wells Bowling Club
It was proposed, seconded and agreed to grant £400, subject to an acknowledgement plaque being displayed.
- ii. Wells Cricket Club
It was proposed, seconded and agreed to grant £1,000; the grant to be given if other applications are successful and the project goes ahead.

17/64F PROPERTIES

- i. Bus station ticket office
Officers reported that the toilet block has been steam cleaned, the gutters cleared

and the whole building is generally being brought up to standard.

This facility is very well-used by the public.

After some discussion it was agreed to investigate options re:

- i. Vending machines for refreshments
- ii. Providing visitor information
- iii. Partnership working with the bus company towards longer opening hours

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MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

No further matters

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm Thursday 13th July 2017