

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Brandon; J North (Mayor); J Osman; T Robbins (Chairman); H Siggs;
D Swain (Vice-Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck
3 representatives for grant applications.

17/77F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs: C Price; C Wride (Deputy Mayor)

17/78F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26th July 2012:
None declared. See 17/83F

17/79F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2017
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

17/80F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Representatives spoke about the funding applications (17/82F) and answered questions.

17/81F FINANCE REPORT
To receive the financial reports for July and August 2017:
The bank statements and accounts had been checked prior to the meeting. The accounts for July and August 2017 were proposed, seconded and approved.
The Town Clerk and RFO reported the external audit report is expected by the end of September.

17/82F COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS

- i. TS5C
After detailed consideration of the scope and purpose of the charity it was proposed, seconded and agreed to grant £250 per year for three years.
- ii. Wells Job Centre Plus: Cost of room hire.
After consideration of the nature of the proposed event, it was proposed, seconded and agreed to grant £380 as requested.

17/83F CHANGING PLACES PROJECT
To receive report and quote from specialist installer:
The specialist report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Cllr Swain gave an up-date on the project and a summary of likely costs. There was a discussion about funding options; it is expected that this can progress in partnership with MDC and the user group.
It was proposed seconded and agreed to go ahead with the project; to seek quotes for the preparatory work and to explore the funding options.
Cllr Swain was thanked for all his work in bringing the project forward.
Cllrs. North, Osman and Siggs each declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest as members of Mendip District Council.
To be kept on the agenda for up-dates until completion.

17/84F

PROPERTIES Up-date

Wells Post Office

The Town Clerk was given instruction regarding continuation of current lease arrangements.

17/85F

MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

Item for the next agenda: Review of grants policies.

17/86F

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm Thursday 12th October 2017