

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 26TH JULY 2018 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Brandon; R Greenwell; R MacKenzie; J Osman (Deputy Mayor);
D Swain; C Wride (Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
Mace Bearer: M Goody
RFO: S Luck
County Cllr. T Munt
2 members of the public, 3 press
Somerset & Avon Crime and Police Commissioner, Chief Constable
and Chief Inspector

18/95C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R Ayres, C Cox; N Kennedy; J North; C Price; T Robbins; H Siggs; D Unwin;
G Wilson

18/96C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of
Conduct adopted 27th July 2012: None received.

18/97C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON

28TH JUNE 2018: Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded,
confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

18/98C PRESENTATION by Avon & Somerset Police

The Police & Crime Commissioner Sue Mount-Stevens; Chief Constable Andy Marsh;
and Chief Inspector Sharon Bennett, spoke about strategy, priorities, funding, and local
interpretation; specifically the forthcoming move of the Wells Police Station to a new site
at the Fire Station. They answered questions from Councillors and from the press and
public. This very interesting session lasted about an hour and was much appreciated
by those present.

18/99C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A question about the casual vacancy on the council was answered. MDC Elections
Officer has reported that no poll was called for by the public within the required time,
therefore the City Council should co-opt as soon as is practicable.

Members agreed that it would not be appropriate to advertise during August as the
public would not have sufficient opportunity to be aware of the vacancy. It was agreed
to advertise in September, with a view to co-opting at the October meeting.

18/100C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor's Charities Quiz Night at the Town Hall on 22nd September

18/101C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2018:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

18/102C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 5th July and 19th July 2018:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

18/103C MINUTES OF THE ARCHIVES & CIVIC ASSESTS COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2018:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

18/104C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- i. Connect Youth Centre: Noted.
- ii. Cllr MacKenzie reported from the recent Parish Forum on:
 - Somerset Waste Partnership (plastics) and
 - district councils' discussions of possible unitary bid options.

18/105C REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

No reports received

18/106C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

1. Casual Vacancy: see 18/98C. The Town Clerk will send out a briefing paper to Councillors, as to co-option processes.
2. The Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group
3. A message has been received from Surfers Against Sewage to inform us that Wells has achieved Plastic Free status, in the reducing single-use plastics campaign.

18/107C DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Note August: no meetings except Planning Committee 6pm 9th August.

The next meeting of Wells City Council will take place at:

7.00pm on Thursday 27th September 2018 in the Council Chamber, Wells Town Hall.