

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: R Ayres, M Brandon; R Greenwell, N Kennedy, R MacKenzie,
C McKinnell, J North, C Price, T Robbins, H Siggs, D Swain, P Welch,
G Wilson, C Wride (The Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck
Mace Bearers: J Rood, M Goody
County Cllr. T Munt
5 members of the public

18/155C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from:
Cllr C Cox, J Osman (Deputy Mayor)

18/156C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

18/157C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON

22ND NOVEMBER 2018: Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

18/158C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. A representative of the Wells Festivals and the Bishop's Palace spoke about banners across the High Street (ref.18/117F).
2. The Chairman of the Wells Chamber of Commerce spoke about banners across the High Street (ref.18/117F).

18/159C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Bishop Bekynton Commemoration: Sunday 13th January 2019
- ii. Presentation of Council Award: Friday 22nd February 2019
- iii. Everyone present was invited to the Mayor's Parlour after the meeting for seasonal refreshments and the Mayor's Charity Draw.

Cllr. Price provided an up-date on arrangements for the Council Award presentation.

18/160C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2018:

The Chairman presented the minutes and spoke about 18/117F Cross-Street Wires, emphasising that the wires are bolted to buildings owned by others, not by the City Council.

There was discussion and some suggestions were put. The Chairman answered questions regarding public safety duties, responsibilities, and the potential liabilities of the various parties involved. Further information will be gathered and the matter kept under review by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

18/161C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2018

The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

18/162C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

1. Cllr North reported on 18/118F he has conveyed feedback to the Town Twinning Association; they are happy to meet with the Town Hall Manager within 24 hours

- of permission being given for any event in the future.
2. Cllr Price reported the Wells and Mendip Museum has won the 'Believe in Somerset' Tourism Award.

18/163C REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

1. Cllr Munt gave a verbal up-date on financial cuts at Somerset County Council.
2. Cllr Siggs gave a verbal report on financing of Mendip District Council.
The recent Mendip Council meeting had approved the Mendip Local Plan Part II; this will now be sent to the Inspectorate, along with all comments submitted.
The district councils are working to reduce the impact of SCC cuts to CAB funding.

18/164C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

1. Cllr MacKenzie brought a message of greeting and best wishes to all Councillors from former Councillor Mary Blundell.
2. Cllr North asked what was happening about the Town Hall car park – referred to the Mayor and Town Clerk.

18/165C DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members were asked to note the Calendar for 2019, issued in their folders.

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

7.00pm on Thursday 31st January 2019 in the Council Chamber, Wells Town Hall