

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST 2019 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT:

Sub-Committee Members:
Cllrs: L Agabani, A Fawcett,

Co-opted representatives:
Ms Terri Chichester, B&B representative
Mr Derek Cooper, Wells Film Centre
Mr Robert Powell, Wells Chamber of Commerce
Mr Mark Tobin, Hotels / Visit Somerset
Mr Andy Webb, Wells Museum/Visitor Information

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public.
Cllrs: S Briton, A l'Anson, P Crummay
S Luck; Acting Town Clerk

Cllr A Fawcett took the Chair and opened the meeting.

19/18CT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Town Clerk: F White
Cllrs O Hartley, G Dickson
Ms Linsey Mann, Wells Cathedral, who was leaving the Cathedral
Ms C Winter, Wells Civic Society
Ms Rosie Martin, The Bishop's Palace

19/19CT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS: None declared.

19/20CT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2019 were proposed, seconded approved and signed.

19/21CT ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr Mark Tobin was proposed, seconded and elected as Chairman.
Cllr A Fawcett was proposed, seconded and elected as Vice Chairman.

Mr Mark Tobin took over the Chair.

19/22CT AGREE CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS

It was agreed the existing representatives and organisations would be co-opted as members with the addition of Mr D Swain as a past Chairman. It was also proposed and agreed to send an invitation for representation to Wookey Hole Caves.

19/23CT MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Cllr A l'Anson reported on a locally led project to consider the purchase of the Old Deanery subject to funding and its possible use as an Art Gallery working with the Art Council.

Cllr Paul Lund from Glastonbury Town Council introduced himself and spoke about the importance of the two Councils working together to promote tourism. Andy Webb explained this was ongoing with Mendip Tourism and Visit Somerset.

19/24CT FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was agreed to include in the next agenda:

1. Heritage Partners update on governance and steering group.
2. Market Place presence for the Tourist Information.

19/25CT 2019 EVENTS,

Members were asked to submit events to the Council Office for inclusion in the list.

19/26CT ANY OTHER MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

It was agreed to have additional informal meetings so members could be updated on the progress of the TIC proposals, the first meeting will be on Thursday 15th August at the Swan Hotel at 5pm.

Cllr A Fawcett circulated the new booklet the Frome Guide for members to look at and suggested it would be useful if Wells had a similar guide to give to tourists in the future.

He also spoke about a recent presentation by Mr Jefferies on the Monmouth Rebellion and its impact on Wells and surrounding area. The Museum were considering whether they could put on a future exhibition.

19/27CT NEXT MEETING: 6pm, Thursday 17th October 2019

List of events due this year:

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| Sat/Sun 10 th /11 th August 2019 | Railwells Exhibition – Town Hall |
| Saturday 17 th August 2019 | Meet the Sikhs – Cathedral Green |
| Saturday 24 th August 2019 | Mayor’s Quiz evening |
| Monday 26 th August 2019 | Moat Boat Race |
| Sunday 1 st September 2019 | Rotary Emergency Services Day – Market Place |
| Sunday 13 th October 2019 | Wells Food Festival |
| Saturday 19 th October 2019 | One World Fair |
| 18 - 26 th October 2019 | Wells Literary Festival |
| Sunday 10 th November 2019 | Remembrance Parade |
| Friday 15 th November 2019 | Wells Carnival |
| W/c 18 th November 2019 [prov] | Christmas Lights being put up |
| Sunday 8 th December 2019 [prov] | Reindeer Parade |
| Wed 18 th to 21 st Dec 2019 [prov] | Christmas Market |