

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2019 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: C Cox, R Greenwell, N Kennedy, R MacKenzie,
C McKinnell, C Price, T Robbins, D Swain, J Osman (Deputy Mayor),
G Wilson, P Welch, C Wride (The Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck
Mace Bearer: M Goody
County Cllr. T Munt, District Cllr T Ronan
28 members of the public (including school students)

19/27C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from:
Cllrs: R Ayres, M Brandon, J North, H Siggs

19/28C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

19/29C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON

28TH FEBRUARY 2019: Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

19/30C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- i. Five school students spoke about the future of our planet, the effects of climate change, and how this could be mitigated. They were thanked for their excellent presentation.
- ii. A member of the public spoke about the responsibility of humans for our impact on pollution and climate change.
- iii. A representative of the Visit by Coach 'Meet and Greet' team showed the award recently won by Wells for 'Coach Friendly Destination'. He thanked the City Council for their support in achieving this and thanked the Mayor, Town Clerk and County Councillor for their on-going assistance with solving issues at the bus station.

19/31C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Mayor's Charity Murder Mystery Afternoon Tea: 2pm 13th April
- ii. Annual Council Dinner: 19th April (no cost to the public purse)
- iii. Correspondence: Two letters were in members' folders for their attention.
- iv. The funeral of former Mayor Alan Hague will take place on Thursday 4th April, 2.30pm at St Thomas Church. The Mayor has sent a card of condolence and will attend the funeral; the family do not wish for a full Civic Funeral but Councillors are welcome to attend individually.

19/32C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2019:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

19/33C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 7th and 21st March 2019:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

- 19/34C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2019
With minutes of the City & Tourism Forum meetings held on 7th & 28th February:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions. He drew members' attention to 19/15CT Recommendation to continue the Forum: Noted.
- 19/35C ARCHIVES & CIVIC ASSETS COMMITTEE**
RECOMMENDED: To adopt the **CIVIC REVIEW** completed at the meeting held on 21st February 2019; Proposed, seconded and unanimously **RESOLVED**.
- 19/36C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**
- i. City of Wells Almshouses Trustee the Trust CEO has indicated that the Trustees wish the current City Council trustee to remain on the Trust after her term as Councillor.
- 19/37C REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**
- i. Somerset County Council There has been a series of scrutiny meetings and some briefings but little else during the local elections period.
- 19/38C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**
- i. With reference to the public items 19/30C i. ii. all-party support will be sought by the proposers in order to bring a motion on a Climate Emergency to the Council meeting in April, whilst still in the elections period.
 - ii. District Cllr MacKenzie said that anyone with questions about the May Fair can ask him, as he has information on what happened.
 - iii. The Mayor announced that the next meeting will be her final one as Mayor, she will be inviting everyone present to the Mayor's Parlour for drinks after the meeting.
- 19/39C DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting of Wells City Council will take place at:
7.00pm on Thursday 25th April 2019 in the Council Chamber, Wells Town Hall