

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2019 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: L Agabani, S Briton, P Crummay, S Cursley, A Fawcett,
O Hartley, A l'Anson, N Kennedy, J Linsdell, J Osman (Mayor), C Rees,
J Rust, P Welch (Deputy Mayor), C Wride

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Town Clerk/RFO: S Luck
Mace Bearers: M Goody / C Price
Chaplain; A Glanville
County Cllr. T Munt,
District Cllr T Ronan
SCO; Cllr M Cooke
2 Police Officers
14 members of the public

19/67C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: G Dickson, T Robbins
Town Clerk: F White

19/68C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

19/69C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON

16TH JUNE 2019: Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

19/70C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. A member of the public spoke about the need to improve the appearance and infrastructure of Wells Bus Station, she asked Councillors to support her campaign, appreciating it was owned and controlled by MDC.
2. SCO Councillor M Cooke expressed concerns WCC were receiving more consultation on developments than SCO.
3. A member of the public spoke about the need to encourage more cycle paths and offered the Council assistance if required.
4. A member of the public expressed concerns on the amount of Fly Posters appearing around the City and they were not being removed after the events had finished.

Chief Inspector Sharon Baker gave an update on the future of Wells Police Station and the proposed move to Burcott road. The front office at the Glastonbury Road site will be closing when the new office is open in Shepton Mallet in 2020.

Police Officer Dan Williams introduced himself as the new member of the neighbourhood team and was welcomed by members.

19/71C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Mayor Making Saturday 29th June, 5pm, Ball Room, Wells Town Hall
- ii. Mayor's Coffee Morning Saturday 6th July, Mayor's Parlour, Wells Town Hall, 9.30am - 12noon

- 19/72C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 23rd May, 6th and 20th June 2019:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
- 19/73C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2019:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
Cllr Linsdell requested that the discussion on ice on pavements be noted and the responsibility was with SCC Highways.
- 19/74C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2019:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
Cllr Briton asked about the last feasibility study on the location of TIC services and had the Union Street Library been considered as a host venue.
- 19/75C MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2019:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
It was agreed to take questions in the closed part of the meeting due to their confidential nature.
- 19/76C CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE PROPOSAL**
The proposal was unanimously accepted by members and the following Councillors were elected to serve on the committee:-
Cllrs: J Osman (The Mayor), P Welch (Deputy Mayor), L Agabani, S Briton, P Crummay, S Cursley, O Hartley, A l'Anson, C Rees.
The first meeting of the committee will be on 4th July at 6pm.
- 19/77C COMMUNICATIONS REVIEW**
It was agreed to set up a communications review; members of the working party would be Cllrs: L Agabani, A Fawcett, O Hartley, A l'Anson, J Osman (The Mayor), J Rust and P Welch (Deputy Mayor)
- 19/78C COMMITTEE VACANCIES**
i. Planning Committee: Cllr S Briton was selected.
ii. City Centre & Open Spaces Committee: Cllr C Rees was selected.
- 19/79C CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB) REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY**
As no Councillors volunteered it was agreed Cllr Kennedy's wife, Carol Kennedy could represent the Council.
It was also agreed Cllr Osman (The Mayor) would accept the invitation to a Neighbourhood Watch meeting.
- 19/80C CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS**
Noted
- 19/81C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**
1. Cllr Welch reported on the consultation on the future of Fire services in the County and it was agreed a letter should be sent to Devon and Somerset Fire Authority supporting the need and work done by Wells Fire Station.
2. Cllrs Agabani and Fawcett gave their support to the proposed campaign to improve the Wells Bus Station.
3. Cllr Rust reported she had attended a CCTV User Group meeting.
4. Cllr Wride reported the next litter pick would be on the weekend of the 4th/5th/6th July and that would include supporting the CPRE green clean plastic survey.

5. Cllr Briton reported on future Sustainable Wells events starting with a Pop up Café at the Little Theatre on the 6th July.
6. Cllr Linsdell reported attending a Fairtrade meeting and asked if a presentation could be done at the next full Council. The Mayor asked for the request to be sent to him.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, relating to individuals, it was proposed by the Chairman that a resolution be passed under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended, excluding the press and public. **Resolved**

1. The Staffing Chairman Cllr Wride answered confidential questions on Staffing matters held over from the report of the Staffing Committee minutes.
2. The Mayor discussed with members a confidential Civic event. It was agreed Cllrs Osman (the Mayor), Welch, Robbins, Hartley would form a working group to start organising the event.

19/82C DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Wells City Council will be at **5pm on Saturday 29th June 2019, Mayor-Making**