

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE INDICTMENT ROOM, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019 AT 6.00PM

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: L Agabani, P Crummay, S Cursley, O Hartley, A l'Anson,  
P Welch (Deputy Mayor)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllrs: J Linsdell, J Rust  
County Cllr T Munt  
WCC: S Bristow  
13 members of the public

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Deputy Mayor chaired the meeting.

**19/22CEC APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Acting Town Clerk/RFO: S Luck  
S Briton (Chair)  
Cllr J Osman (Mayor and Vice-Chair)

**19/23CEC DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**  
None.

**19/24CEC MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**  
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

**19/25CEC MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- Reference was made to what the member of the public said was "inappropriate wording" within MDC Cllr Tom Ronan's report dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019.
- Concerns were raised regarding the lack of use of non-porous surfaces resulting in water retention being wasted. Response from members concluded that this issue is being addressed.  
Cllr l'Anson made reference to planning application 2019/2257/HSE where non-porous surface is specified.  
Cllrs l'Anson and C Rees commented re non-porous surfaces - It was confirmed it is a legal obligation to use non-porous material for any surface area over 5 metres and MDC must adhere to this when considering planning applications.
- Regarding new building development, it was suggested that developers should submit Pedestrian/Cycle routes in the first instance and work any new development around these routes.
- Comment was made as to some unsuitable naming of roads within Wells.
- Deployment of 5G. Serious concern was raised over health issues. Cllr l'Anson said that this is a complex issue which needs to be discussed at a Citizens panel. Cllr Welch said that the council wish to have more public meetings.

- Members of public were happy to see solar panels on the Connect Centre and were interested in the possibility of the Town Hall having these installed.

**19/26CEC**

**REPORTS FROM WELLS CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

- F&GP: A grant of £500 for Project Factory CIC for help in distribution of an events calendar to every household.
- City Centre & Open Spaces: Report received from Cllr Agabani.
- Planning: Cllr l'Anson said a report is to follow regarding Local Plan II. A proposal is currently in place.

**19/27CEC**

**CEC WORKING GROUP REPORTING**

- Members were happy with this operation.

**19/28CEC**

**CEC WORKING GROUPS REPORTS**

- Transport**  
Cllr Linsdell reported on the ongoing effort to ensure up-to-date bus timetables are available at the relevant stops.
- Cycling**  
Cllr Cursley reported that a second meeting had taken place where tasks had been allocated to people who will report back next month. SCC Cllr T Munt also talked about the ongoing work on the Strawberry Line, the responsibility of which lies with MDC.
- Energy** (*Report attached*)  
A written report was provided by Cllr Briton. Cllr Welch read points from the report to those present.
- Further groups**  
No further group reports.

**19/29CEC**

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Members agreed the Implementation Plan should be put up on the WCC website.

**19/30CEC**

**DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES**

To delegate authority to the Acting Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to decide any urgent matters arising before the next meeting.

**19/31CEC**

**ANY OTHER MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**

- On behalf of members of the CEC, Cllr Welch wished to convey thanks to Cllr Briton for all her efforts.
- Cllr Cursley discussed the benefits of signing up with the Solar Streets scheme.
- Cllr Welch (matter raised by Cllr Briton) - meeting time. It was agreed by members that future CEC meetings should be open ended rather than immediately followed by a full council meeting as the committee's increasing amount of business may require more than an hour.
- Discussion took place regarding the option to share a Resilience Officer. Cllr Welch proposed that a Resilience Officer from Wedmore/Frome councils be invited to visit our council.

**19/32CEC**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6pm, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019**