

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020 AT 7:00PM VIA ZOOM

**PRESENT ON ZOOM:** Cllrs: L Agabani (Chairman), P Crummay, S Cursley, O Hartley, N Kennedy (Vice-Chairman), P Welch (Deputy Mayor), C Wride

**IN ATTENDANCE ON ZOOM:** Town Clerk/RFO, S Luck  
Cllrs: S Briton, J Browne, J Linsdell  
WCC Staff: A Westwood, K Westwood  
SCC Cllr T Munt  
2 members of the public

**20/36F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr J Osman (Mayor)

**20/37F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012

**20/38F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020:**

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and will be signed in due course.

**20/39F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Public speaking time is normally restricted to 15 minutes in total, at the discretion of the Chairman.  
None wishing to speak.

**20/40F FINANCE REPORT**

To receive the Finance Reports for June 2020.  
The bank statements were checked prior to the meeting by Cllr Crummay.  
The Town Clerk answered questions from members on the accounts.  
The accounts for June were proposed, seconded and approved.

**20/41F REVISED BUDGET 2020/21**

The Town Clerk explained the implications of Covid-19 on this year's budget. It is anticipated there will be a drop in council income of £99,000, this is being offset with savings and the delay in starting the new projects planned. It is hoped income will start to return to normal in the coming quarter.  
The Town Clerk asked for an emergency budget of £750 to be spent on Covid 19 safety measures being planned. This was agreed by members.

**20/42F PROPERTIES UPDATE**

The Town Clerk updated members on the Market Hall building.  
The Post Office have announced they will be closing the branch on 20<sup>th</sup> July and there will be a break in service until the new branch opens in Peacocks. The Town Clerk answered questions from members and explained the closure was not down to the Council but must be for business reasons as ample time had been given to the Post Office to finalise their move since September last year. Members expressed annoyance with the Post Office actions, despite all the help given to them by WCC and it was agreed the Public should be informed of the facts in a press release.  
The new tenant for the building was in the process of applying for planning permission.

**20/43F ANY MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**  
None reported.

**20/44F DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**