

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 AT 7:00PM VIA ZOOM

**PRESENT ON ZOOM:** Cllrs: L Agabani (Chairman), P Crummay, S Cursley, N Kennedy (Vice-Chairman), J Osman (Mayor), P Welch (Deputy Mayor)

**IN ATTENDANCE ON ZOOM:** Cllrs; J Linsdell, J Rust, S Briton  
Town Clerk/RFO, S Luck  
WCC Staff: A Westwood  
SCC Cllr T Munt  
1 member of the public

**20/54F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr O Hartley

**20/55F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Cllr L Agabani declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in agenda item 6 as a business partner of the person renting space in the Town Hall.

**20/56F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020:**

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

**20/57F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Cllr J Linsdell spoke about a recent Bus 67 meeting she attended and various issues including future funding and access problems. The Chairman agreed this will be included in a future agenda.

Mr Simmons spoke about rent free periods given by the Council to its hospitality tenants and asked questions which the Town Clerk answered.

**20/58F FINANCE REPORT**

To receive the Finance Reports for September 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 September were proposed, seconded and approved.

Cllr Rust questioned the council procurement policy regarding the use of ethical companies.

**20/59F TOWN HALL STORAGE RENT AGREEMENT**

*Cllr Agabani left the meeting.*

The Town Clerk reported on an agreement to rent a cupboard space to a local business for storage and answered questions from members. It was agreed this was good use of a vacant space in the Town Hall and the staff should be allowed to manage the building.

*Cllr Agabani returned to the meeting.*

**20/60F PROPERTIES UPDATE**

The Town clerk updated members on the old Post Office building and we are waiting change of use and planning to be granted before a new lease will be signed.

He also reported on steps being taken to try and secure for the community the Portway annex building being sold by SCC. Meetings are being planned with interested community groups.

**20/61F ANY MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**  
No matters raised.

**20/62F DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020**