

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2020 AT 7:00PM VIA ZOOM

PRESENT ON ZOOM: Cllrs: S Briton, P Crummay (Vice-chair), S Cursley (Chair), O Hartley, N Kennedy, P Welch (Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE ON ZOOM: Cllrs; J Linsdell, J Rust,
Town Clerk/RFO, S Luck
WCC Staff: A Westwood
SCC Cllr T Munt

20/77F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs L Agabani, J Osman

20/78F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26th July 2012.
None Declared

20/79F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2020:

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

20/80F MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

None requested to speak.

20/81F FINANCE REPORT

To receive the Finance Reports for November 2020
The bank statements were checked prior to the meeting by Cllr Kennedy.
The Town Clerk/RFO answered questions from members on the accounts including questions on Christmas light expenditure.
The accounts for November were proposed, seconded and approved.

20/82F BUS 67

Cllr Welch (The Mayor) reported on a meeting he had held with the St Cuthberts Out Council chairman. The costing and future ideas regarding the route of Bus 67 were discussed. This may include extending/changing the route to include more villages around Wells.
Cllr Welch proposed that WCC increase the budget for the bus by an extra £2,000 to a maximum total of £4,600. After a discussion members agreed to make a budget provision for this to allow discussions to continue. This was proposed, seconded and agreed.

20/83F BUDGET 2021-22

The Town Clerk/RFO presented the budget that will now include the new agreed figure for Bus 67 and answered any questions on the final draft.
It was agreed the budget will now be presented to Full Council for approval and the 2021-2022 Precept figure will be agreed at the January Full Council meeting to allow decisions to be made regarding property matters.
This was proposed, seconded and agreed.

20/84F WELLS MUSEUM GRANT APPLICATION

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to pay the agreed £3,000 grant.

20/85F PROPERTIES UPDATE

The Town Clerk updated members on,

1. The Pop up Post Office at Wells Bus station ticket office, the building was ready and agreements in place but we are still waiting for the delivery of the counter from Post Office counters Ltd.
2. The lease for Market Hall has been reassigned to the new Ask company.
3. The lease for the old Post Office building has been signed and awaiting completion with the new restaurant.

20/86F ANY MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

Cllr Linsdell thanked the committee for supporting Bus 67.

20/87F DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm, Thursday 14th January 2021

EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC Note: If it is necessary for matters to be considered in confidence it will be 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.