

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE EAST ROOM, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: L Agabani, P Crummay, S Cursley, T Robbins (Chairman),
P Welch (Deputy Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Town Clerk/RFO, S Luck
SCC Cllr T Munt
1 member of the Public

19/85F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs: N Kennedy (Vice-Chairman), J Osman (Mayor), C Wride

19/86F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26th July 2012.
None declared.

19/87F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2019:
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

19/88F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Emma Lefevre from Project Factory CIC gave a presentation and answered members' questions on their grant application. They are proposing to produce a calendar for 2020 showing all the events happening in the City and distribute it free to all households.

19/89F FINANCE REPORT
i. To receive the Finance Report for September 2019
The bank statements were checked prior to the meeting by Cllr Welch. The RFO answered questions from members on the accounts. The accounts for September were proposed, seconded and approved. The Chairman informed members the invoice for the recent HR work had been received costing £5,000.

19/90F COMMUNITY GRANTS APPLICATIONS
i. Project Factory CIC
Members were keen to support the project and a £500 grant was proposed, seconded and approved.
ii. Police Community Clubs
Due to the lack of information and a presentation members decided not to support the application and invite the applicant to re-apply.

19/91F BUDGET 2020 – 2021
The RFO explained the budget process for next month's meeting. He had received several new budget demands for planned projects. Members agreed to include in the first draft for consideration funds to cover loss of rental income, new website proposal, staff costs, new street furniture, increase grant budget with allocated funds and a budget for the Climate Emergency Implementation Plan.

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COMMUNICATIONS GROUP UPDATE

- i. To receive report and consider budget implications
Cllr Agabani presented the group's report which had been circulated.
- ii. To agree purchase of short throw projector
It was proposed, seconded and approved to purchase a short throw projector at a cost of £300.
- iii. To consider social media policy
An initial draft policy was presented to members and it was agreed to consider this at the December meeting to then send to Full Council for adoption.
Cllr Agabani also informed members of the progress setting up the new Heritage Partners CIC and it was planned for the TIC to reopen in the Town Hall at the end of January.

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PROPERTIES

The RFO reported the Bus Station toilets had been subjected to more vandalism. This has now been repaired.
No further update has been received from the Post Office other than 2 interested businesses had shown an expression of interest to host a new PO.

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ANY MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

The RFO asked members to agree the expenditure to host a second 4-year plan meeting on the 9th November. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to cover the cost with agreement to review if more meetings are required.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm Thursday 14th November 2019