

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY CENTRE AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON**  
**THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016 AT 6.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: M Brandon (Vice-Chairman); A Gibson (Deputy Mayor);  
N Kennedy; J Ludovino (Chairman); C Price; G Wilson (The Mayor);  
C Wride.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White  
RFO: S Luck  
Cllr Swain  
R Powell, Vice Chairman, Wells Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

**16/11CO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs: C Cox; T Robbins  
MDC Market Manager  
G Wilson (The Mayor) would leave after the start of the meeting to attend official engagements elsewhere.

**16/12CO DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None declared

**16/13CO MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on **18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016** were proposed, seconded approved and signed.

**16/14CO MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Vice Chairman, Wells Chamber of Commerce and Tourism spoke at 16/15CO.  
(The Mayor left the meeting)

**16/15CO CHRISTMAS MARKET**

To consider proposal from MDC to hold an extended Wells Christmas Market.  
The Town Clerk reported the suggestion from MDC to run the market on additional days Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016, with a Christmas theme throughout the four days Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>. The Bishops Palace have offered additional pitches towards the Moat, if required.  
Members were in support of this idea; the Town Clerk was asked to request that MDC arrange free car parking during the period.  
The Vice Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce said he felt that the traders would also be in support of this proposal, as the market increases footfall and benefits the town. He recommended it should be coordinated with free car parking and good publicity.

**16/16CO WELLS IN BLOOM**

To receive the minutes of the Wells in Bloom meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016:  
The Chairman (Cllr Brandon) presented the minutes and invited questions.

**16/17CO OPEN SPACES REPORT**

The Open Spaces Officer presented the report and invited questions.

Grass-cutting will start next week. The necessary seasonal workers are currently being recruited.

The recommended quote was agreed, tree works to start in April. The planting proposal was accepted.

**16/18CO BINS**

- i. To approve provision of litter bin at junction of pedestrian path from Westfield Rd with Strawberry Way: A refurbished bin is available; it was agreed to install it at this site.
- ii. Dog fouling bins, up-date:
  - a. Bins left at the wrong heights after SCC replaced poles have been re-fitted / repaired as needed, by WCC.
  - b. Bin for Bath Rd, near bus shelter/golf course: awaiting delivery of brackets for fitting
  - c. Bin for cycle path near Morrisons: awaiting delivery of brackets for fitting
  - d. Bin for Burcott Rd: still awaiting identification of suitable location
  - e. New request received for dog fouling bin for Ash Lane: Open Spaces Officer to investigate and report to next meeting

**16/19CO MAINTENANCE REPORTS**

To report matters for the attention of Somerset County Highways, Mendip District Council, or Wells Open Spaces section (pot holes, pavements, street lights, litter, street furniture etc.):

- i. Litter and broken glass at Bath Rd bus shelter and footpath by golf course
- ii. Queen Street sump drain blocked and water not running
- iii. Broken slab outside Whitings, Lower High St
- iv. Slabs loose and rocking outside 'The Changing Rooms', Queen St.

**16/20CO ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT**

- i. Poppy bed, Recreation Ground, is in need of attention – apparently John Parkes has the matter in hand. It was agreed to purchase some more seeds if necessary.

**16/21CO DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 6pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016

**Please see Open Spaces Report March 2016 on next page**