

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 6.00PM

**PRESENT:**

**Committee Members:**  
Councillors: R Greenwell, R MacKenzie

**Co-opted representatives:**  
Mr D Cooper, Wells Film Centre  
Ms L Mann, Wells Cathedral  
Ms R Martin, The Bishop's Palace  
Mr R Powell, Wells Chamber of Commerce  
Mr M Tobin, Hotels / Visit Somerset (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr A Webb, Wells Museum/Visitor Information  
Ms C Winter, Wells Civic Society

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White  
Cllr C Price

**18/37CT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

J North, D Swain (Chairman), C Wride (Mayor)

**18/38CT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr MacKenzie declared an interest as member, in any matter relating to Mendip District Council.

**18/39CT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were amended, proposed, seconded approved and signed.

Matters Arising

- i. 18/35CTiii.Fly-posting: Cllr MacKenzie complained this is still on-going
- ii. 18/30CT signage for free coach parking is still unclear

**18/40CT MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Cllr Price spoke about plastic-free Wells and bottle-refill points for drinking water.

**18/41CT MENDIP VISITOR ECONOMY CONFERENCE 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Information was provided by Andy Webb. There was a general discussion about moving forward and promoting the City; also about the significance of tourism in the local economy.

**18/42CT WW1 CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS**

Derek Cooper gave a report on arrangements to date.

Cllr Swain (Chairman) had asked that his thanks be passed to Mr Cooper, the Mayor, and the Town Clerk, for all their work on planning and coordinating these events on behalf of the community. All known events are listed on

[www.wells.gov.uk](http://www.wells.gov.uk)

**18/43CT REVIEW OF DISABILITY ACCESS**

Andy Webb presented his ideas for a City-wide, coordinated approach. It was agreed to try to share and collate information on 'access for all'.

**18/44CT 2018 EVENTS** See attached list.

Dates were corrected.

Cllr MacKenzie again asked members to consider visiting the Arthur Memorial at Wellington.

**18/45CT ANY OTHER MATTERS**

- i. Concern about cut to Sunday service on 126 (Wells – Weston) bus route.  
(Note: First Bus will be represented at Conference on 27<sup>th</sup> September.)
- ii. Barrier removed at pedestrian exit from Princes Road car park to Market Street - safety concern f.a.o. SCC Highways.
- iii. Difficulties for coach drivers at bus station: signs are not clear on free parking.
- iv. Request for more benches in bus station waiting area.
- v. Problems with the toilets at the bus station.
- vi. 'Visit Britain' is taking Wells to China and making a big impact.
- vii. The new City map is in the map machines at £1 and selling well.
- viii. The Vice-Chairman asked for it to be recorded in the minutes that the representatives note a lack of City Councillors attending the Forum meetings.

**18/46CT DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 6pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018

## **PUBLIC EVENTS / ROAD CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY OF WELLS 2018**

Note: *This listing attempts to identify major events likely to cause significant additional traffic or other disruption. Notifications of any other such events will be gratefully received.*

*These may also be days when it would not be appropriate to arrange another major event in the City.*

### **September**

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Heritage Open Day; City centre venues
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Rolls Royce Visit, Cathedral Green
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Mendip Hills Hash Harriers, Cathedral Green

### **October**

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	'Wake up Wells' launch, Town Hall
Tues-Thurs 9-11 Oct	Commercial publicity event, Cathedral Green

### **Festivals**

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Food Festival, City centre
6 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Wells Art Contemporary, Bishop's Palace
12 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> October	New Music Wells
19 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Wells Festival of Literature

### **WW1 Commemorations** Full listings see [www.wells.gov.uk](http://www.wells.gov.uk)

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	6pm Garden of Remembrance, Cathedral 7pm Poppy Concert, Town Hall
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### **November**

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	6pm WWI commemorative gathering, Wells Cathedral
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	'Somerset Poppies', The Bishop's Palace
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	6am: the lone piper, Wells Cathedral 11am: Remembrance Services & Parade; citycentre 3pm Requiem in Wells Cathedral 7pm: Beacon-lighting at Wookey Hole; City Band, British Legion. 7pm: Town Crier: Wells Town Hall
Fri 16th November	Wells Carnival and Charter Fair (Fun Fair)
Mon–Tues 19-20th November	Christmas lights go up

### **December**

Sun. 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Reindeer Parade
Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup> –Sat.22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Wells Christmas Market

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### **January**

w/c Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas lights down
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> January	'Wake Up Wells' Community Day, Cathedral & Parade

### **April**

26-28 <sup>th</sup> April	Wells Film Festival
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### **May**

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Local Council elections
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