

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2018 AT 6.00PM

(Date of meeting changed due to Ward bye-elections)

PRESENT: **Committee Members:**
Councillors: D Swain (Chairman), C Wride (The Mayor)
Co-opted representatives:
Ms R Martin, The Bishop's Palace
Mr R Powell, Wells Chamber of Commerce
Mr A Webb, Wells Museum/Visitor Information
Ms C Winter, Wells Civic Society

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
Cllr. M Brandon. 2 members of the public.

18/47CT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: R Greenwell, R MacKenzie, J North
Mr D Cooper, Wells Film Centre
Ms L Mann, Wells Cathedral
Mr M Tobin, Hotels / Visit Somerset (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs A Howarth, City of Wells Almshouses

18/48CT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None declared

18/49CT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2018 were amended, proposed, seconded approved and signed.

18/50CT MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Cllr. Brandon reported the white lines have been repainted on High Street and Broad Street.

18/51CT MENDIP VISITOR ECONOMY CONFERENCE

Up-dates and action points arising from the conference held on 27th September: Andy Webb gave a brief report and will send on his notes for members to read. There was emphasis on the importance of co-operation and working together, both in Wells and in other places. The newly forming Heritage Partnership is an example.

18/52CT WW1 CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS

The Mayor gave a summary of all the events being planned, a list is available on the City Council website www.wells.gov.uk
The Poppy/Heritage Trail in the City Centre is ready. The book on the individuals behind the 99 names on the war memorial is ready for release.

18/53CT WELLS CHRISTMAS MARKET

The meeting with MDC had been postponed, so nothing to report yet. There was some discussion and feedback given to take to meetings. Members felt the market would be better earlier in the season.

18/54CT 2018-19 EVENTS See attached list

18/55CT ANY OTHER MATTERS

i. Winter gritting

The Chairman reported information received from Somerset County Council Highways: supplies of winter grit will no longer be provide by County, if the community wants grit for the yellow bins this will have to be purchased. He asked for feedback from the community; the purchasing will be considered by the City Council during the forthcoming budget process.

ii. Future of the Forum

This council is in its final year and will be reviewing the committee structure. The Chairman asked members to consider their views on the role of the Forum and how they see its future going forward: Item for the next agenda.

18/56CT DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 6pm on Thursday **7th February** 2019

PUBLIC EVENTS / ROAD CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY OF WELLS 2018 - 19

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.*

WW1 Commemorations Full listings see www.wells.gov.uk

Saturday 27 th October	6.30pm Garden of Remembrance, Cathedral 7.30pm Poppy Concert, Town Hall
November	
Tuesday 6 th November	6pm WWI Somerset commemorative gathering, Wells Cathedral
Fri 9 th -Sun11 th November	Christmas Market, The Bishop's Palace
Saturday 10 th November	'Somerset Poppies', The Bishop's Palace
Sunday 11 th November	6am: the lone piper, Wells Cathedral 11am: Remembrance Services & Parade; City centre 3pm Requiem, Wells Cathedral 7pm: Town Crier: Wells Market Place
Fri 16 th November	Wells Carnival and Charter Fair (Fun Fair)
Mon–Tues 19-20 th November	Christmas lights go up
December	
Thursday 6 th December	Millfield School Carol Service: 7pm Wells Cathedral, coaches from 5.30pm Wells Market Place
Sun. 9 th December	Reindeer Parade
Wed. 19 th –Sat.22 nd December	Wells Christmas Market

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January

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

April

26-28 th April	Wells Film Festival
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May

Thursday 2 nd May	Local Council Elections
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July

11-14 th July	Wells Theatre Festival
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