

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2013, 7:00PM
(Adjourned from 18th May 2013)

PRESENT: Cllrs: T Butt Philip (The Mayor); C Briton (Deputy Mayor); M Brandon; A Denison; A Gibson; T Robbins; H Siggs; J North; J Parkes; C Price; N Kennedy; J Osman; D Unwin.

IN Town Clerk: F White.

ATTENDANCE: RFO: S Luck; Mace-Bearer: J Rood; Chaplain (sub.): A Glanville.
1 member of the press; 3 members of the public. 1 Police Officer.

13/67C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs: D Anderson; S Davies; G Wilson.

13/68C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
None.

13/69C MINUTES of the meeting of the City Council held on 25th April 2013 were proposed, seconded, approved and signed by the Mayor.

13/70C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Mr Ball (Deputy Chairman, Wells Neighbourhood Watch) spoke about problems with parking, particularly around the North Road area. Issues have been raised by residents since the new parking enforcement regime began. Cllr Siggs undertook to follow this up (SCC Highways).

13/71C TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE
Sgt Muers welcomed the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor. He apologised for the lack of continuity of Beat Manager, assuring members that PC Pearson will be back in June. He reported that crime figures are well down in the year to date. The Police are working hard to improve the situation with rough sleepers and some problems with buskers begging. Working in partnership with the Elim Centre and Mendip District Council they are now asking the City Council to launch the Street Entertainers Identity Card scheme.

13/72C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. On behalf of the Council and the City, the Mayor presented long-service awards to Cllr Kennedy and Cllr Siggs. Everyone was invited to the Mayor's Parlour to congratulate them after the meeting.
- ii. Councillors' attention was directed to various information and up-dates regarding the Code of Conduct and Registration of Interests.
- iii. The visiting group from the twin town of Bad Dürkheim had presented the City with a picture and a stone obelisk; both were on view in the Mayor's Parlour after the meeting.

13/73C TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

- i. Finance and General Purposes
- ii. Planning and Environment
- iii. Cemetery and Open Spaces
- iv. City Centre Management
- v. Staffing
- vi. Archives and Civic Assets
- vii. Wells in Bloom

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that a ballot would be taken in accordance

with Standing Order 1siii. in respect of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

See list of appointments attached.

13/74C TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS AND OTHER MATTERS

a. Annual Reviews To resolve that the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall ensure the following are reviewed for presentation to Council by October 2013:

i. Standing Orders

ii. Financial Regulations and related matters

iii. Committees' terms of reference and related matters, and shall ensure that all annual reviews required under Standing Order 2k are completed.

RESOLVED.

b. To note the Council's Calendar of meetings for 2013 (approved 20.12. 12). Noted.

13/75C TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES

See list of appointments attached.

Cllr Price was thanked for all his work on the Sports Centre Committee.

13/76C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2013 and approve recommendations.

There was a discussion regarding the receiving and adopting of committee minutes. It was proposed, seconded and agreed, that the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Delegation would be copied to all councillors; the matter will be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and then brought back to full Council.

To receive the Internal Audit Report: Noted.

RECOMMENDED (re: Annual Audit Return for the year ending 31st March 2013)

i. To approve and sign the Accounting Statement: **RESOLVED.**

ii. To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement: **RESOLVED.**

13/77C MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2013. Noted.

13/78C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd May and 16th May 2013. Noted.

13/79C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

i. Almshouses

Cllr Parkes reported the new CEO and Project Manager have been appointed; extensive refurbishment of the apartments is on-going; results of the quinquennial inspections are available.

Cllr Unwin reported that there is an active residents committee.

ii. Highways Various matters were reported for the attention of SCC Highways.

iii. Sports Council

Cllr Price has stood down as Chairman. MDC is reviewing its provision for all play areas including the sports field; a report is expected soon.

Cllr Brandon congratulated the Mayor on his able chairmanship of the meeting.

Cllr Robbins thanked the Mayor on behalf of everyone, for all his work in arranging the events of the previous weekend, the 30th Anniversary Celebrations of the town twinning with Bad Durkheim, followed by Mayor Making.

13/80C The next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday 27th June 2013

COMMITTEES 2013/14

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Cllr Theo Butt Philip (Mayor)
Cllr Chris Briton (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr David Anderson
Cllr Maureen Brandon
Cllr John North
Cllr Colin Price
Cllr Tony Robbins
Cllr Gordon Wilson

ARCHIVES & CIVIC ASSETS COMMITTEE

Cllr Theo Butt Philip (Mayor)
Cllr Maureen Brandon
Cllr Chris Briton
Cllr Andy Denison
Cllr Colin Price
Cllr Tony Robbins
Cllr Harvey Siggs
Cllr Danny Unwin

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Theo Butt Philip (Mayor)
Cllr David Anderson
Cllr Maureen Brandon
Cllr Chris Briton
Cllr Alison Gibson
Cllr Norman Kennedy
Cllr John Parkes
Cllr Tony Robbins

Cllr Theo Butt Philip (Mayor)
Cllr Maureen Brandon
Cllr Chris Briton
Cllr Alison Gibson
Cllr John Osman
Cllr Colin Price
Cllr Tony Robbins
Cllr Gordon Wilson

WELLS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

Cllr Theo Butt Philip (Mayor)
Cllr Maureen Brandon
Cllr Alison Gibson
Cllr John North
Cllr John Parkes
Cllr Colin Price
Cllr Tony Robbins
Cllr Danny Unwin

CEMETERY AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Cllr Theo Butt Philip (Mayor)
Cllr Chris Briton
Cllr Andy Denison
Cllr Alison Gibson
Cllr Norman Kennedy
Cllr Tony Robbins
Cllr Gordon Wilson
Vacancy

STAFFING COMMITTEE

Cllr Andy Denison
Cllr Alison Gibson
Cllr Norman Kennedy

Cllr John Parkes
Cllr Danny Unwin
Cllr Gordon Wilson

**WELLS CITY ORGANISATIONS
TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES
Wells City Council Appointments May 2013-2014**

POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT)	Cllr John Osman
SOMERSET ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (SALC)	Cllr Theo Butt Philip (The Mayor)
DISTRICT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD	t.b.a.
MENDIP URBAN FORUM	Cllr Tony Robbins
CCTV REPRESENTATIVE	Cllr Tony Robbins
CITY OF WELLS ALMSHOUSES	Cllr Theo Butt Philip (The Mayor) Cllr John Parkes Cllr Danny Unwin Cllr Gordon Wilson Vacancy
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM	Cllr Tony Robbins
TWINNING ASSOCIATION	Cllr Theo Butt Philip (The Mayor)
WELLS MUSEUM	Cllr Chris Briton (Deputy Mayor)
WELLS SPORTS COUNCIL	Cllr Colin Price
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	Cllr Andy Denison
WELLS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE	Cllr Tony Robbins
CONNECT YOUTH CENTRE	Cllr Alison Gibson
TRANSITION WELLS	Cllr Chris Briton (Deputy Mayor)
FAIR TRADE	Cllr Chris Briton (Deputy Mayor)