

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: D Baker; M Brandon; C Briton; A Gibson(Deputy Mayor); N Kennedy;
J Ludovino; C Price; T Robbins; D Unwin; G Wilson (The Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck; Mace-Bearer: M Goody; Chaplain: Canon G Dodds
No members of the public
1 member of the press

15/111C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Cox, Osman; Wride.
Avon & Somerset Police
It was expected that Cllrs MacKenzie, North and Siggs would arrive later.

15/112C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 27th July 2012:
None declared.

15/113C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

Matter arising

Noted that Cllr Cox was absent from the previous full council meeting, as well as from this one.

15/114C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None present.

15/115C TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE

A written report was received from PC Claire Leonard.
The Chairman of Wells in Bloom reported that CCTV footage has shown three persons causing damage to the pyramid in Broad Street; the Police are following this up.
Questions were noted, to be put to the Beat Officer next time.
It was agreed to put in a request for PCC Sue Mountstevens to come to visit Wells again.

15/116C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. The Mayor stressed the importance of attendance at the annual Remembrance Service: 9.45am Sunday 8th November 2015 at St Cuthbert's Church
 - ii. Meeting of Wells in Bloom sub-committee: 6pm Thursday 12th November
 - iii. Dementia-Friendly Awareness sessions: 7pm 29th October and 10am 13th November.
- Members' attention was drawn to the list of dates, attached.
- iv. Mayor's Charity event: Saturday 21st November 2015 'Call My Wine Bluff': THE social event of the year!!
 - v. Mayor's report: 16th October the Mayor had attended Destination Wells at the Swan Hotel, he commended Mark Tobin for his organisation and promotion of Wells. Further information will be provided at the City and Tourism Forum.

21st October the Mayor had attended a celebration of the four festivals of: Literature, Food, Art Contemporary and New Music Wells. He congratulated the organisers and contributors.

15/117C MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2015:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

15/118C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 1st October 2015 and 15th October 2015:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
The Town Clerk was thanked for preparing excellent minutes of the meeting on 15th October, particularly ref: 15/180P.
The Chairman was commended for his management of the meeting.
It was felt that everyone including the public had been allowed plenty of opportunity to express their views.

15/119C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2015:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
The Town Hall Manager was highly commended for the way he has increased the lettings to the point where the building is often full to capacity. It was agreed it would be useful to provide more information on the council website.
S137 payments: The Chairman referred to the Town Clerk who gave a summary of this section of the Local Government Act 1972.
The Chairman drew members' attention to 15/79F: to consider draft budget and precept.

15/120C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2015:
The Vice-Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
The Chairman thanked her for chairing the meeting.

15/121C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- i. Wells Carnival Committee
Cllr Robbins is no longer able to attend these meetings; he asks for another councillor to take over from him as representative.
- ii. Sports Clubs
Cllr Ludovino reported the Sports Clubs have made an application for Mendip District Council Local Legacy Funding.

15/122C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

- i. Members commended the success of the recent Food Festival but noted that there was a large amount of litter and bins overflowing; it is the responsibility of the organisers to provide adequate arrangements.
- ii. Cllr Unwin answered questions about the Bishops Barn and Recreation Ground Trust. He suggested that members express their views at the next public meeting.
- iii. The Town Clerk was asked to contact Mendip District Council about the current condition of the bandstand.

15/123C DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place at **7.00pm on Thursday 26th November 2015**