

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE BALL**  
**ROOM, WELLS TOWN HALL ON SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018**  
**(AND AJOURNED TO THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 AT 7.00PM)**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: R Ayres; M Brandon; A Gibson; R Greenwell; N Kennedy;  
R MacKenzie; J North; J Osman; C Price; T Robbins; H Siggs;  
D Swain; G Wilson; C Wride

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk: F White  
Approximately 130 members of the public

Informal session: The proceedings commenced with the procession of the Mayor.  
The Town Clerk welcomed the assembled guests; apologies were received from  
Cllrs: C Cox and D Unwin  
A vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor was made by Cllr Osman.  
The Mayor Cllr North gave a speech and presented gifts.

Formal meeting: The Mayor then opened the formal business meeting of the Council:

**18/60C ELECTION OF MAYOR**

The outgoing Mayor called for nominations for Mayor.  
Cllr Robbins nominated Cllr Wride, seconded by Cllr Gibson. There were no  
further nominations and Cllr Wride was unanimously elected.  
Cllr North declared the election of the 645th Mayor of Wells and invested  
Cllr Wride with the chain of office.  
The mayoral party left the room for the exchange of robes and chain whilst  
a short performance of classical music was given.  
The Mayoral party returned to the platform.

**18/61C ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE**

- i. The Town Clerk led the Mayor through the signing of the following  
legal and historic documents:  
The Declaration of Acceptance of Office  
The Oath of Allegiance  
The Roll of Mayors
- ii. The Mayor gave her speech of acceptance and thanked her fellow  
Councillors for electing her.  
She appointed her Mayoress, Miss Sarah Wride.  
The former Mayor and Mayoress were presented with the city badge  
by the Father of the Council, Cllr Kennedy.

**18/62C ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Mayor called for nominations for Deputy Mayor:  
Cllr Siggs nominated Cllr Osman, seconded by Cllr Robbins. There were no  
further nominations and Cllr Osman was unanimously elected.  
The Mayor declared the election of Cllr Osman as the Deputy Mayor of Wells  
and invested him with the chain of office.  
The Deputy Mayor spoke and presented a traditional gift to the Mayor.

**18/63C TRANSFER OF CUSTODY OF TWIN TOWN KEYS**

The Chairman of Wells Twinning Association presented the symbolic keys of  
Paray-le-Monial, Bad Durkheim and Fontanellato to the Mayor, for safe keeping,  
conveying greetings from the Mayors of the twin-towns.

**18/64C APPOINTMENT OF HONOURARY OFFICERS**

The Mayor, confirmed the following traditional appointments:

- i. The Mayor's Chaplain
- ii. The Churchwarden, St Cuthbert's Church
- iii. The High Constables
- iv. The Serjeants-at-Mace
- v. The Town Crier

**18/65C THE PROCLAMATION**

The Town Crier proceeded immediately out onto the balcony ringing his bell, where he proclaimed the Election of the 645th Mayor of Wells.

**18/66C MINUTES AND ALL FURTHER BUSINESS**

The Council was adjourned and all further business deferred, until Council be reconvened at: 7pm Thursday 24th May 2018 in the Council Chamber, Wells Town Hall.

The Council processed from the Hall.