



WELLS CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL SUMMONS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL,
WHICH MEMBERS ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND, WILL BE HELD IN
WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.00PM**

Please note this meeting will be recorded for the purpose of minute-taking.

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15th December 2022

AGENDA

Wells City Council has declared a climate emergency. Each agenda item must consider the impact on any policy and decision.

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 12th May 2022.
- 3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 24TH NOVEMBER 2022**
To be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.
- 4 MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
Public speaking time is normally restricted to 15 minutes in total, at the discretion of the Mayor.
- 5 POLICE REPORT**
- 6 SOMERSET COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESENTATION**
Mr Justin Sargent OBE, Chief Executive Officer

7 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation from The Mayor to join him in the Mayor's Parlour after this meeting for Christmas refreshments.

Civic Event - Bishop Bekynton Commemoration Service on Sunday 15th January 2023, 3pm, Wells Cathedral. All Councillors are invited to attend.

Mayor's Diary

- i. 13th Jan Chamberlain Street Book Launch, Wells Museum
- ii. 17th Jan *Promise works* Breakfast for local businesses, Mayor's Parlour
- iii. 28th Jan Mayor's Charity Quiz, Wells Town Hall

8 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2022 (to follow)

9 OUTSIDE SPACES & ESTATES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2022 (attached by email)

10 FINANCE & COUNCIL MATTERS COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2022 (attached by email)

11 ANNUAL BUDGET (attached by email)

Recommendations from Finance & Council Matters Committee

- i To agree the annual budget for year 2023-24
- ii To agree the precept of £1,149,307 for year 2023-24 which includes contingency of £50,000 to provide any devolved services from the unitary authority

12 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

To receive the revised City of Wells Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission Consultation Draft (attached by email)

13 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE IN WELLS AND HOW TO RAISE AWARENESS (see attached, page 3)

Proposal from Cllr Isa von Mensenkampff

14 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/TRUSTEES ON OUTSIDE BODIES (see attached, page 4)

- i Recreation Ground Trust Management Group
- ii Wells & Mendip Museum

15 TO RECEIVE ANY WRITTEN REPORTS FROM DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS

To follow, if any received.

16 PLAY EQUIPMENT WORKS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY MDC

To note schedule of works for information (see attached, page 5)

17 ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Wells City Council will be Thursday 26th January 2023, 7pm

EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Note: If it is necessary for matters to be considered in confidence, it will be proposed by the Mayor that a resolution be passed under the provisions of the Public Bodies

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Wells City Council members	District Councillors	Wells Cathedral
Serjeants-at-Mace	County Councillor	Wells Police Station
Mayor's Chaplain		

Agenda Item 13

Domestic Violence and Abuse in Wells and how to raise awareness

- What is domestic violence and abuse?
- How to recognise it?
- Where can people concerned get help and support?

Beginning of 2023, I would like to create a campaign to raise awareness and to help to prevent violence happening in the first place.

Over the last 6 months, I had contact and meetings with different organisations and the police about this issue, it is a rising issue, there are organisations available to help victims and to educate and support offender to deal with their emotions in a healthier way.

It is a matter of bringing the organisation and people together.

According to Somerset Intelligence there were 3 areas in Wells 10 years ago where more than 10% of children were affected by domestic violence, more than 5% in the other areas. Unfortunately, I was not able to get more recent figures but overall the numbers are rising according to Avon and Somerset police and domestic violence is a big issue. 38% of crime is domestic violence. Isolation and the cost of living crisis is putting more pressure on families. Also these are only the reported figures; the real figures might be much higher.

Domestic violence can have a devastating effect on mental, emotional and physical health of the children involved as well as the parents.

What can we do to support these very vulnerable children and their parents in our community?

Everybody should be able to feel safe at home and our aim should be to help to prevent violence in the first place.

Violence can start subtle and slowly, also, it is more than physical, it can be verbal abuse and coercive control.

There are already a range of charities available to help the victims and the offender.

It is important to make this information available to people in need and also to raise awareness about the different nature of domestic violence.

Violence can have lots of different faces, like verbal abuse, belittling, controlling behaviour.

I would like to raise awareness by starting a campaign with leaflets, posters, information stand at the market, speaker, at the beginning of next year and will ask for support for this campaign in the full council meeting in January.

Cllr Isa von Mensenkampff

Wells City Council

Agenda Item 14

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

i Recreation Ground Trust Management Group

Cllrs Agabani, Butt-Philip, Powell, Welch

The group met on the 8th of December with five members of the public who had responded to the Wells Voice article.

The group had a very constructive discussion about the barn and the recreation ground with many ideas coming forward. From that group we will elect one resident who overlooks the recreation ground and one user who visits the recreation ground.

All management group meetings are public meetings and any member of the public and all councillors are welcome to attend.

The group identified immediate works that would improve the overall environment of the recreation ground, and the outside spaces team have already started working on these.

The group will be meeting on the 5th of January and will start to plan for the future of the recreation ground and the barn.

ii. Wells & Mendip Museum Report

The museum is making great strides in its journey to NetZero. The roof has been insulated and LED lighting installed throughout the building. The upgrade of the Old Kitchen has been carried out by re-purposing materials we have to hand. All of this work has been carried out by our experienced volunteers.

Two of our Trustees have attended a Carbon Literacy training course with South West Museum Development, the successful completion of which leads to government accreditation. This has involved both individual and group work sessions with members from other museums looking at ways to reduce both individual carbon footprints and that of the museum.

They have studied the part that museums can play in tackling the climate crisis and green recovery and will be using these skills to help plan how we make changes and reduce our museum carbon footprint.

Jenny Rust

WCC nominated Trustee

Agenda Item 16

PLAY EQUIPMENT WORKS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY MDC

Schedule of works, for information. Provided by Mr Gavin Fear, Contracts and Asset Maintenance Manager, Mendip District Council

We are currently undertaking some play equipment works across the districts in various locations which have been identified as in need of refurbishment, where there has been no upgrade or replacement of items in the last five years or more. As the various ward members where these upgrades are planned to take place we wanted to ensure you are aware of the upcoming works.

A mixture of different types of Multi Play Units, (MPU), have been recommended by the team working alongside the contractor with the size of the locations considered, and where a second or third item has been recommended these will be either a roundabout, swings or see saw, as indicated in the table below.

The project will be funded through the Council, with some supplementary funding from Section 106, where it is available to use.

At present this is only a notification which doesn't require a response and/or isn't looking for feedback, we are only advising of the position to allow yourselves to be able to answer any questions you may have from constituents.

Town	Site	items to be installed	Notes		
			Additional equipment	Upgrade existing	S106 Funding
Frome	Blackbird Way	Double Flat seat swing Toddler multi-unit.	✓		✓
	Hawksworth Cl	Multi-Purpose Unit. Twister roundabout. Safer surfacing.	✓		✓
Glastonbury	Paradise Estate	Replace see saw Surfacing between stations.		✓	✓
	Pendragon	Top dress existing safer surfacing. Fencing.		✓	✓
	Abbey Park	Replace seesaw. Safer surfacing.		✓	✓
Shepton Mallet	Draycott Road	Provide basketball unit (all wire fence) to Netball facility. Install seat.		✓	✓
Street	Purseley Avenue	New toddler multi-unit with slide. Spring rider. Replace existing safer surfacing.	✓	✓	
Wells	Parsons Way	Toddler multi-unit with safer surfacing. picnic table. Resurface under swings.	✓	✓	✓
	Bignal Rand	Supply fit basket swing seat. Surface wear pads under all swings. Spring riders.		✓	✓