

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 13TH JUNE 2019 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: L Agabani, P Crummay, S Cursley, N Kennedy, J Osman (The Mayor),
T Robbins (Chairman), P Welch (Deputy Mayor), C Wride

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Town Clerk/RFO, S Luck
County Cllr T Munt
5 members of the Public

19/44F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Town Clerk, F White

19/45F DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26th July 2012.
None declared.

19/46F MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2019:
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

19/47F ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN
Cllrs; Kennedy and Cursley were proposed, after a vote Cllr Kennedy was elected as Vice Chairman.

19/48F MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Representatives from Wells Lion Club, Wells & Mendip Astronomers and the Elim Connect Centre gave presentations and answered questions about their grant applications.

19/49F FINANCE REPORT

- i. To receive the financial reports for April and May 2019:
The bank statements and accounts had been checked prior to the meeting.
The accounts for April and May were proposed, seconded and approved.
- ii. To nominate new bank signatories:
Cllrs Robbins, Wride, Kennedy, Osman and Welch were proposed seconded and approved as the new bank signatories.
- iii. To review investments and bank charges:
The RFO was asked to carry out a review of the Councils investments and Bank accounts to ensure best value and report back to the next meeting.

19/50F GRANT APPLICATIONS:

- i. Wells Vineyard Church
Members felt unable to give a grant based on the information received and would invite the applicant to submit a new application.
- ii. City of Wells Lions Club
It was agreed to give a grant of £300 to the City of Wells Lions Club so they could stage a free-to-attend concert on the bandstand by Glastonbury Male Voice Choir.
- iii. Wells & Mendip Astronomers
It was agreed to give a grant of £75 to Wells and Mendip Astronomers towards their public event on 22nd June to celebrate the moon landings.
- iv. Wells Theatre Festival (2019) Ltd
It was agreed to give a £300 grant towards this year's festival.

v. Elim Connect Centre (Limitless Wells)

It was agreed after discussion to award a grant of £1,500 now and meet with the Elim Centre to discuss future funding provision for the Youth Club in our budget for next year.

19/51F

VOLUNTARY LITTER PICK

To consider hospitality request:

It was agreed to provide £100 towards the hospitality for the Litter picking volunteer evening.

19/52F

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW

To review Standing Orders:

Copies of the existing Standing Orders were distributed to members to review and they were asked to contact the RFO to discuss any changes. The revised document will be presented to the next meeting.

19/53F

WELLS VISITOR INFORMATION

To receive update:

Andy Webb from Wells Visitor information service presented a working paper from Wells Heritage Partners about the relocation of the Visitor Information Service to the Town Hall.

Cllr Agabani also gave details on a proposal he was working on to relocate the Visitor service along with a Post Office in the existing Post Office building.

It was agreed both proposals needed further investigation and costing and the Chairman and Acting Town Clerk would report back to the next meeting,

19/54F

WELLS RECREATION GROUND TRUST

To receive update:

The Acting Town Clerk reported on two meetings that had been held with MDC and the Somerset Barn Preservation Trust to discuss the future involvement of the City Council. Further meetings are being planned.

19/55F

PROPERTIES

To receive update:

The Acting Town Clerk reported on correspondence received from the Post Office and that there were no new developments on the future provision of the service.

19/56F

ANY MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

- i. Details on the meeting of the 67 Bus providers had been received and Cllr Crummay agreed to attend to represent the Council.
- ii. The SCC traffic meeting due to be held on the 18th June was being rescheduled to a future date. Details to follow when received.

19/57F

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm Thursday 11th July 2019