

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 2017 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: R MacKenzie; J North (Deputy Mayor)
Mr M Tobin (Vice-Chairman), Swan Hotel / Visit Somerset
Mr D Cooper, Wells Film Centre
Mr A Fawcett, Wells Museum/Wells Civic Society
Ms T Chichester, 'B&B' representative

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
Louise Lappin-Cook, Project Development Manager for the Bishop's Barn & Wells Recreation Ground Trust

In the absence of the Chairman it was agreed that the Deputy Mayor would chair the meeting; Cllr North took the Chair and opened the meeting.

17/31CT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: C Cox, A Gibson (The Mayor), T Robbins; D Swain (Chairman), C Wride
Ms L Mann, Wells Cathedral
Mr R Powell, Wells Chamber of Commerce
Ms R Martin, The Bishop's Palace
Mr A Webb, Wells Museum/Visitor Information
Mr M Johns, Miss S Cooper

17/32CT DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs R MacKenzie and J North each declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest as members, in any matter relating to Mendip District Council.

17/33CT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2017 were proposed, seconded approved and signed.

17/34CT MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The newly appointed Project Manager for the Bishop's Barn introduced herself and spoke about the project.

17/35CT BRANDING AND IMAGE OF THE CITY

Item deferred.

17/36CT UK CITY OF CULTURE

In the absence of Mr Webb, Mr Tobin gave a report:
Firstly Mr Tobin formally recognised the work of Andrew Webb in putting together the bid; he has given so much time and effort to representing the City of Wells. The bid was submitted on 28th April, members of the Steering Group will be asked further questions by the selection panel at a tele-conference next week. The Chairman asked that a copy of the final bid be sent to the Town Clerk. He requested an update on what is said at the conference call, so that the council can be prepared to adequately answer questions from the press and public. He asked for a briefing to be given on what we need to know should we be shortlisted.

17/37CT REPORTS

i. [Launch of www.VisitWellsSomerset.co.uk](http://www.VisitWellsSomerset.co.uk)

The website is fully operational, a press release has been issued and google statistics show that hits are increasing. Contributions and comments continue to be welcome.

ii. [Visit by Coach](#)

No report available.

Mr Tobin and Mr Cooper spoke of their concerns regarding the increasing numbers of coaches trying to use the bay in Sadler Street. It was suggested a representative from SCC Highways be asked to come and discuss the situation at a Forum meeting, after the elections. Ms Chichester and Mr Fawcett gave an update on the 'meet and greet' scheme at the bus station being started by volunteers. An information leaflet is being given out to coach drivers; the Chairman asked for a copy to be sent to the Town Clerk.

iii. Wells Christmas Market 2017

It is understood MDC are planning to run the market again at similar times to last year. There have been some initial meetings with the Cathedral and Bishop's Palace to extend the Christmas Market into their areas.

17/38CT 2017 EVENTS

See list below

17/39CT ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

- i. The Museum will be changing the WWI display to a theme of Paschendale later this year.
- ii. Cllr R MacKenzie spoke about the Mendip Hospital Cemetery.
- iii. Cllr J North spoke about forthcoming visits from Bad Durkheim, the German twin-town.
- iv. Mr Cooper thanked the City Council and everyone who had supported the Film Festival in any way.

17/40CT DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 6pm on Thursday 20th July 2017

PUBLIC EVENTS / ROAD CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY OF WELLS 2017

Note: This listing attempts to identify major events likely to cause significant additional traffic or other disruption. Notifications of any other such events will be gratefully received.

2017

Friday-Saturday 5 th - 6 th May	Fun Fair, Market Place
Sunday 14 th May	Vintage Vehicles, Cathedral Green Brocante Fair, Market Place
Sunday 28 th May	Fun Run (provisional date)
Sunday 4 th June	Tortoise & Hare Run
Saturday 17 th June	Somerset Schools Folk Dance Festival
Sunday 25 th June	Coast to Coast
Sunday 9 th July	Boules, Market Place
Sat-Sun 12 th - 13 th August	Rail Wells exhibition, Town Hall
Saturday 26 th August	360° Art, Cathedral Green (Wells Civic Society)
Monday 28 th August	Moat Boat Race
Sat 9 th - Sun 10 th September	Heritage Open Days
Sunday 8 th October	Wells Food Festival
October (<i>date tba</i>)	Festival of Literature
Saturday 21 st October	Mendip YMCA celebration, Wells Cathedral
Friday 17 th November	Carnival, Wells
20 th -23 rd December	Wells Christmas Market

2018

Saturday 12th May 2018

Somerset Day

Saturday 16th June 2018

Somerset Schools Folk Dance Festival

Tuesday 6th November 2018

WWI commemoration Wells Cathedral (provisional) pm

Sunday 11th November 2018

6am the lone piper, Wells Cathedral

11am Remembrance Services