

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2017 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: **Committee Members:**
Councillors: R MacKenzie, J North (The Mayor), J Osman,
D Swain (Chairman), C Wride (Deputy Mayor)

Co-opted representatives:
Ms T Chichester, B&B representative
Mr R Powell, Wells Chamber of Commerce
Ms L Mann, Wells Cathedral
Mr M Tobin, Hotels / Visit Somerset (Vice-Chairman)
Mr A Webb, Wells Museum/Visitor Information
Ms C Winter, Wells Civic Society

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
Cllrs: M Brandon, C Price
County Cllr. T Munt

17/62CT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Miss S Cooper, Wells Film Centre
Ms R Martin, The Bishop's Palace

17/63CT DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None declared.

17/64CT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2017 were proposed, seconded approved and signed.

17/65CT MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Tamsin Smith of The International Music Exchange, spoke about the Wells Orchestra Weekend international festival for young musicians July 2018.

17/66CT PARKING AND SIGNAGE
Cllr Wride reported excellent progress made on the car parks signage scheme. The Town Clerk distributed a collation of comments on the Sadler Street coach bay, as requested at the previous meeting. This led into a report of a meeting with the SCC Senior Traffic Engineer on the car parks signage schedule; this will incorporate signage directing coaches primarily towards the bus station. Some more detailed work will be done to clarify the schedule, working with MDC. Funding is being identified.

17/67CT REPORTS
i. Visit by Coach project
The project is making a difference; the contract has been renewed for another year. The organisers and volunteers were thanked for all their hard work.
ii. Christmas 2017 up-dates
Christmas Market: Cllr MacKenzie read out an e-mail report received this afternoon; it be sent on to all members.
Christmas Lights
E-mail to be sent out by the Town Clerk confirming dates the lights will be put up.

17/68CT 2017/18 EVENTS See attached list

17/69CT ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT
Wells Cathedral has a photographer from Country Life magazine visiting, they are doing a feature on Wells. There has also been an interview for a BBC program.

17/70CT DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 6pm on Thursday 4th January 2018

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 17 th November	Carnival & Fun Fair, Wells
Friday 24 th November	Film shoot, Market Place and Vicars Close
Mon 20 th -Tues 21st November	Christmas lights go up
Sunday 3 rd December	Reindeer Parade
Wed 20 th - Sat 23rd December	Christmas Market

2018

Mon 8 th -Tues 9th January	Christmas lights down
Sunday 15 th /22 nd April	'Half-Ciderthon' run; Wells area & city centre
Fri 27 th - Sun 29 th April	Wells Film Festival
Saturday 28 th April	WI Banner Parade, Wells High St
Saturday 12 th May	Somerset Day
Saturday 16 th June	Somerset Schools Folk Dance Festival
Thur 12th - Sun 15th July Festival	Wells Orchestral Weekend. Wells Theatre
Tuesday 6 th November (provisional) pm	WWI commemoration Wells Cathedral
Sunday 11 th November	6am the lone piper, Wells Cathedral 11am Remembrance Services