

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY & TOURISM FORUM HELD IN THE INDICTMENT ROOM, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 3RD MAY 2018 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: **Committee Members:**
Cllrs: R MacKenzie; D Swain (Chairman), C Wride (Deputy Mayor)
Co-opted representatives:
Ms T Chichester, B&B representative
Mr D Cooper in the Chair
Miss S Cooper, Wells Film Centre
Ms R Martin, The Bishop's Palace
Mr R Powell, Wells Chamber of Commerce
Mr M Tobin, Hotels / Visit Somerset (Vice-Chairman)
Ms C Winter, Wells Civic Society

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
 1 member of the public

18/17CT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs: J North (The Mayor); J Osman
Ms L Mann, Wells Cathedral
Mr A Webb, Wells Museum Visitor Information Service

18/18CT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
Cllr MacKenzie declared a personal interest as member, in any matter affecting Mendip District Council.

18/19CT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2018 were proposed, seconded approved and signed.

18/20CT MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
None wishing to speak.

18/21CT 'VISIT BY COACH' PROJECT REPORT
The group has renewed the contract for a further year with objectives set and targets for future sustainability.
It was agreed to record thanks from the Forum to the Mendip District Council portfolio-holder for listening to representations and agreeing to suspend coach-parking charges in Wells for a year.
It was agreed this is an important issue for the Wells 'offer' because other places have free coach parking and this is attractive to the driver/tour operator.

18/22CT WW1 COMMEMORATIONS
The Chamber of Commerce, with the City Archivist, are planning a Heritage trail. The British Legion and the Council need to make sure the Remembrance events are managed properly. Some initial plans were reported but there is some uncertainty as to what various groups are doing.
It was agreed Cllr Wride and Derek Cooper will call a special meeting to coordinate events for this centenary year.

18/23CT REPORTS FROM GROUPS
i. Civic Society:
a. Work on the Mosaic Project is going well
b. 'Art 360' will be held on 21st July at the Bishops Palace

- ii. Filming:
There will be filming in the City Centre 13-14th May. The film company has made a community disruption donation.
- iii. Facebook:
A new facebook page will link to www.visitwellssomerset.co.uk for promoting events
- iv. County Councillor:
 - a. City entry signs
 - b. Car parks signage. Cllr. Munt spoke about various car parking matters. She was not able to say when there would be progress on the changes to signage.

18/24CT 2018 EVENTS See attached list
The Litter-Picking volunteers have decided to continue on a regular basis; they will be out in the City again 1st-3rd June.

- 18/25CT ANY OTHER MATTERS**
- i. Ciderthon shut down the City Centre unnecessarily; trade was lost to businesses.
 - ii. The 'Changing Places' facility for the severely disabled will open at the Town Hall in June.

18/26CT DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 6pm on Thursday 5th July 2018

PUBLIC EVENTS / ROAD CLOSURES SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY OF WELLS 2018

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. These may also be days when it would not be appropriate to arrange another major event in the City.

May

<i>(Saturday 12th May</i>	<i>Somerset Day)</i>
Sunday 13 th May	Vintage & Classic Cars, Cathedral Green
<i>(Saturday 19th May</i>	<i>Royal wedding)</i>
Sunday 27 th May	Wells Fun Run

June

Sunday 3 rd June	Tortoise& Hare m/c Run, City centre
Saturday 16 th June	Somerset Schools Folk Dance Festival <i>Civic Day</i>
Sunday 24 th June	Coast to Coast m/c rally. Market Place
22-24 th June	Bishop's Palace Garden Festival

July

Sunday 8 th July	Boules Tournament, Market Place
Thur 12 th - Sun 15 th July	Wells Orchestral Weekend. & Wells Theatre Festival
Sat 14 th July	Main events at Bishop's Palace and Cathedral
Sat 21 st July	Art360 Bishops Palace

AugustSat 4th August

CND Hiroshima Anniversary, Cathedral Green

Sat - Sun 11-12th August

Rail Wells Exhibition, Town Hall

Mon 27th August

Moat Boat Race

SeptemberSat 8th September

Heritage Open Day; City centre venues

Tuesday 11th September

Rolls Royce Visit, Cathedral Green

OctoberPROV: Sun. 7th October

'Wake up Wells' launch at Town Hall

FESTIVALSSunday 14th October

Food Festival, City centre

Saturday 27th October

Poppy Concert, Town Hall

NovemberTuesday 6th November

WWI commemoration Wells Cathedral

Sunday 11th November

6am the lone piper, Wells Cathedral

11am Remembrance Services & Parade

12-4pm Wells Lions events? Wells Market Place?

Wells Museum open

7pm Beacon lighting, Wookey Hole; City Band, British

Legion

Fri 16th November

Carnival and Charter Fair (Fun Fair)

Mon – Tues 19-20th November

Christmas lights go up

DecemberSun. 9th December

Reindeer Parade

Wed. 19 – Sat.22 December

Wells Christmas Market

201929-28th April

Wells Film Festival