

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 22nd MARCH 2012

AT 7:00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: D Unwin (The Mayor); C Price (Deputy Mayor); C Briton; A Denison; A Gibson; J North; H Siggs; S Davies; T Butt Philip; D Anderson; M Brandon; J Mitchell; T Robbins; G Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White.
Mace-Bearer: J Rood. Chaplain: C Tookey.
1 member of the press; 1 member of the public.

12/45C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: J Osman; N Kennedy.
RFO: S Luck.
PC Scott-Page.

12/46C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None. See 12/53C.

12/47C MINUTES of meetings of the City Council held on 23rd February 2012 were proposed, seconded accepted and signed.

12/48C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None wishing to speak.

12/49C REPORT FROM THE POLICE

None received.

12/50C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor drew Councillors' attention to the Legal Service on Sunday 25th March; he gave his apologies for recent absences due to family illnesses and accidents.

12/51C COUNCIL SEAL

To approve use of the Council Seal on the twinning agreement with Fontanellato, Italy: proposed, seconded and resolved.

12/52C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2012.
The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.

12/53C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1st March and 15th March 2012.
The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.
The Vice-Chairman drew members' attention to the recommendations at Minutes 12/54P and 12/68P regarding 2012/0331, Wells Cottage Hospital. Approval was sought to write to Mendip District Council asking that any 106 or similar monies be diverted to the City Council if MDC is unable to administer them. District Councillors present declared a personal interest.

Cllr Siggs undertook to look into the matter as he felt there had been a misunderstanding. A vote was taken and it was agreed the Town Clerk would write to MDC as recommended.

12/54C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- i. **CCTV** Cllr Robbins reported the user group agreement is now ready; it is as presented to the F&GP committee and the amount requested annually is within that budgeted by the City Council for 2012-13. Cllr Robbins therefore sought approval for the Council to sign up to the agreement; a vote was taken and the proposal approved.
- ii. **Carnival** Cllr Robbins reported from a series of meetings; the Carnival will revert to the original route this year. Cllr Robbins was thanked for all his hard work.
- iii. **PACT** Cllr Davies reported a break down in communications had led to poor attendance but this is now being addressed.
- iv. **SPORTS CLUB** Cllr Price: Councillors were urged to attend the presentation evening on 26th March.

12/55C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

- i. Cllr Davies reported this would be Oliver Hulme's last meeting as journalist for Wells; the Council thanked Ollie for all his hard work and for being so community minded, and wished him well in his new role.
- ii. Cllr North commented on the validity of holding such a short Council meeting. (Time: 7.20pm)
- iii. Cllr Price reported from his visit to HMS Somerset on behalf of the Mayor, and conveyed good wishes from the ship's company to the city and council.
- iv. Cllr Briton spoke strenuously, in answer to Cllr North, about the importance of regular monthly meetings and of the business considered.
- v. The Mayor concluded that the timetable of meetings is agreed by the council and that the flow of business is unpredictable.
The meeting closed at 7.28pm

12/56C DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting will be at **7pm on Thursday 26th April 2012**