

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 27th JUNE 2013, 7:00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: T Butt Philip (The Mayor); C Briton (Deputy Mayor); D Anderson;
M Brandon; A Gibson; N Kennedy; J Parkes; C Price;
T Robbins; H Siggs; D Unwin; G Wilson.

IN Town Clerk: F White.

ATTENDANCE: Mace-Bearer: J Rood; Chaplain (sub.): A Glanville.
1 member of the press; 8 members of the public.

13/81C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: S Davies; A Denison; J North; J Osman.
Somerset and Avon Police.

13/82C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllrs Siggs and Unwin each declared a personal interest in item at 13/84C as members of the Board of Trustees for Wells Recreation Ground Trust. For transparency they preferred to leave the room during the presentation and discussion of this matter.

See also 13/84C.

13/83C MINUTES of the meeting of the City Council held on 18th and 23rd May 2013
were proposed, seconded, approved and signed by the Mayor.

13/84C PRESENTATION

Benjamin & Beauchamp: Wells Recreation Ground Trust.

(Cllrs Siggs and Unwin left the room.)

Information was presented summarising:

- local history research
- condition survey of the Bishops Barn
- measured survey of the whole Recreation Ground site
- tree survey
- Public consultation

Some proposed options had been made available as part of the consultation process.

Preliminary results of the consultation were presented. Some discussion followed.

The final report is expected towards the end of July. The representatives were thanked for their very helpful and informative presentation.

(During the discussion Cllr Robbins realised it was possible he might have a personal interest as a nearby business trader; he declared the interest).

(Cllrs Siggs and Unwin returned to the meeting.)

(The Deputy Mayor gave his apologies and left the meeting to attend a dress rehearsal.)

13/85C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- i. Cllr N Taylor, (Mendip District Council portfolio holder with responsibility for off-street parking) came to dispel rumours:

-He wished to make it clear that enforcement operatives do not have 'target' incentives.

-Individuals can contact him or Cllr Unwin direct if they have a problem.
(Confirmed by Cllr Unwin, MDC Car Parks Working Group).

-All day parking is available in Tucker St and Princes Rd car parks.

Cllr Taylor thanked Cllr Gibson and all the Wells in Bloom team for their excellent work for the city.

- ii. Mr R McKenzie spoke on behalf of residents in the North Road area complaining about parking, congestion and traffic problems.

13/86C TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE

The Police had sent their apologies they were busy with duties related to the Glastonbury Festival.

13/87C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had visited the City's French twin town of Paray-le-Monial, he had been presented with a guide book and a bronze disk now on view in the Mayor's Parlour.

13/88C COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

i. Cemetery and Open Spaces Committee – one vacancy.

Cllr Brandon was appointed.

ii. Representative to District Health and Well-Being Board.

Cllr Briton was appointed.

13/89C The Mayor spoke about delegated decision-making powers of committees and answered questions.

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2013

The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

RECOMMENDED

To approve Wells Blue School Sports Centre Community Use Agreement.

After questions the Town Clerk was directed to raise two further queries on the agreement; the decision to be deferred till the Council meeting in July.

13/90C MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2013

The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

13/91C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 6th June and 20th June 2013.

The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

Cllr Kennedy asked where the Planning Application decisions from MDC are recorded; the Town Clerk explained they are listed in the committee agendas.

13/92C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2013

The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

13/93C MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2013

The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

13/94C MINUTES OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2013

The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

13/95C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

City of Wells Almshouses

Cllr Parkes reported there are three empty properties being refurbished and three people waiting.

The Quinquennial report is available to read if anyone wishes to see it.

There is still one vacancy for the Council to nominate a Trustee to the Almshouses; this does not have to be a Councillor.

13/96C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

No further matters.

13/97C DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at **7pm on Thursday 25th July 2013.**