

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 26TH MARCH AT 7.00PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck; Mace-Bearer: M Goody;
Chaplain: Preb. A Wheeler
PC Pearson, Avon and Somerset Police
3 members of the public; 1 member of the press

15/28C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: S Davies, T Butt Philip, J North, J Osman, C Price, D Unwin.

15/29C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 27th July 2012.
None declared.

15/30C MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26TH FEBRUARY 2015

were proposed, seconded, approved, and signed.

15/31C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A member of the public asked questions about 15/37Ciii., answered by the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

15/32C TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE

PC Pearson reported on local matters and answered questions.

15/33C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Opening of the May Fair: Saturday 2nd May
- ii. Provisional date for traditional 'Mayor Making': Saturday 27th June

15/34C MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2015 (attached)
The Vice-Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

15/35C MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2015 (attached)
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

15/36C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 19th February and 5th March 2015 (attached)
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

15/37C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

- i. To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2015 (attached)
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
- ii. To approve change of date of next meeting to Wednesday 8th April 2015
Agreed.
- iii. **Annual Reviews**

RECOMMENDED:

That Council adopt the following for implementation from May 2015:
(as attached)

- a. **Standing Orders: Proposed, seconded and agreed.**
- b. **Committee Delegation Scheme: Proposed, seconded and agreed, with the exception that the Archives & Civic Assets Committee shall continue in its present form; to be reviewed again.**
- c. **Complaints Procedure: Proposed, seconded and agreed.**

15/38C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- i. Wells Recreation Ground Trust: Apologies received from Cllr North, a full report was given at the City Meeting on Tuesday 24th March.
- ii. Wells Sports Club meeting 11th March. report from Cllr Price:
The Clubs are seeking a 50 year lease from MDC, MDC requires a 50 year development plan. Support from the District Council representative was requested.
- iii. Citizens Advice Bureau
The Town Clerk was asked to contact the Chairman to find out what they require of a representative, as the only invitation received is to the AGM.
- iv. Mendip District Council
Question from Cllr Kennedy Re: S 106 monies held by MDC for improvements to play areas in the city.
The city council was consulted and had asked that two specified amounts be used for the small play areas. Cllr Kennedy asked why this had not been done, as MDC had held the funds for some years. Cllr Siggs said he would look into it.

15/39C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr Gibson reported that the tourist map boards are being installed. She thanked the Town Clerk and RFO for their help with this project. Cllr Robbins congratulated her on the success of the idea and thanked her for her work. Cllr Gibson spoke about display stands for tourist leaflets, it was agreed she would investigate further.
Cllr Gibson thanked SCC Highways for all the repairs done in the city recently.

15/40C DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place at 7pm on **Thursday 23rd April 2015**