

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 28TH APRIL 2016 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Brandon; A Gibson (Deputy Mayor); N Kennedy; J Ludovino;
R MacKenzie; C Price; T Robbins; D Swain; D Unwin; G Wilson (The
Mayor); C Wride

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck
Mace-Bearer: M Goody
Chaplain: Rev. Canon G Dodds
PC Pearson, Avon & Somerset Police
8 members of the public. 1 press representative

16/43C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs: C Briton; C Cox; J North; J Osman

16/44C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code
of Conduct adopted 27th July 2012: None declared

16/45C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
24TH MARCH 2016
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, confirmed as a true
record and signed by the Mayor.

16/46C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
None wishing to speak

16/47C POLICE REPORT
To receive a report from Avon and Somerset Police:
PC Pearson gave up-dates on some recent serious incidents. He answered
questions on local matters. The next PACT meeting will take place in the Town
Hall at 7pm on 17th May.

16/48C PRESENTATION: Sustainable Wells Food Group
Representatives spoke about the aims of the newly formed Wells Food Network
and their plans to draft a Wells Food Charter.

16/49C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Civic Opening of the May Fair Saturday 7th May 11am
- ii. Mayor Making Saturday 21st May 6pm
- iii. £11,644.97 has been raised for the Mayor's Charities to date this year
- iv. The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations:
 - The success of the Wells Film Festival has been featured in the
Wells Journal
 - City Council staff were thanked for putting up the flags and bunting in
the city centre
- v. Following the tragic death of Daren Padfield the Mayor sent a letter of
condolence to the family on behalf of the Council

16/50C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2016,
with minutes of the City & Tourism Forum held on 13th April:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

- 16/51C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 7th April 2016 and 21st April 2016:
- i. The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
 - ii. In relation to the Neighbourhood Plan, Councillors have made frequent requests for the evidence to be made available. The Mayor reported a box has now been received in the Town Clerk's office. Councillors are asked to contact the Town Clerk if they wish to see it.
- 16/52C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2016:
- i. The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
 - ii. There had been a suggestion that Chairmen of the main committees be elected immediately following the appointment of each committee at the Annual Council meeting in May. This was discussed and agreed.
- 16/53C AUDIT FOR THE YEAR 2015-16**
- i. To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement 2015/16
Proposed, seconded approved and signed by the Mayor.
 - ii. To approve and sign the Accounting Statements 2015/16
Proposed, seconded approved and signed by the Mayor.
 - iii. The Chairman drew members' attention to the Internal Audit report just received. The Town Clerk and RFO were thanked for all their work towards achieving a clear audit again this year.
- 16/54C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**
- i. Wells Recreation Ground Trust
No further up-dates at present
 - ii. Wells Sports Council
No further up-dates at present
- 16/55C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**
- i. Cllr Kennedy spoke on behalf of the Council and all residents thanking the Mayor for his excellent work both as Chairman of the Council and in his Civic role.
 - ii. Cllr Robbins drew members' attention to the Mendip District Council Street Trading Policy consultation. There was a quite heated discussion about this subject and members were urged to respond to the consultation so as to let their views be known.
 - iii. Cllr Unwin reported that the Cathedral has notified charities that in future they may be making a charge for use of the Cathedral Green for events.
 - iv. The Mayor thanked all Councillors and staff for their unstinting support throughout the year.
- 16/56C DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**
The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the City Council: Mayor Making (Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor) on Saturday 21st May at 6pm, with all other business deferred until **7.00pm on Thursday 26th May 2016**