

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 27TH APRIL 2017 AT 7.00PM

Before the start of the meeting prayers were said by the Mayor's Chaplain

PRESENT: Cllrs: R Ayres; M Brandon; A Gibson (The Mayor);
N Kennedy; R MacKenzie; J North (Deputy Mayor); H Siggs;
D Swain; D Unwin; C Wride

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck ;
Mace-Bearer: M Goody; Chaplain: A Glanville
1 member of the public

17/47C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs: C Briton; C Cox; C Price; T Robbins; J Osman; G Wilson

17/48C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 27th July 2012: None declared.

17/49C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 23RD MARCH 2017 Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, confirmed as a true record, and signed by the Mayor.

17/50C POLICE REPORT
No one available to attend.

17/51C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- i. A member of the public spoke about the gate at Tor Lane; District Councillors present gave some responses.
- ii. Mr A Webb had circulated the draft bid for the City of Culture 2021; he was present to answer any queries; the application was due to be submitted the next day. He was thanked for all the hard work he had put into this project. (See17/53C).

17/52C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Councillors' Dinner: Saturday 29th April, The Swan Hotel.
- Mayor's Charity Film Event Sunday 30th April, Wells Film Centre.
- Mayor Making Saturday 20th May.
- The Mayor spoke to Councillors about her visit to Cllr Briton.
- The Mayor thanked everyone who had attended the Civic Service and those who had helped with it; she presented an award to Cllr Kennedy.

17/53C CITY & TOURISM FORUM
To note minutes of meeting of the City and Tourism Forum held on 22nd March 2017:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
Council considered the draft bid for the City of Culture 2021, due for submission 28th April. There had been very little time to read this 30 page document. Members felt that the scale of possible financial implications of future stages of the bid, and the wider impact on the city that a project of such a size could have, required further assessment. The paragraph headed Bid Leadership on page 19 was discussed; it was agreed to request that the following wording be used: **"The partnership includes the local authorities who are supportive at city, district and county level."**

- 17/54C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2017:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
- 17/55C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 6th April 2017 and 20th April 2017:
The Chairman presented minutes and invited questions.
- 17/56C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2017 and approve recommendations.
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
- 17/57C AUDIT FOR THE YEAR 2016-17**
- i. To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17
Proposed, seconded, approved and signed.
 - ii. To approve and sign the Accounting Statements 2016/17
Proposed, seconded, approved and signed.
The RFO was thanked for all his work in preparing for the audit.
 - iii. The Internal Audit report was received; there were no matters requiring attention.
- 17/58C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES & FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS**
- i. Wells Recreation Ground Trust
Cllr Wride reported the play ground is open again and being well used.
The project development manager is in post.
 - ii. Mendip District Council
Cllr Siggs reported the district council took part in a voluntary 'peer review' during March; the report will be available in May, after the elections.
- 17/59C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**
Cllr Kennedy, on behalf of the Council and all associated with it, thanked the Mayor for a brilliant year, describing her as an 'extra-ordinary' lady.
- 17/60C 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 20th May at 4pm,
with all other business deferred until **7.00pm on Thursday 25th May 2017**