

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck
Chaplain: A Glanville
Somerset County Cllr. T Munt
7 members of the public.

17/97C CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced the standard emergency evacuation procedures. He requested that mobile phones and other devices be set on silent or turned off. Anyone intending to record any part of the meeting was asked to declare this.

17/98C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: C Cox; G Wilson
Mace-Bearer: J Rood
PC Pearson, Avon & Somerset Police

17/99C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

**17/100C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
22ND JUNE 2017:**

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

17/101C CASUAL VACANCY

To report notice of co-option to fill casual vacancy in the Wells St Cuthbert Ward. The Town Clerk explained the process. Closing date for applications is 18th September; co-option will take place at the Council meeting on 28th September.

17/102C POLICE REPORT

To receive a report from Avon and Somerset Police: No one available to attend. Items for report will be passed on by the Town Clerk.

17/103C PRESENTATION

Wells Town Twinning Association:
Chairman Mr Richard Hibbard gave a detailed history of the Wells twinning partnerships and described his vision for the future.
Fundraising BBQ at Wells Rugby Club 13th August, tickets £12.50 from Cllr Unwin.

17/104C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- i. Mr Johns, Chairman, Wells Chamber of Commerce, asked that the Council support proposed changes to signage, as requested by SCC Highways.
- ii. Mrs M Murrell spoke about land adjacent to 21 Osmond Drive. District Councillors responded on behalf of Mendip District Council the landowner.
- iii. Mr Garner spoke about:
 - Sale of the Old Deanery.
 - Advertising boards in the High Street; Cllr Siggs replied.

17/105C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Members were encouraged to attend the: Royal British Legion commemoration of Passchendaele on 24th August.
- ii. The Mayor announced his forthcoming Charity events, listed on the facebook page Mayor of Wells.

17/106C MINUTES OF THE ARCHIVES & CIVIC ASSETS COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2017:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

17/107C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 6th and 20th July 2017:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

17/108C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July,
with minutes of the City & Tourism Forum 3rd May,
& Wells in Bloom meeting 29th June:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

17/109C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2017:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

17/110C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

The Mayor reported he will be hosting a meeting with stakeholders to discuss events held on Church Commissioners' land at the Moat Walk.

- i. Wells Recreation Ground Trust
 - Cllr Wride reported it has been agreed that the Mosaic will be sited somewhere on the Recreation Ground.
 - The Project Manager has sent out a public interest survey about possible future uses for the Bishop's Barn.
 - Expenditure on repairs to the Barn has been approved.
- ii. Somerset County Council
 - Cllr. Munt thanked the Mayor for his intervention with the Church Commissioners.
 - She gave a detailed report of her work, including Planning issues, Bus route 67; Highways matters.

There was further discussion of the issues around the bus 67 route.
Members raised concerns about timetabling and advertising of the service,
and queried the benefit of the service to the people of Wells.

17/111C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

- i. Cllr MacKenzie, Fair Trade: Wells has again been awarded Fair Trade City status, the certificate is on display.
- ii. Cllr Price has attended the annual CAB meeting; figures showed that the service is well used by Wells residents.

17/112C DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Wells City Council will be at **7pm on Thursday 28th September 2017**

Note: No meeting in August