

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: R MacKenzie, C McKinnell, C Price, T Robbins, D Swain, P Welch,
G Wilson, C Wride (The Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck
Mace Bearer: M Goody
County Cllr. T Munt. 7 members of the public

18/141C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from: R Ayres, M Brandon; C Cox, N Kennedy, J North,
J Osman (Deputy Mayor), H Siggs
Avon and Somerset Police

18/142C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

18/143C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON

1ST NOVEMBER 2018: Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded,
confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

18/144C POLICE REPORT

PC Pearson sent his apologies; his written report was read out by the Town Clerk.

18/145C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None wishing to speak.

18/146C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. The many events at Remembrance were very well supported. The historic
shop windows features will continue as a heritage trail.
- ii. The Carnival and Fair went off very well.
- iii. The recent visit from one of the Deputy Mayors of the twin town Paray le
Monial, went well.
- iv. The Mayor's Charity Christmas draw tickets are available; the draw will take
place on 20th December in the Mayor's Parlour, after the Council meeting.
Refreshments will be served to all those present.

18/147C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2018:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

18/148C BUDGET & PRECEPT FOR THE YEAR 2019- 2020

RECOMMENDED:

**To adopt the budget and precept for the year 2019 – 2020 as presented by the
Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED.

18/149C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1st and 15th November 2018:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

Cllr MacKenzie gave an up-date on the telecommunications application at Bath Road,
now withdrawn.

18/150C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None received.

Town-Twinning: The Mayor and Cllr Wilson each reported that the recent visit from Paray le Monial went well.

Fairtrade: Cllr MacKenzie gave a report on recent events.

Wells Recreation Ground Trust: Cllr Price asked for the Council to be informed what is happening, since the Heritage Lottery Fund bid has been refused.

Carnival: Cllr Robbins asked for a letter of thanks to be sent from the Council to the organising committee; this was agreed.

18/151C REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

None received.

County Councillor Munt gave a verbal summary and answered questions.

18/152C INFORMING THE COMMUNITY (Item from Cllr. Welch)

Cllr Welch spoke about the lack of press attendance at Council meetings and the need to get information out to the public; a lot is done by Wells City Council that the community is not aware of; he had done some preparatory work and found ways in which this can be addressed.

- i. He proposed working with the Wells Voice to produce a monthly column report, together with the Town Clerk.
- ii. He proposed working with GFM radio to set up a series of interviews after Council meetings. The interviews might be conducted by Wells Blue School pupils under supervised training, with Councillors selected by the Mayor. It was suggested that this might start with the Committee Chairmen.

The proposals were fully welcomed; after discussion it was unanimously agreed to progress both projects.

18/153C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

The Mayor has been asked to support attempts to get the Wells Journal Archives brought back into the City. It was felt that the spare capacity at the Museum archive could be suitable for this purpose. Members were in agreement that this would be a valuable resource and that a letter should be written from the Mayor and Council to the appropriate persons, to explore the situation.

18/154C DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Wells City Council will take place at:

7.00pm on Thursday 20th December 2018 in the Council Chamber, Wells Town Hall