



**WELLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & COUNCIL MATTERS**  
**COMMITTEE, WHICH MEMBERS ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND,**  
**WILL BE HELD AT WELLS TOWN HALL**  
**ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 AT 7:00PM**

*Please note this meeting will be recorded for the purpose of minute-taking.*

Steve Luck  
Town Clerk/RFO

6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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Committee Members:

Cllrs: L Agabani, J Browne (Mayor),  
S Cursley (Chair), G Folkard, T Pullin,  
T Robbins (Vice-Chair), H Siggs,  
I Von Mensenkampff

**AGENDA**

Wells City Council has declared a climate emergency. Each agenda item must consider the impact on any policy and decision.

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interests, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- 3 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & COUNCIL MATTERS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**  
To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 4 MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
Public speaking time is normally restricted to 15 minutes in total, at the discretion of the Chair.
- 5 FINANCE**  
To receive the draft Finance reports for February 2025.
- 6 YMCA FUNDING REQUEST**  
Town Clerk to provide an update.
- 7 GRANT APPLICATIONS (attached by email)**
  - i. Citizens Advice Somerset
  - ii. Wells City Band
  - iii. Somerset Prostate Support Association
  - iv. Sounds Joyful CIC
  - v. Wells Theatre Festival

**8 PARTNERSHIP WORKING BETWEEN WELLS COMMUNITY NETWORK & WELLS CITY COUNCIL**

To review report (attached).

**9 DEVOLUTION**

To receive any updates.

**10 ANY MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**

**11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Note: If it is necessary for matters to be considered in confidence it will be proposed by the Chairman that a resolution be passed under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended, excluding the press and public, in order that confidential items can be discussed.



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## OFFICER UPDATE PAPER

<b>Author</b>	Lisa Wassell
<b>Presented By (if different)</b>	Haylee Wilkins
<b>Subject</b>	Wells Welcome Hub
<b>Date of report</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
<b>For consideration at</b>	Finance Committee
<b>Date of consideration</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Background

Wells Community Network and Wells City Council have had an agreement in place for the delivery of the Wells Welcome Hub. Funding for this works is secured through Charis via the Community Council for Somerset.

This project assists and empowers refugees, asylum seekers and Ukrainian guests to become independent and integrate into their local, and wider communities. Delivering education and support to these individuals and their sponsors enabling access to statutory and community services. To deliver support to help enable navigation of local networks, services and community groups and befriend displaced people in Somerset.

The agreement in place currently has two staff employed by Wells City Council to deliver these services and is also supported by volunteers. This partnership is due to end in July 2025.

### Scope

The Council is requested to consider and allow resources in the form of officer time to review and develop a new agreement between these parties to continue to deliver these services to the local community from the Portway Annexe for the next four years.

This agreement in principle will be used to ascertain the current budget available, resources required and risks and methodology for the delivering moving forward.

The findings will be reported back to the Finance Committee to submit for approval.

### Exclusions

To be scoped

### Recommendation

The Council provides approval for the resources to help achieve an agreement for the next four years which will help support and sustain the Council's asset (Portway Annexe) as a community hub.