



**WELLS CITY COUNCIL  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE OUTSIDE SPACES & ESTATES  
COMMITTEE, WHICH MEMBERS ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND,  
WILL BE HELD AT WELLS TOWN HALL  
ON THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 AT 7:00PM**

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

Steve Luck  
Town Clerk/RFO

27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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Committee Members:

Cllrs: T Butt-Philip, D Denis, S Eden,  
N Kennedy, D Orrett (Chair), S Powell,  
G Robbins, P Welch

**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 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE OUTSIDE SPACES & ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2024 (Outside Spaces, Wells in Bloom, Portway Annexe)**
- 4 MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
Public speaking time is normally restricted to 15 minutes in total, at the discretion of the Chair.
- 5 SKATEBOARD PARK**  
To receive any update.
- 6 OUTSIDE SPACES**  
The Town Clerk to provide an update.
- 7 BUS STATION PLANTERS**  
To discuss the risk assessment circulated at the last meeting and consider its implications.  
Attached by email:
  - i Risk Assessment
  - ii Response to Risk Assessment
  - iii Photo of planters

## **8 CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

- i Proposal - Leave it Longer Campaign - W CC supports Somerset Council's Leave it Longer Campaign by putting the link on WCC Website under Climate and Environment and on the WCC Facebook page. Proposer-Cllr D Denis Seconder-Cllr Powell

## **9 WELLS IN BLOOM**

- i WIB Report from Cllr D Denis (attached below, page 3).
- ii Proposal - Create a volunteer group of gardeners with supervisor who has had chapter 8 training to look after the planters at the Bus Station with a dedicated budget to replenish the plants when required. The emphasis should be on sustainability, pollinator friendly plants and resilience to wide changes in weather. Proposer Cllr D Denis Seconder- Cllr Powell
- iii Proposal - Bishop's Barn Sensory Garden – Raised Beds or Planter as the triangle border will not be functional this year. Herbs- e.g. Curry Plant, Rosemary, lavender, etc? Proposer Cllr D Denis Seconder- Cllr Powell

## **10 ANY MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**

## **11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (Bishop's Barn & Recreation Ground)**

## **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.

## **Agenda Item 9 - Wells In Bloom Report 6.7.24**

### **Competitions 2024**

Private Gardens Entries- 21, Commercial Entries- 4, Communities Entries- 4  
Preschool and Primary School Entries- 11, Allotment Entries- 18

The Judging has taken place over the last 2 weeks, and the Award Event for the Schools took place at the Bishop's Palace on 4 July- verbal report at meeting.

There were 2 new Shields (Denise Environment Award Shield and Thomas Learning Through Gardening Award Shield) presented by Cllr J Browne, Mayor, along with the certificates, and vouchers (sponsored by WCC and Brownes Garden Centre).

The next WIB Awards event will be held on 4 October.

**Bee Friendly Signs**-still awaiting to be affixed to planters once the risk assessment has been decided. All 11 schools taking part in the competition were given one for entering, and all the schools have entered nature friendly entries which are encouraging pollinators.

### **Climate Emergency Working Group**

The budget reserve from 2023 remains unspent but the Wen Ecoweek+ has £1000 budget. Should this be taken from 2023 reserves or from 2024 budget- both total £10k?

The members of the working group remain the same as last year- Cllrs – Denis, Powell, Orrett, Folkard, Robbins, and members of outside organisations- Maddy Milnes and James Mochrie.

The main focus for 2024 is working to put on Wen Ecoweek+ which was launched 25.6.24. Website contains the information for the programme and participants and Wen hope that all councillors will support it by spreading the word. Stewards are being provided by the Lions.

Cllr Denise Denis 26.6.24