

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY 2019 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Brandon, R Greenwell, N Kennedy, R MacKenzie,
J North, C Price, T Robbins, H Siggs, D Swain, Cllr J Osman (Deputy Mayor),
G Wilson, C Wride (The Mayor)

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

19/01C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from:
Cllrs: R Ayres, C Cox, C McKinnell, P Welch

19/02C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

19/03C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON

20TH DECEMBER 2018: Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

19/04C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- i. A member of the public spoke with reference to a newspaper report of possible closure of Wells Post Office.
- ii. A representative of 'Wake up Wells' brought a message from the organisers thanking the City Council for their support of this very successful event.

19/05C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Friday 22nd February 6.30pm: Presentation of Council Award. It was agreed this would be a formal civic ceremony, the Council to attend robed.
- ii. Wednesday 13th March 6pm: Annual Parish Meeting; the Mayor will give a Chairman's report on behalf of the Council.
- iii. Arrangements for the annual Council dinner (no cost to public funds).

19/06C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2019:

The Vice-Chairman (Deputy Mayor) presented the minutes and invited questions. He drew members' attention to 19/07F:

RECOMMENDED

To adjust the Council's grant to Wells CAB and to make a corresponding addition to the Precept request: proposed, seconded and RESOLVED

19/07C PRECEPT FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020

To approve a Precept request of £435,530 for the year 2019-2020
Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED**.

19/08C ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

Cllr Osman thanked the Town Clerk, RFO, the office staff, Cllr North, and the Committee, for all their work on the governance reviews.

- i. Record of arrangements with Outside Bodies
- ii. Standing Orders 2019
- iii. Delegation Scheme 2019

All three items were proposed, seconded and adopted.

19/09C STAFFING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2019:

The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions. He drew members' attention to 19/06S Overtime Policy, reflecting local practice, and national guidance and policy.

19/10C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2019:

The Vice-Chairman (The Mayor) presented the minutes and invited questions.

Cllr Price: Mendip Local Plan: Cllr Siggs replied.

Cllr Robbins: 19/05P: Cllr North replied.

19/11C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- i. Cllr North: Wells Twinning Association (attached)

The Twinning Association are aware they must submit an application to the Finance and General Purposes Committee within the current financial year if they wish to apply for funding from the Hospitality Budget for the event on 5th- 7th July 2019.

19/12C REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- i. Cllr Siggs: Report from Mendip District Council on the Future High Streets Fund.
- ii. Cllr Munt: report on the financial situation at Somerset County Council.

19/13C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

There were no urgent matters of report.

19/14C DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

7.00pm on Thursday 28th February 2019 in the Council Chamber, Wells Town Hall