

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: L Agabani, P Crummay, S Cursley, G Dickson, A Fawcett, A l'Anson, N Kennedy, J Linsdell, C Rees, T Robbins, J Rust, P Welch (Deputy Mayor), C Wride

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Town Clerk; S Luck
Mace Bearers: M Goody; B Payne.
Chaplain: A Glanvile
County Cllr T Munt
9 members of the public

In the absence of the Mayor the Deputy Mayor took the Chair.

PRAYERS

Prayers were conducted by the Mayor's Chaplain, A Glanvile, following which the Chaplain was excused from the meeting.

19/126C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: S Briton, O Hartley, J Osman (Mayor)

19/127C DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

19/128C MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 2019

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

19/129C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr Alain Boulos expressed his concerns regarding money raised to improve the Skate Park in Wells that the City Council had been given which had subsequently gone missing. The RFO assured him the money had not been spent and was held in the accounts ready for a future project. Mr Boulos stated a new Charity had been set up and Cllr Agabani agreed to a meeting of Councillors and Trustees of the new Charity to explore future improvements to the Skate Park.

Nicki Dodds from Burcott Road Residents Group asked for Council help in purchasing 2 new notice boards for their use. It was agreed the Finance committee would consider the request.

Stewart Dyke spoke on behalf of residents opposed to the establishment of a 5G network in Wells. Members agreed they needed more information and agreed to put it on a future Planning agenda.

19/130C POLICE REPORT

No Police present or report received.

19/131C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- i. Mayor's Coffee Morning, Saturday 2nd November, 10am
- ii. Remembrance Day Service & Parade, Sunday 10th November

19/132C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd and 17th October 2019:
The Chairman Cllr Wride presented the minutes of the meeting of the 3rd October and invited questions.
The Vice Chairman Cllr A l'Anson presented the minutes of the meeting on the 17th October and obtained their approval as the meeting was not quorate.

19/133C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2019:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.

19/134C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2019:
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
Cllr J Rust expressed her concerns and asked questions over the expenditure to facilitate the two meetings of the 4-year plan report. It was felt this expenditure should have been made clearer to Full Council. Members discussed this and it was agreed to better inform all members in the future.

19/135C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

- i. Cllr Linsdell gave a written report on Fairtrade Wells.
- ii. Cllr Wride reported on behalf of Wells Almshouses that they had started fund raising for repairs to their Chapel and requested a letter of support from the Wells City Council which was agreed.
- iii. Cllr Welch reported on the Elim Connect Centre and the work they do for the community. Also the solar panels being added to the roof to reduce electricity consumption by 40%.
- iv. SCC Cllr T Munt reported on the ongoing traffic review and other issues regarding parking.
She reminded members each County Councillor had been given an Improving Lives grant of £2,000 to be spent in Wells and she was open for suggestions on how the money should be used.
She reported the Beckery Day Centre in Glastonbury was closing.
On 23rd November MDC were hosting a Climate Emergency information session.
She reported a consultation from the NHS Foundation on the services at Priory Park. The Acting Town Clerk reported the Council had been contacted and the Foundation were keen to come to speak to members and hold any public consultation event in the Town Hall.

19/136C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT - None reported.

EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC AND STAFF

Note: If it is necessary for matters to be considered in confidence it will be proposed by the Deputy Mayor that a resolution be passed under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended, excluding the press and public. Due to the confidential staffing matter to be discussed it was proposed seconded and agreed to exclude the press and public.

19/137C CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In private session and minuted the report was given by Cllr Robbins and after a full discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed by majority vote to make the Acting Town Clerk's position permanent as Town Clerk from 24th November 2019.

19/138C DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Wells City Council will be at **7pm on Thursday 28th November 2019**