

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY CENTRE AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2019 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: L Agabani (Chairman), A Fawcett,
l'Anson, J Linsdell, C Rees, P Welch (Deputy Mayor/Vice-Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Town Clerk/RFO: S Luck
Open Spaces; Manager M Culliford
County Cllr T Munt
1 member of the public

19/27CO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr G Dickson, O Hartley,

19/28CO DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None declared.

19/29CO MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the City Centre & Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 6th June 2019 were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

19/30CO MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None wishing to speak.

19/31CO WELLS CEMETERY

- i. The cemetery fees for year 2020 were presented by the Open Spaces manager and he explained our pricing was now in line with other councils including MDC, this has resulted in some increases, the figures were agreed, then proposed, seconded and approved.
- ii. Options on a biodiversity report for the cemetery were considered by members, it was agreed the Open Spaces Manager would set up a site visit with the organisation Caring for Gods Acre to get some advice. The Open Spaces Manager was asked to show members at the next meeting the comprehensive tree survey produced each year. Members were invited to visit the cemetery.

19/32CO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The RFO reported the Open Spaces team will be putting up the display on Monday November 18th.

It was also agreed to look at other options/contractors for next year as the current lights were now starting to fail. The Open Spaces team will report back to members on options available.

19/33CO ALLOTMENTS

The RFO reported 15 allotments rent were still unpaid, one plot holder has given up their plot and this will now be reassigned.

The Open Spaces Manager answered questions from members on the waiting list.

19/34CO WELLS IN BLOOM

- i. The Presentation evening will take place this Friday 4th October in the Town Hall. Cllr Welch (Deputy Mayor) will be making the presentations.
- ii. Members were updated on the cost of Winter planting this year and options for plants were being considered by the WIB committee for future years.

19/35CO HIGH STREET CROSS-STREET WIRES

Cllr Agabani updated members on his attempts to locate two new sites for potential wires, work is ongoing.

19/36CO WELLS CHARTER FAIR

The road closure order was noted by members.

19/37CO MAINTENANCE REPORTS

Problems with the Sadler and High street gulley ramps will be reported to Somerset Highways.

19/38CO ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

No matters raised.

19/39CO DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6pm Thursday 23rd January 2020