

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021 AT 7:00PM

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: L Agabani, A l'Anson (Chair), N Kennedy, J Rust (Vice-Chair),  
P Welch (Mayor)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** WCC Staff: S Glendinning  
No Members of the Public  
Cllr: A Robbins

**21/118P APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Town Clerk: S Luck  
Cllrs: J Browne, S Powell

**21/119P DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**21/120P MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021.  
Members agreed the Chair can sign the minutes as a true record.

**21/121P MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

No-one present.

**21/122P PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 1 2021/1255/LBC  
Replacement of 2no roof lights, stone work repairs to window mullions, timber repairs to sash windows, timber door and stonework repairs to hood moulds, repair chimney crown and repairs to boundary wall.  
The Bishops Palace Market Place Wells Somerset BA5 2PD  
**RECOMMEND: Approval**
- 2 2021/1571/HSE  
Erection of front porch.  
104 St Thomas Street Wells Somerset BA5 2UZ  
**RECOMMEND: Approval. The committee found the photo montage to be of no assistance.**
- 3 2021/1517/FUL  
Erection of 3no dwelling houses.  
15 Churchill Avenue Wells Somerset  
**RECOMMEND: Approval, subject to noting a concern over the replacement of timber windows with UPVC. The committee also wish to note they found the plans unhelpful.**
- 4 2021/1574/HSE and 21/1575/LBC  
Essential internal and external refurbishment work including insulating and re-roofing rear roof slopes and internal re-ordering.  
12 Vicars Close Wells Somerset BA5 2UH  
**RECOMMEND: Approval**

- 5 2021/1539/LBC and 2021/1538/ADV  
Erection of fascia and projecting signs to front elevation and fascia sign to rear elevation  
9 High Street Wells Somerset BA5 2AA  
**RECOMMEND: Approval. The committee wish to state that it is disappointing permission is sought retrospectively.**

**TREES:**

- 6 2021/1632/TCA  
T1 - Laurel - Fell. T2 - Fir - Fell.  
7 Ethel Street Wells Somerset BA5 2HP  
**RECOMMEND: Approval, subject to a replacement tree of native species. Guidance should be sought from the Mendip Tree Officer.**

**21/123P TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS AND DECISIONS FROM MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL**

None received

**21/124P PLANNING OF NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS**

No further comments were made to the attachment circulated.

**21/125P DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES**

To delegate authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, to decide any urgent matters arising before the next meeting.

**21/126P ANY OTHER MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**

Cllr l'Anson presented three bids for funding from MHLG to support regeneration of the High Street, post the pandemic:

1. Pop up shop for consultation
2. A survey to provide a vehicle and pedestrian count of High Street usage – with a view to pedestrianising the High St
3. Recycling bins in the City Centre

Cllr Agabani felt option 1 was not needed as we already have the TIC. His view was shared by Cllr Rust. Getting volunteers post the pandemic was felt to be difficult. Cllr Robbins stated that previous attempts had been made to conduct customer counts and felt any new survey should establish why cars are entering Sadler Street i.e. are they going to the Hotel, stopping in the High St. Just recording a number is not sufficient. Cllr Agabani felt there was a definite need to calm the traffic on the High St, particularly on busy days, Weds and Sat (market days).

Cllr Kennedy requested any recycling bins should be installed within Union St car park, not actually on the High St.

In addition to the above bids, Cllr Agabani stated there was a definite need for extra benches on the High St. Cllr Kennedy advised they would be approx. £300 each to purchase. Cllr l'Anson will submit this extra bid.

Cllr Rust has recently observed the Planning Agenda for St Cuthbert Out. Each Planning Application is listed with a hyperlink to the Planning Application information at MDC. It was requested for WCC to consider whether this is an approach we can adopt to make the process easier for the Planning Committee to review each application. S Glendinning to look into.

**21/127P DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6pm, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021 *urgent matters only***

Minutes signed by The Chair: .....

Date: .....