

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLS CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 24TH MARCH 2016 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Brandon; C Briton; A Gibson (Deputy Mayor); N Kennedy;
R MacKenzie; C Price; T Robbins; D Swain; G Wilson (The Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
RFO: S Luck
Mace-Bearer: M Goody
Chaplain: A Glanville
5 members of the public
No press representative

16/28C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: C Cox; J Ludovino; J North; J Osman; H Siggs; D Unwin; C Wride
Mayor's Chaplain Canon G Dodds

16/29C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 27th July 2012:

Cllr MacKenzie declared a personal interest as Wells Recreation Ground Trustee in 16/33C, he spoke but did not take part in the vote.

Cllr MacKenzie declared a personal interest as member of Mendip district Council in 16/38C, he spoke but did not take part in the vote.

16/30C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 25TH FEBRUARY 2016

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

16/31C MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr R Flenk (Treasurer) spoke on behalf of Wells Football Club; he explained their proposal to install a spectator barrier. They are seeking funding from an application to Viridor Credits and request a letter of support from the City Council. (See 16/39C)

16/32C POLICE REPORT

To receive a report from Avon and Somerset Police. None present.

16/33C PRESENTATION

Requesting support for the proposal to allocate S106 funds towards relocation of the play area at Wells Recreation Ground:

Mendip District Council presented the proposal and answered questions. After a very lengthy discussion a vote was taken and it was agreed to support the allocation of S106 funds to this project as presented. Proposed by Cllr Swain, seconded Cllr Briton, four votes in favour, three votes against (Cllr Kennedy, Robbins and Brandon), two abstentions.

16/34C MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. 15th April: City Council Dinner
- ii. 16th April: Mayor's Charities Band Concert
- iii. 27th April: Annual Parish Meeting of Electors; all Council Committee Chairman are requested by the Mayor to be available to report.

- 16/35C MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2016
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
- 16/36C MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd March 2016 and 17th March 2016
The Vice Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
- 16/37C MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2016
The Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
- 16/38C MINUTES OF THE CITY CENTRE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2016 with minutes of the Wells in Bloom meeting held on 25th February.
The Vice Chairman presented the minutes and invited questions.
- 16/39C MENDIP CCTV**
To approve renewal of the CCTV Service Level Agreement with Mendip District Council
Proposed, seconded and approved. 5 in favour, 1 against.
- 16/40C REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**
Wells Sports Council Cllr Price gave an up-date.
It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to provide a letter of support as requested. (See 16/31C)
- 16/41C ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**
i. Cllr MacKenzie took part in Sport Relief at the Blue School last week.
ii. The Town Clerk reported on the refurbishment of the bus shelter in the Market Place, being funded by the donation from the film company and in partnership with local businesses.
- 16/42C DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting will take place at **7.00pm on Thursday 28th April 2016**