

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE PARKES ROOM AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 22nd
MARCH 2012 AT 6.00pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: M Brandon (Chairman); A Gibson (Vice Chairman);
T Robbins; J Mitchell; C Price; J North.

IN ATTENDANCE: F White (Town Clerk); Mrs B Beauchamp; Mr T Whitman;
Mr R Hole; Mrs L Bishop; Mrs J Jones; Mrs G North;
Mrs R Sweales; Mr John Woods; Mr J Parkes.

12/15W APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr D Unwin (The Mayor); D Anderson; Mrs S Hanks; Miss E Thorne.

12/16W DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

12/17W MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Thursday 26th January 2012, were proposed, approved and signed.

12/18W MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC None present

12/19W CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
It has proved not possible to provide a stall on the Cathedral Green for the Jubilee Fair this year.
The plants have survived the winter well. Final tidy-up arrangements were agreed; volunteers will meet from 5.30pm on 3rd April.
The Chairman thanked everyone for their help and explained she will need extra support during the next council year due to being the Mayor-elect; she will not be able to stand as Chairman of this committee for the year.

12/20W VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
A planning meeting has been held for the open-gardens event. A copy of the council insurance has been received. Flyers/posters are being prepared. Advertising has been booked in the June and July issues of Country Garden magazine (£100), this will also provide an article in the July issue.

12/21W SCHOOLS – Jenny Jones
Baskets will be painted in Olympic colours and distributed the week of 16th April. They should be returned and hung the week of 21st May, in time for the Jubilee weekend.
School gardens competition: John Parkes recommended someone fresh should do the judging; it was agreed to recruit from the Gardening Club; judging to focus on work done by the children.

12/22W FINANCE
Sponsorship funding is coming in well; nearly £2,000 received to date; a new sponsor has been found for the roundabout. Purchase of fertilizer, tubs to replace broken ones, and the 6 new cradles, are all within this year's budget.

12/23W NEW SHRUBS FOR BEDS - site visits.
It was agreed the Chairman will meet with those responsible for each site and see what is needed.

12/24W PRE PLANTING ESSENTIAL WORK
The following tasks were assigned:
Replace damaged tubs and refill
re-site parking signs etc

Paint poles as necessary

Receiving and unloading plants and baskets (7:30am Thursday 24th May)

Count plants and place in various areas (9:00am Thursday 24th May)

Plant up spare baskets (2:00pm Thursday 24th May)

Ribbon binding of Broad Street poles - it was agreed to have a trial on one pole first; safety arrangements were agreed regarding use of ladders etc.

12/25W **DATE OF BIG PLANT OUT** – Sunday 27th May at 8:30am and hang baskets.

12/26W **ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR URGENT REPORT**

- i. John Parkes reported ideas for trialing wild flower areas on verges.
- ii. Cllr North asked if it would be possible to decorate the Bandstand with hanging baskets or similar; there was general consensus that this was a nice idea but there were practical structural and other issues to be taken into consideration.

12/27W **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 6pm Thursday 14th June 2012.