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Minutes of the meeting of Buildings & Civic Matters Committee of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 7.00pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs M Lock (Chair); K Gill; D Gubbins; A Kendall; T Ledlie; P Lock; T Lock and R Stickland.

Also Present: Cllrs E Potts-Jones (Grove Avenue Ward)

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk) and P Huntingdon, Compliance and Enforcement Specialist – South Somerset District Council.

There were no members of the public and no members of the press present.

7:00pm – Meeting commenced.

10/4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Recardo (conflicting engagement).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

10/5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Kendall declared a personal interest in 10/14 (Preston Plucknett War Memorial Repairs) in that he was a veteran.

10/6 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 19th March 2019 and 28th May 2019.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meetings held on 19th March 2019 and 28th May 2019 be signed as a correct record.

10/7 PSPO CONSULTATION

The Compliance and Enforcement Specialist from South Somerset District Council gave a presentation on the Consultation on Proposed New Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

for Yeovil Town Centre. The PSPO concentrated on street drinking and begging. The issues and evidence (i.e. numbers, locations and impact) had been considered to identify the proposed area and proposed requirements. The PSPO would be placed on location rather than individuals. The PSPO was one tool among many to deal with antisocial behaviour and will compliment what is already in place. In addition, the proposed PSPO is in line with South Somerset District Council's enforcement policy which is that enforcement had to be carried out in a reasonable and proportionate manner.

The Compliance and Enforcement Specialist highlighted that there would not be a prohibition on drinking but should an authorised officer request that alcohol be surrendered, an offence would be committed should the alcohol not be handed over. The street drinking PSPO proposal did not currently include Yeovil Country Park or the Leisure complex at the bottom of town.

The proposed area for begging was smaller and localised to problem areas. The Compliance and Enforcement Specialist made it very clear that the PSPO would not be criminalising poverty and homelessness.

Members were asked to complete the consultation and as a key agency, the Council were asked to give a considered view. Many members stated that they would like to see the PSPO extended to Yeovil Country Park and the Leisure complex at the bottom of town.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the content of the presentation and letter within the agenda; and (2) that the Town Clerk respond to the consultation on behalf of Yeovil Town Council.

At 7:52pm, Paul Huntingdon left the meeting and did not return.

10/8 CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk advises the Committee of the two items of correspondence received regarding the car parking at Monmouth Hall. One item asked the Council to consider the impact on disabled residents whilst the other questioned the lawfulness of the managed car parking.

RESOLVED: (1) to note both items of correspondence; and (2) to discuss the correspondence within item 10/15 (Monmouth Hall Retaining Wall and Car Park Update (Commercial in Confidence)).

10/9 HMS HERON ROYAL NAVY VOLUNTEER BAND

Members considered the request from HMS HERON Royal Navy Volunteer Band which requested that they be the official band of the Town.

RESOLVED: (1) that the request be noted; (2) to agree in principle to HMS HERON Royal Navy Volunteer Band being the official band of the Town; (3) that the Town Clerk and Cllr T Lock meet with the Band to discuss a Service Level Agreement; and (4) that the Town Clerk

draft a Service Level Agreement based on these discussions for review at a future meeting of this Committee.

10/10 PAINTING AND RECARPETING TOWN HOUSE

Members considered the request of the Town Clerk regarding the maintenance of Town House; namely repainting inside and outside; and whether the carpets should be replaced.

RESOLVED: (1) that the request be noted; (2) to agree that the outside of the building needed painting, that the ground floor inside the building needed painting and that the carpets downstairs needed replacing; and (3) that the Town Clerk seek quotes for this work.

10/11 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FEBRUARY 2019/MARCH 2019

Members considered the Financial Statement for the period 1st February 2019 to 31st March 2019.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement for the period 1st February 2019 to 31st March 2019 be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no members of the public present.

10/12 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity of agenda items 10/12 to 10/15 would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3

10/13 FRONT DOOR AT MILFORD HALL (COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE)

Members considered the confidential report by the Deputy Town Clerk (HF) regarding the Regarding the new motor pump on the front door of Milford Hall in accordance with paragraph 3 (Urgent Business) of the Scheme of Delegation. There is a requirement to report to this meeting of the Committee any action taken.

RESOLVED: (1) that the report be noted; and (2) that the use of paragraph 3 (Urgent Business) of the Scheme of Delegation be noted.

10/14 PRESTON PLUCKNETT WAR MEMORIAL REPAIRS (COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE)

Members considered the confidential report by the Deputy Town Clerk (HF) regarding the Preston Plucknett War Memorial.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the report; (2) to agree that the supporting information be compiled in order to submit a listed building application; and (3) when listed building consent is granted, to agree for the works to be carried out by Luke Grafton for the price stated (thus waiving the financial regulations in accordance with Financial Regulations 11.1 (a) (ii)).

10/15 MONMOUTH HALL RETAINING WALL AND CAR PARK UPDATE
(COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE)

Members considered the confidential report by the Deputy Town Clerk (HF) regarding the Monmouth Hall retaining wall and car park. They also considered the correspondence received (as highlighted in 10/8 above) regarding the car park.

Lessons learnt from this project were discussed.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the report; (2) that the Town Clerk responds as agreed to the correspondence received; (3) to add to the Scheme of Delegation, that expertise should be sought for any area of work outside the skill set of the resources at Yeovil Town Council; and (4) that the Chair and Town Clerk meeting to compile a list of contractors for minor works.

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.

Signed:

Dated: