

# Yeovil Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

**Present:** Cllrs D Recardo (Chairman and Mayor); J Dash; N Gage; A Grieves; D Gubbins; G Hunting; K Hussain; A Kendall; J Lowery; S Lowery; G Oakes; E Potts-Jones; W Read; R Spinner; and H Stonier.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk); Brad Atkinson (Fire Brigade Union rep - Yeovil) and Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain).

There were 2 members of the public and no members of the press present.

*7:33pm – Rev J Pearce left the meeting and did not return.*

The Mayor of Yeovil (Cllr D Recardo) presented a cheque for £823 to Sam Best from Somerset & Wessex Eating Disorder Association (SWEDA) towards the costs of running a new recovery project and a cheque for £829 to Krista Felek from Headway Somerset towards the costs of laptop and PC for their Yeovil Centre. They thanked the Council for the grant payment.

*7:41pm – Sam Best and Krista Felek both left the meeting and did not return.*

Brad Atkinson (Fire Brigade Union (FBU) rep – Yeovil) gave a presentation regarding the proposed changes to Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority. He said that the FBU were opposing the cuts and stated that the public would be at risk as resilience would be compromised. He encouraged Councillors to fill out the consultation on the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue website.

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

*8:33pm – Brad Atkinson left the meeting and did not return.*

*8:34pm – The meeting commenced.*

### Public Comment

There were no public comments.

### **10/29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN**

Council to receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons given. LGA 1972 s85(1)

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Apologies were received from: P Chandler (transportation issues); K Gill (conflicting engagement); P Gubbins (conflicting engagement); T Ledlie (conflicting engagement); M Lock (conflicting engagement); P Lock (conflicting engagement); T Lock (conflicting engagement); A Soughton (conflicting engagement) and R Stickland (detained at work).

**RESOLVED:** to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

### **10/30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

There were no declarations made at this time.

### **10/31 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the previous meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 be signed as a correct record.

### **10/32 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor attended the Yeovil Pride March on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

He reminded Council members to complete their Electronic Service of Summons Consent Form and submit it to the Town Clerk.

The Mayor announced that he was hosting an event for his Mayors Charity – The Phoenix Voices at Holy Trinity Church on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Tickets can be purchased from the Mayor.

**RESOLVED:** (1) to note the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming appointments and engagements; and (2) that the Mayor would organise a Christmas meal for Council.

### **10/33 KEYFORD DEVELOPMENT SITE: NORTHERN ACCESS**

It was announced that northern access had subsequently been altered.

**RESOLVED:** (1) that the report be noted; and (2) that no further action be taken until further information becomes available.

### **10/34 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**

#### **Planning Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Presented by Cllr S Lowery and Cllr G Oakes respectively. Cllr Lowery reported that they had considered 9 applications of which all but one were approved. She stated that an application that the Council had approved at the previous meeting (27 Carisbrooke

Gardens - 19/00835/HOU), had been refused by SSDC on the basis that it would cause harm to visual and residential amenity and be detrimental to the highway safety.

Cllr Oakes reported that they had considered 20 applications of which all but one were approved. There were no questions.

#### **Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Presented by Cllr A Kendall. Cllr A Kendall highlighted that SSDC were no longer being used for Allotment maintenance. There were no questions.

#### **Promotions and Activities Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Presented by Cllr E Potts-Jones. Cllr Potts-Jones highlighted that Super Saturday was on 28<sup>th</sup> September, she asked who would be available to help – several Councillors indicated that they would be. She also mentioned that VE Day 2020 celebrations which would be held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and more information would be announced as it became available. There were no questions.

#### **Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Presented by the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk reported that there had been a presentation from Avon and Somerset Police and a representative from SAFE (Security and Fraud Experts) about civil injunctions. Discussions had been held about how to progress the Monmouth Hall Project and the Monmouth Hall Working Party had since met. There were no questions.

#### **Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Presented by Cllr G Oakes. There were no questions.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the above Committee be accepted together with any resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

#### **10/35 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members who represent the Town Council on Outside Bodies were invited to take the opportunity to report on any matters of interest.

- **Yeovil Rivers Community Trust** – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (minutes previously circulated). Cllr G Hunting gave an update about the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust.

#### **10/36 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

Members considered the letter from Brympton Parish Council regarding a community governance review.

**RESOLVED:** (1) that Council supports a community governance review; (2) that West Coker Parish Council and Yeovil Without Parish Council should be included in the community governance review; and (3) that the Town Clerk respond to the letter from Brympton Parish Council.

*(Voting: unanimous)*

### **10/37 FORWARD PLAN**

Members to approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the forward plan, with the addition of the Hospital, Police and Street Pastors (should these organisations be available).

### **Public Comment**

There were no public.

### **10/38 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 item 10/39 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

### **10/39 AUTOPAY SERVICE (CONFIDENTIAL)**

Members discussed the report regarding the upgrading of the Autopay service

**RESOLVED:** (1) to note the report; (2) to authorise the Bank to accept instructions from the Finance Officer to enrol for Autopay Online; (3) to approve the Terms and Conditions; (4) that the Mayor signs the form to certify that (2) and (3) have been authorised and approved respectively, once the Finance Officer has completed it; and (4) that the Town Clerk be added to the bank mandate.

*(Voting: unanimous)*

Meeting closed at 9:03pm.

Signed:

Dated: