

Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 5th November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs D Recardo (Chairman and Mayor); P Chandler; J Dash; N Gage; G Hunting;; A Kendall; T Ledlie; P Lock; T Lock; G Oakes; E Potts-Jones; W Read; R Spinner; H Stonier; and R Stickland.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk); Steve Hart (Yeovil Debt Centre Manager, Christians Against Poverty); Andrew Smith; Louise Thomas and Derek Tessmer (members of the public).

There were no further members of the public and one member of the press present.

Steve Hart (Yeovil Debt Centre Manager at Christians Against Poverty) introduced the work of Christians Against Poverty. It is a national charity with 292 debt centres. The Yeovil Debt Centre has dealt with 400 cases, of which 88 are now debt free and lives have been transformed. Christians Against Poverty aim to get people debt free within 5 years and once a plan has been set up, the individual or family will not have to speak to their creditors again.

Andrew Smith; Louise Thomas and Derek Tessmer gave a presentation about the risks associated with the Government's planned relaxation in infrastructure laws for the 5G technology. They spoke about health risks to both people and wildlife and the lack of independent research into 5G radiation. They also spoke about how insurance groups refused to insure for biological harm

8:24pm Cllr W Read left the room

8:26pm – Jim Pearce, Steve Hart, Andrew Smith; Louise Thomas and Derek Tessmer left the meeting and did not return. Cllr W Read returned.

8:27pm – The meeting commenced.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

10/40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

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

Apologies were received from: A Grieves (work commitments); D Gubbins (conflicting engagement); K Hussain (work commitments); M Lock (conflicting engagement); J Lowery (illness); S Lowery (illness) and A Soughton (conflicting engagement).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

10/41 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.

10/42 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 3rd September 2019.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meetings held on 3rd September 2019 be signed as a correct record.

10/43 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that the Town had won a gold in South West in Bloom; and silver in Britain in Bloom (which was excellent considering it was a first-time entry). He also stated that twelve Neighbour Hood awards had also been received in South West in Bloom.

The Mayor highlighted that the Car Park at the cinema was going to become number plate recognition and pay on exit. Barcodes will be printed on receipts to allow up to 3 hours free parking when using facilities

RESOLVED: (1) to note the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming appointments and engagements; and (2) that the Mayor and Town Clerk would write a letter to South Somerset District Council congratulating and thanking them for their hard work for the In Bloom Awards; and to request that the "Silver Award for Britain in Bloom".

10/44 CORRESPONDANCE

The Town Clerk brought three items of correspondence to Council's attention. The first item was from Yeovil Without Parish Council, asking Yeovil Town Council to consider building into the 2020 budget a financial commitment to demonstrate St Margaret's Hospice how much financial support they could potentially get if they kept the Yeovil IPU open. The second item was from Marcus Fysh MP about nominating the St Margaret's Hospice building as an asset of community value, and the third was a request for financial support for Yeovil Shop Mobility.

At this point, Cllr T Ledlie declared an interest since his wife was made redundant from St Margaret's Hospice.

RESOLVED: (1) that the correspondence be noted; (2) that the request for a financial commitment towards St Margaret's Hospice Yeovil IPU be referred to the next meeting of Policy, Resources and Finance; (3) that the Town Clerk, on behalf of Council nominate the St Margaret's Hospice building as an asset of community value; and (3) that the Town Clerk write to Yeovil Shop Mobility and inform them that they must apply for grant funding using the Small Grants Assistance to Local Organisations.

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

Planning Committee – 16th September 2019 and 14th October 2019

Presented by Cllr H Stonier. There were no questions.

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 9th September 2019

Presented by Cllr A Kendall.. There were no questions.

Promotions and Activities Committee – 10th September 2019

Presented by Cllr E Potts-Jones. Cllr Potts-Jones stated that Super Saturday had been a successful and fantastic date, due to the staff having gone above and beyond the call of duty. She announced that VE Day 2020 celebrations which would be held on 8th May 2020 and more information would be announced as it became available. There were no questions.

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 17th September 2019

Presented by Cllr R Stickland. There were no questions.

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 24th September 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.

10/46 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.

Westfield Community Association – 10th July 2019 and 10th September 2019
(minutes previously circulated)

Yeovil Wellbeing Alliance – 24th September 2019 (minutes previously circulated)

Yeovil Rivers Community Trust – 17th April 2019 (minutes previously circulated)

Yeovil Crematorium & Cemetery Committee – 9th October 2019 (minutes previously circulated).

RESOLVED: (1) to note the minutes of the above Outside Bodies; and (2) that Cllr P Lock be appointed to represent Yeovil Town Council on the Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee.

10/47 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

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

RESOLVED: (1) that Council supports a community governance review; and (2) that the Town Clerk approach East Coker Parish Council, West Coker Parish Council and Yeovil Without Parish Council to invite them to be included in the community governance review.

(Voting: unanimous)

10/48 CONCLUSION OF AUDIT

Members to note the conclusion of the audit carried out by the external auditor and the comments provided.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the conclusion of the audit carried out by the external auditor and the comments provided; and (2) to thank the Town Clerk for the excellent outcome from the audit.

10/49 FORWARD PLAN

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

RESOLVED: to approve the forward plan, with the addition of the Yeovil District Hospital (should representatives from this organisation be available).

Public Comment

There were no public.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm.

Signed:

Dated: