

## **YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 7 April 2015**

(7.30pm – 9.15pm)

### **Present:**

Mike Lock – Mayor	Andrew Kendall
Martin Bailey	Tony Lock
Kris Castle	Sarah Lowery
Philip Chandler	Sophie Phillips
John Clark	Wes Read
Bridget Dollard	David Recardo
David Dollard	Manny Roper
Tony Fife	Darren Shutler
Peter Gubbins	Alan Smith
John Hann	

### **Also present:**

Alan Tawse	Town Clerk
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### **GRANT PRESENTATIONS**

The Mayor presented grant cheques to representatives of each of the following organisations for the purposes indicated:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Yeovil Child Contact Centre	£400	Towards running costs
St Michael's Scout and Guide Headquarters	£1,000	Towards the cost of a new boiler

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from members of the public.

### **CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION**

The Mayor welcomed Nancy Cheeseman and Terry Mathews of the Yeovil Visually Impaired Bowls Club who had represented England at the International Bowls for the Disabled World Championships, which had recently taken place in New Zealand.

He indicated that Nancy and Terry had each won a silver medal in their respective Singles competitions, and that another member of the Club - Ron Homer, who was unable to be present at the meeting, had won gold in the Men's Singles.

The Mayor congratulated all of them on their success, and presented Certificates of Recognition to mark their outstanding achievements.

The Mayor then referred to the forthcoming local elections and he took the opportunity to thank all of those Members of the Town Council who were not seeking re-election, for their past help, advice, guidance and support.

He then made a number of presentations in recognition of the significant contribution that each of the following Members had made during their periods of office:

<i>Tony Fife</i>	<i>Councillor and former Mayor - 33 years' service</i>
<i>Bridget Dollard</i>	<i>Councillor and former Mayor – 28 years' service</i>
<i>David Dollard</i>	<i>Councillor and former Deputy Mayor - 28 years' service</i>
<i>J Vincent Chainey</i>	<i>Councillor – 20 years' service</i>
<i>Dave Greene</i>	<i>Councillor – 18 years' service</i>
<i>John Hann</i>	<i>Councillor – 16 years' service</i>

#### 8/555 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 March 2015, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

#### 8/556 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from J Vincent Chainey, Tristan Cobb, Jon Gleeson, Dave Greene and Kaysar Hussain.

#### 8/557 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### 8/558 **MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Details of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming engagements and announcements were attached to the Agenda.

#### 8/559 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk reported that, in addition to the items of correspondence that had been circulated to Members by email since the last Town Council meeting, the following item had been received from Somerset County Council and would be considered later in the meeting:

- Yeovil Eastern Corridor – Hospital Roundabout

#### 8/560 **NEW INITIATIVES**

Council considered the report of the Town Clerk (agenda item 6 refers).

The views of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee on the matter were set out in a separately circulated report to Members.

During the ensuing discussion, Members considered the merits of the proposed bid having regard to the views of both the Promotions and Activities Committee and the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

John Clark, who had first proposed this new initiative, thanked the officers for the work that they had undertaken at the request of the Promotions and Activities Committee in investigating the proposal, which he anticipated would be useful if the idea was not supported by the Town Council at this point in time and was looked at again in the future.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the bid be noted; and
- (2) that, in view of the practical problems which it was felt would be encountered in safely operating the proposed buggy in the Town Centre and the significant costs of providing a long-term service, no further action be taken regarding this bid.

### **8/561 LEISURE, PLAY AND YOUTH STRATEGY**

Council considered the report of the Town Clerk (agenda item 7 refers).

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that Mike Lock and Alan Smith be appointed to attend the forthcoming workshop and, space permitting, John Clark also be appointed to attend.

### **8/562 YEOVIL EASTERN CORRIDOR – HOSPITAL ROUNDABOUT**

Council considered recently circulated correspondence from Somerset County Council regarding proposed alterations to the Hospital Roundabout, which had been drawn up as part of the Yeovil Eastern Corridor package of works. This included a plan showing the suggested road layout and associated works.

During the ensuing discussion, attention was drawn to the absence of a segregated left turn lane off Clarence Street onto Queensway (A30). It was felt that this would make it more difficult for traffic leaving the Town Centre to proceed west - particularly when the planned new exit road from the Tesco Store Car Park onto Clarence Street was installed. It was further suggested that the proposed destination road markings be reviewed to help visiting motorists select the correct lane.

Reference was also made to the delays in the District Council installing the planned enhancement of CCTV next to the pedestrian underpasses at the northern end of Princes Street, which it was understood were related to the necessary completion of works associated with the Eastern Corridor initiative.

Attention was also drawn to delays arising from the configuration of the traffic signals at the bottom of Reckleford, and the prioritisation of the existing junction with Market Street – which had already been agreed by the County Council and was awaiting the delivery of new signage - which it was felt exacerbated the queuing of traffic along this section of the A30 in both directions.

Members also commented on the proposed removal of the bus lane on the northern arm of the Hospital Roundabout and the adverse impact that this would have on public transport wishing to access the Town Centre.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the above-outlined comments be forward to the County Council in response to the consultation letter.

### **8/563 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS**

The Chairmen of the various Committees of the Council presented the Minutes from the previous cycle of meetings, drawing attention to specific references to Council, any matters of particular interest and answering any questions.

#### **Planning and Licensing Committee**

2 March 2015  
16 March 2015  
30 March 2015

#### **Grounds and General Maintenance Committee**

9 March 2015

#### **Promotions and Activities Committee**

17 March 2015

#### **Buildings and Civic Matters Committee**

24 March 2015

#### **Policy, Resources and Finance Committee**

31 March 2015

Minute 8/325 – New Warding Arrangements

### **RESOLVED**

that the proposals set out in the above report be noted and adopted.

### **8/564 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Minutes of the following meetings of Outside Bodies were attached to the Agenda and Members were given an opportunity to raise matters relating to them:

## **South Somerset Countryside Steering Group**

19 February 2015

### **Yeovil Youth Council**

23 February 2015

Members who represented the Town Council on outside bodies were given an opportunity to report on any matters of interest.

#### **8/565 PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from members of the public.

#### **8/566 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

##### **RESOLVED**

that the press and public be excluded 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 would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

#### **8/567 STAFFING ISSUES**

Council considered the confidential report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 10 refers).

##### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the appointment of the following Members to form a Recruitment Panel to assist the Town Clerk in developing and producing a candidate's pack for this post and to agree the recruitment process;

Kris Castle  
Peter Gubbins  
Mike Lock  
Tony Lock  
Wes Read  
David Recardo

- (3) that the Recruitment Panel appoint four Members therefrom who satisfy the Town Council's criteria for appointing staff - to form the Selection Panel to carry out the selection process and to make the appointment on behalf of the Town Council.