

## YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **BUILDINGS AND CIVIC MATTERS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil, on **Tuesday 21 July 2015**

(7.00pm to 7.40pm)

### **Present:**

Rob Stickland – Chairman  
Kris Castle  
Phil Chandler  
Andrew Kendall  
Mike Lock  
Tony Lock  
Darren Shutler

### **Also Present:**

Helen Ferdinand – Acting Town Clerk (Job Share)  
Sergeant Pete Paskin – Avon and Somerset Police Constabulary

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the members of the public.

### 9/17 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 June 2015, copies of which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 9/18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Gubbins and Gail Freeman-Bell.

### 9/19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 9/20 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

### 9/21 **REPRESENTATIVE FROM AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE CONSTABULARY**

The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Pete Paskin who works as part of the Yeovil “One Team” which manages the central area of Yeovil. The Sergeant

explained how they work with other local agencies where possible, and outlined the work that had been carried out in recent months. He explained that the Yeovil District Hospital now has full time guards and as a result the demand on the police has decreased so that they are able to have a greater presence in the town centre. They have also been working closely with the new manager at the Pathways in Newton Road and this has also reduced the number of call-outs. The police have safety concerns at night in the vicinity of Neo's in Stars Lane so a Road Traffic Order is to be put in place to stop traffic using a small stretch of Stars Lane on Friday and Saturday nights. Also, problems with street drinking had reduced following working with the District Council.

Overall Sergeant Paskin advised the Committee that recorded crime had been reduced and calls to the police were down. He also informed Members that they were to employ a "One Team" co-ordinator so they could expand the service.

Sergeant Paskin was happy to answer any questions the Committee Members had; they just needed to email him. Members thanked Sergeant Paskin for his informative report and attendance at the meeting.

## **RESOLVED**

that the matters be noted.

## **9/22 SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON ROAD TRAFFIC ORDER FOR PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN AND PROHIBITION OF U-TURN AT ST MICHEALS AVENUE, A30 SHERBORNE ROAD AND LYDE ROAD**

The Committee had supported the proposed Road Traffic Order at the last meeting although it was felt that it would have an impact on the roads in the local area. Therefore the Highways Officer from the County Council had been invited to the meeting to discuss the Members' concerns. Unfortunately a Highways Officer was unable to attend. Nevertheless, Members expressed the general concern that following the implementation of the Road Traffic Order traffic would divert along Great Western Terrace to join St Michael's Avenue north of the junction with the A30. This would especially be the case for traffic driving westwards along Lyde Road. Given the anticipated increase in traffic along Great Western Terrace, the safety of pedestrians and other highway users was of concern, and in particular where there are no dropped kerbs at the entrance to a small car park on the side of Great Western Terrace.

## **RESOLVED**

(1) that the matters be noted; and

(2) that representations be made to Somerset County Council to assess the impact of the additional traffic using Great Western Terrace, and to investigate the possibility of installing dropped kerbs at the entrance to the car park on the north side of Great Western Terrace.

9/23 **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE RESULTS**

The Committee was informed that the SID results had recently been collated and would be reported to the next meeting. However, it was noted that there would be no figures for Goldcroft as the device would have to be repositioned because they could no longer be attached to lighting columns.

**RESOLVED**

that the matters be noted.

9/24 **FLOOD MITIGATION FUND AND FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT EVENT**

The Committee considered the report and letter from SSDC (agenda item 8 refers).

**RESOLVED**

that the matters be noted.

9/25 **BEST VALUE**

The Committee considered the report by the Town Clerk (agenda item 9 refers).

**RESOLVED**

(1) that this year's achievements be noted;

(2) that a target be set of achieving a gold rating for the Peter Street and Petters Way Public Toilets; and

(3) that a target be set to seek to meet the long-term annual target of 250 bookings at Monmouth Hall over the forthcoming year.

9/26 **NEW INITIATIVES BUDGET**

The Committee considered the report by the Acting Town Clerk (agenda item 10 refers), and members were encouraged to bring any ideas to the next meeting.

**RESOLVED**

that the matters be noted.

9/27 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT – APRIL/MAY 2015**

The Committee considered the financial statement for the period 1 April to 31 May 2015 (agenda item 11 refers).

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the Financial Statement be noted; and
- (2) that the Acting Town Clerk would investigate the question raised in respect to an expenditure at Milford Hall in May 2015 relating to fence/hedge work and email the details to all Committee Members.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from members of the public.

#### 9/28 **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.

#### 9/29 **CCTV MONITORING**

The Committee considered the confidential report (agenda item 12 refers), and an additional confidential report distributed at the meeting concerning the installation of an additional CCTV camera, and the viewing of recorded footage at Yeovil Police Station.

##### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the matters be noted; and
- (2) that clarification be sought from the Assistant Director – Communities (SSDC) regarding the recent feedback via Yeovil Vision on the implementation of the works on the Eastern Corridor.

Chairman

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26/07/15