

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 16 June 2015**

(7.00pm to 8.45pm)

Present:

Rob Stickland – Chairman
Kris Castle
Phil Chandler
Gail Freeman-Bell
Peter Gubbins
Andrew Kendall
Manny Roper

Also Present:

Andrew Pugsley – South Ward Member
Sally Freemantle – Assistant Town Clerk (Job Share)

CHEQUE PRESENTATION

The Chairman presented a cheque for £3,000 to Christine Buckland and Pete Nitti of Yeovil Town Band to help meet the Band's running costs. It was noted that in return, the Band performs free of charge at a number of civic and other events throughout the year, which the public are welcome to attend. Pete Nitti expressed the Band's gratitude for the sponsorship and added that they had been promoted back into the Championship Section and would be competing in the National Championships in September. The Chairman congratulated the Town Band on their success and, on behalf of the Committee, wished them luck in the forthcoming competition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Goodchild, Chair of Governors of Milford Infant School (also a local resident) addressed the Committee regarding agenda item 6 – the Somerset County Council consultation on Road Traffic Order for prohibition of stopping on keep clear markings at Glenthorne Avenue and introduction of revised restrictions to the controlled parking zone at Chelston Avenue, Elmhurst Avenue, Glenthorne Avenue and St Georges Avenue – following concerns he raised at the last meeting about vehicles parking inconsiderately along the “No Waiting” and “School Keep Clear” areas outside the school on Glenthorne Avenue. He voiced his support for the Road Traffic Order as set out in agenda item 6.

9/4 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 March and 26 May 2015, copies of which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9/5 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Tony Lock and Darren Shutler.

9/6 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Andrew Pugsley declared a personal interest in agenda item 7, Somerset County Council Consultation on Road Traffic Order for prohibition of right turn and prohibition of U-turn at St Michaels Avenue, A30 Sherborne Road and Lyde Road due to his parents' property being in St Michael's Avenue.

9/7 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

9/8 **YEOVIL TOWN CENTRE MAINTENANCE PROJECT**

The Neighbourhood Officer (SSDC) outlined the project and informed the Committee of the previous representations and reports which had fed into the final report and recommendation currently under consideration.

It was confirmed by the Assistant Town Clerk that the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee had agreed to carry forward as a planned underspend the uncommitted budget of £8,000 earmarked for Town Centre Environmental Improvements (minute ref 8/327) to allow the Committee the opportunity to reconsider the application for funding for this project once the draft maintenance schedule had been finalised. The Assistant Town Clerk also explained that it had been agreed by the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee that the future management of the Town Centre Environmental Improvements budget be transferred from the Promotions and Activities Committee to the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee (minute ref 8/302).

Discussion took place regarding the proposals outlined and it was confirmed by the Neighbourhood Officer that the use of an agency worker was the most cost effective way to fund the tasks set out in Appendix A (agenda item 5 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed to contribute £6,925.70 to the Yeovil Town Centre Maintenance Project (Ranger Scheme) for the 2015/16 financial year;
- (3) that an update by the Principal Horticultural Officer be requested for the November 2015 meeting of the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee; and
- (4) that a review of the project by the Neighbourhood Officer and Principal Horticultural Officer take place in March 2016.

9/9 **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON ROAD TRAFFIC ORDER FOR PROHIBITION OF STOPPING ON KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS**

AT GLENTHORNE AVENUE AND INTRODUCTION OF REVISED RESTRICTIONS TO THE CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE AT CHELSTON AVENUE, ELMHURST AVENUE, GLENTHORNE AVENUE AND ST GEORGES AVENUE

The Committee considered the above outlined proposed Road Traffic Order (agenda item 6 refers) and expressed concern for the safety of pedestrians, particularly children and young families crossing the roads in this area. It was agreed that the County Council be asked to expedite the completion of this Road Traffic Order to allow commencement of enforcement.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted; and
- (2) that representations be made to Somerset County Council to support the suggested Road Traffic Order and to request that it comes into effect as soon as practically possible to allow commencement of enforcement.

9/10 **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON ROAD TRAFFIC ORDER FOR PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN AND PROHIBITION OF U-TURN AT ST MICHAELS AVENUE, A30 SHERBORNE ROAD AND LYDE ROAD**

The Committee considered the above outlined proposed Road Traffic Order (agenda item 7 refers) and it was agreed to support the proposals, although it was felt that they would have an impact on roads in the local area. It was therefore agreed to discuss the effects on adjoining roads at the next meeting and invite a Highways Officer from the County Council to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted;
- (2) that representations be made to Somerset County Council to support the suggested Road Traffic Order; and
- (3) to discuss the impact of the Road Traffic Order on neighbouring roads at the next meeting of the Committee and invite a Highways Officer from Somerset County Council to attend.

9/11 **GREENHILL ROAD/SUNNINGDALE ROAD**

The Committee considered the results of the Mobile Radar Speed Check for Greenhill Road which was requested by the Town Council.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted; and
- (2) that following consideration of the Mobile Radar Speed check results for Greenhill Road, no further action be taken.

9/12 **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE INSTALLATION**

The Committee considered the update (agenda item 9 refers) and the information was noted.

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

9/13 **RECKLEFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL CLOCK**

The Committee considered the request as outlined in the letter (agenda item 10 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted;
- (2) that the school be advised that South Somerset District Council may have information on suitable potential grant funding options; and
- (3) that the Town Council's grant application process be explained to the school.

9/14 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2015**

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

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statement be noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

9/15 **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.

9/16 **CCTV MONITORING**

The Committee considered the confidential report (agenda item 12 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted; and

(2) that a letter be sent to 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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