

## YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the **YEOVIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** held in the Sanctuary, Yeovil Baptist Church, South Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 19 May 2015**

(7.00pm to 8.09pm)

### **Present:**

Mike Lock - Mayor	Tony Lock
Vijay Adampalli	Sarah Lowery
Nagaraja Akkisetty	Graham Oakes
Kris Castle	Evie Potts-Jones
Phil Chandler	Wes Read
Peter Gubbins	David Recardo
Andy Kendall	Darren Shutler
Terry Ledlie	Alan Smith
Pauline Lock	Rob Stickland

### **Officers:**

Alan Tawse – Town Clerk

*(Prior to the start of the meeting, the Mayor's Chaplain led all those in attendance in prayers).*

#### 1. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 May 2014, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

#### 2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Joe Conway, Gail Freeman-Bell and Manny Roper.

#### 3. **MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

The Mayor of Yeovil, Mike Lock, welcomed those present to the meeting.

He then made a speech and gave a presentation, which outlined the Town Council's main achievements over the past year and the significant civic events that had taken place during this period.

He concluded by thanking the Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, the Members and Staff of the Council, his Chaplain, his Cadets and his family and friends for all their help and support over the previous twelve months.

#### 4. **ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES 2014/15**

The Chairmen of the various Committees of the Council each gave a brief presentation on the main activities and achievements of their respective Committees during 2014/15. Details of each Committee's activities and

achievements were set out in the Council's Annual Report, copies of which were circulated at the meeting and are attached to the official minute book and may be viewed on the Town Council's website by clicking on the following weblink: [www.yeoviltown.com/sites/YeovilTownCouncil/816.aspx](http://www.yeoviltown.com/sites/YeovilTownCouncil/816.aspx)

#### 5. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2014/15**

The Financial Statement for 2014/15, as submitted, was noted.

#### 6. **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

No matters were raised.

#### 7. **CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION**

The Mayor presented Certificates of Recognition to the following persons:

- Ron Homer of Yeovil Visually Impaired Bowls Club - in recognition of his outstanding success at this year's International Bowls for the Disabled World Championships where he represented England and won a gold medal in the Men's Singles
- Former Town Councillor Dave Greene - in recognition of 18 years' service to Yeovil Town Council
- Former Town Councillor John Hann - in recognition of 16 years' service to Yeovil Town Council

#### 8. **MAYOR'S CHARITY**

The Mayor indicated that during the year a total of £26,171 had been raised on behalf of his chosen charity – the Flying Colours Appeal.

He then presented a cheque in this sum to representatives of the charity - who thanked the Mayor for his outstanding contribution, and for all the hard work that he had undertaken during the course of the year to raise funds, and to promote and publicise the charity.

The representatives indicated that the contribution would provide valuable assistance towards the future development of the initiative.

#### 9. **MAYOR'S AWARD 2015**

The Mayor indicated that after giving much consideration to the nominations received, he had decided that this year's award would be made to someone who had given many years of service to the community in the Town.

He explained that the award was in recognition of the caring and selfless way in which the nominee had served the people of Yeovil seeking no praise or reward for the many duties and responsibilities that she had willingly undertaken on behalf of a number of local organisations over this time.

He added that many individuals had benefited from her past and ongoing work, and that she had played a major role in the successful development and operation of a local children's nursery for service families.

In her ongoing work as a Churchwarden at St Peter's Church, she provided regular weekly lunches for older people and a Christmas lunch for around a hundred senior citizens, and she still played an active role in the Guides and the Brownies.

Some key paragraphs from the citation were read out at the meeting.

The Mayor indicated that it gave him great pleasure to announce that this year's award would go to Beryl Garton in recognition of her outstanding service to the community. Beryl received the award and thanked the Mayor.

Mayor