



Yeovil Town Council

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

Present: Cllrs D Shutler (Chairman and Mayor), D Recardo (Deputy Mayor), F Boieangiu, D Byrne, P Chandler, J Conway, G Freeman-Bell, A Kendall, T Ledlie, M Lock, P Lock, T Lock, E Potts-Jones, F Purbrick, G Oakes, W Read, M Roper, and R Stickland.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk), Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain), Becky Russell (Community Ranger, Yeovil Country Park), Katy Menday (Countryside Manager, South Somerset District Council and Jonathon Higman (Director of Strategic Development, Yeovil District Hospital).

There were 7 members of the public and 0 members of the press present.

The Mayor (Cllr D Shutler) and the Deputy Mayor (Cllr D Recardo) presented certificates for the South West in Bloom "Its Your Neighbourhood Awards", an initiative for small community groups focussed on cleaning up and greening up their local area.

7:40pm – 6 members of the public left the meeting.

Public Question Time - There were no questions from the public.

Becky Russell (Community Ranger, Yeovil Country Park) and Katy Menday (Countryside Manager, South Somerset District Council) gave a presentation about the Yeovil Country Park (including volunteer support, receiving a Green Flag Award, planting of trees, supporting local charities, delivering a diverse range of events and the success of the café) and the Heritage Lottery Funded Project "V3, InVolve, Visit, Volunteer" which will enhance the Country Park for people and Wildlife.

8:05pm – Becky Russell and Katy Menday left the meeting.

Jonathon Higman Director of Strategic Development, Yeovil District Hospital) gave a presentation about Yeovil District Hospital. He outlined Yeovil District Hospital's strategy, provided an overview of the past year, highlighted the plans for the hospital site and introduced Symphony Healthcare Services.

8:43pm – Jonathon Higman left the meeting.

8:44 pm - The meeting commenced.

9/156 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: Cllrs K Castle (out of the country); T Cobb (conflicting engagement); P Gubbins (conflicting engagement); S Lowery (conflicting engagement); A Smith (holiday).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

9/157 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.

9/158 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 4th October 2016.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 4th October 2016 be signed as a correct record.

9/159 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention was drawn to Armistice Day on 11th November and to Remembrance Sunday on 13th November.

RESOLVED: To note the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming appointments and engagements and announcements.

9/160 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

Planning Committee – 17th October 2016

Presented by Cllr Graham Oakes. There were no questions or comments.

9/161 REPORTS AND 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.

- Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee – 19th October 2016
Presented by Committee Chairman, Cllr Manny Roper. There were no questions or comments.

RESOLVED: that the above mentioned matters were noted.

9/162 NOTIFICATION OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT BY EXTERNAL AUDITORS (GRANT THORNTON) OF THE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2016

To note the report and the comments of the External Auditor. *Account & Audit Regulations 2015 s16(2)a*

RESOLVED: that the report and comments be noted.

9/163 MOTION FROM CLLR A KENDALL

Cllr Kendall introduced his motion, which was received on 18th October 2016.

RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to Buildings and Civic Matters Committee.

9/164 FORWARD PLAN

To approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda.

He also highlighted Armistice Day on Friday 11th November at 11am and Remembrance Sunday on 13th November 2016.

RESOLVED: to approve the forward plan.

9/165 CLOSURE OF GKN

Cllr J Conway raised his concerns relating to the closure of the factory at GKN resulting in major job losses in Yeovil impacting on families and the local economy. This was reiterated by many members.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk write a letter to GKN for and on behalf of Yeovil Town Council offering their support to those impacted by the closure of the GKN.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 9:00pm.

Signed:

Dated: