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Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 13th September 2016 at 7.00pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs D Recardo (Chairman), P Chandler, P Lock, S Lowery, F Purbrick, W Read (Vice Chairman), M Roper and A Smith.

In Attendance: S Freemantle (Deputy Town Clerk).

There were no members of the public and no members of the press present.

7.00pm – Public Comment. There were no members of the public present.

7.00pm - Meeting commenced.

9/85. Apologies for Absence and to Consider the Reasons Given.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Conway (holiday) and Cllr D Shutler (conflicting Mayoral duty).

Resolved: To accept the apologies with the reason given.

9/86. Declarations of Interest.

Members to declare Interests that accord with the Council's adopted Code of Conduct. This does not preclude any later declarations.

No declarations were made at this time.

9/87. Minutes of Last Meeting.

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th July 2016.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee held on 12th July 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9/88. Exclusion of Press and Public.

Due to the confidential nature of the business of item 9/92, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3, it is likely a motion to exclude members of the public and press during discussion of this item will be considered by the Councillors. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3

Resolved: That agenda item 9/92 is heard with the Public & Press excluded.

9/89. Super Saturday.

The Deputy Town Clerk provided a verbal update on the planned event which is summarised in the following extract from the press release:

"A six foot python, a living statue, music on every corner, craft activities and an eclectic mix of market stalls – all this and more on a Saturday in Yeovil. Super Saturday will take place on 24 September from 9.30am and includes all of the above and much more until 4pm.

South Somerset District Council and Yeovil Town Council have seized the opportunity to collaborate on the organisation of exciting events in Yeovil Town Centre.

Super Saturday gives the opportunity to see a number of talented musicians who give up their own time to busk for a chosen charity in selected locations throughout the Town Centre and provides a melodic backdrop to the other activities. Buskfest's chosen charity this year is Action for Medical Research.

St John's church yard becomes a hive of activity with a children's craft tent, a circus skills workshop, Punch and Judy shows and a teddy bears picnic. Amongst other entertainment, shoppers can peruse a variety of stalls including food, locally made gifts and trinkets on the Vintage and Farmers markets.

You can also meet local charity organisations and local businesses in the community area by the bandstand and Bugfest will be performing their "Live and Deadly" show which will provide the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of the worlds' creepiest animals.

Super Saturday began as the Town Council's Yeovil Flower and Gardeners' Market in 2007 and the heart of the event remains the same – the celebration of Yeovil in Bloom, allotments and gardening. Awards are made to winners of the Yeovil Gardening Competition and the Best Kept Allotments Competition. Over the past nine years the event has evolved to include family entertainment and live music."

Resolved: that the verbal update be noted.

9/90. Yeovil in Bloom Minutes.

The Committee considered the minutes of the Yeovil in Bloom Steering Group meeting held on 15 August 2016.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil in Bloom Steering Group meeting held on 15th August 2016 be noted.

9/91. Financial Statement – June/July 2016.

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 June to 31 July 2016.

Resolved: that the Financial Statement for the period 1st June to 31st July 2016 be noted.

Public Comment. There were no members of the public present.

9/92. Christmas Lights.

The Committee passed a resolution (see item 9/88) to exclude the press and public 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.

The Committee considered the confidential report by the Town Clerk.

Resolved: (1) that the confidential report be noted;(2) that the cost of the provision of Christmas lights from the current provider be noted; (3) that the suggested contractor be accepted as the contractor in principle, but that the final decision be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of the Promotions and Activities Committee; (4) that membership of the Christmas Lights Working Group be Cllrs D Recardo, P Lock and A Smith, and that the group meet early in 2017 to discuss the requirements and specification for Christmas 2017 and the following two years; and (5) not to purchase a single large Christmas tree for the Town Centre, but that the equivalent sum of money be used to fund a scheme of smaller Christmas trees throughout the Town Centre, and that the details of this scheme (resources and time dependant) be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of the Promotions and Activities Committee.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Signed: (Chairman) Date: