



# Yeovil Town Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 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, P Chandler, J Conway, G Freeman-Bell, P Gubbins, A Kendall, S Lowery, E Potts-Jones, W Read, M Roper, A Smith and R Stickland.

**In Attendance:** A Card (Town Clerk), Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain), S Freemantle, David Gibbings, Danny Norris (Octagon Theatre), Gareth Williams (Coordinator of Yeovil Crime Reduction Team) and Rob Koranyi (Chairman of Yeovil Crime Reduction Team).

There were 2 members of the public and 1 members of the press present.

The Mayor (Cllr D Shutler) presented a grant award of £1,000 to Danny Norris (representing the Octagon Theatre) towards the costs of Octagon Theatre Summer School.

Mr David Gibbings presented a print of his painting of the G Lynx Helicopter; a copy of the land speed certificate; a copy of the DVD – Westland One; and a signed copied of his book “A Quiet Country Town – A Celebration of 100 Years of Westland in Yeovil”. This presentation was in recognition of the 30th anniversary of achieving a World Helicopter Speed Record on 11th August 1986; a Lynx helicopter (G-LYNX), built by Westland in Yeovil, flew over a 15 km course on the Somerset Levels, at an average speed of 400.87 km/h (249.1 mph). The Mayor thanked Mr Gibbins on behalf of the Council.

*7:41pm – 2 members of the public, Danny Norris and Mr Gibbings left the meeting.*

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

Gareth Williams (Coordinator) and Rob Koranyi (Chairman), both of Yeovil Crime Reduction Team gave a presentation about the work of the Yeovil Crime Reduction Team. The Yeovil Crime Reduction Team is a mutual society ran by 260 members, 180 of which are in Yeovil and include retailers, bars and businesses. The team deal with anti-social behaviour, shop lifting and other crimes within Yeovil as well as assisting in the welfare of vulnerable people, using radio link systems, 24/7 CCTV monitoring, and a digital database. Yeovil Crime Reduction Team work in partnership with many organisations and their proactive approach has saved police resources.

*8:01pm – Gareth Williams, Rob Koranyi and the member of the press left the meeting.*

Cllr Manny Roper gave a presentation on behalf of the Yeovil & District Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Society, detailing the staging that was purchased with the £900 grant from Yeovil Town Council.

8:09 pm - The meeting commenced.

#### **9/147 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 D Byrne (holiday); K Hussain (work commitments); T Ledlie (conflicting engagement); M Lock (holiday); P Lock (holiday); F Purbrick (work commitments); and T Lock (conflicting engagement);

**RESOLVED:** to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

#### **9/148 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.

#### **9/149 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be signed as a correct record.

#### **9/150 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

#### **9/151 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**

**Planning Committee** – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016

There were no questions or comments.

**Grounds & General Maintenance Committee** – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Presented by Cllr Manny Roper. He asked that an item be put on the agenda for the next meeting to change the current policy regarding letting allotment plots to residents outside the boundaries of Yeovil Town Council.

**Promotions & Activities Committee** – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Presented by Cllr David Recardo. He highlighted that Super Saturday held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016 was a tremendous success and that Yeovil had been buzzing across town all day. The children loved Paddington Bear. The day raised £823.87 for the

chosen charity – Action for Medical Research. Cllr D Recardo thanked the staff for all their hard work that was put in organising the day and on the day. Cllr P Chandler highlighted a concern in the lack of drop curbs in the church area (where a number of activities were held for wheel chairs and push chairs) and asked this to be put as an item on the agenda for the next Building and Civic Matters Committee.

Cllr D Recardo highlighted that that on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, an event was being held at Taunton Cricket Club where it would be announced if Yeovil had won an award in South West in Bloom.

Cllr J Conway asked for the status for his suggestion to Town Council for a one day festival to celebrate the diverse communities within Yeovil. He was informed that it would be on the next Promotions and Activities agenda.

#### **Buildings & Civic Matters Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Presented by Cllr Rob Stickland. There were no questions or comments.

#### **Policy, Resources & Finance Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Presented by Cllr Wes Read

In particular, to ratify the resolutions regarding:

- The Working Group Policy;
- The Local Government Finance Settlement Consultation;
- Internal Audit Services;
- Youth Services; and.
- The Town Clerk's contract of employment.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the above Committees be accepted together with any resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

*8:27pm - Rev J Pearce left the meeting.*

### **9/152 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.

- Westfield Community Association (WCA) Management Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (minutes previously circulated)

Cllr G Freeman-Bell reported that the Fuel Poverty Drop In Session that was held in the Westfield area of Yeovil (by South Somerset District Council's Neighbourhood Team in association with the Westfield Community Association (WCA), the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) in Bristol and South Somerset Community Energy), despite lots of publicity had a low turnout. Another session is planned for 13th October 2016 to engage with the community.

**RESOLVED:** that the above mentioned matters were noted.

### **9/153 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP**

To appoint a representative from Yeovil Town Council for the Community Rail Partnership (Blackmore Vale Community Rail Partnership).

**RESOLVED:** no representative from Yeovil Town Council was appointed to the Community Rail Partnership (Blackmore Vale Community Rail Partnership).

**9/154 NALC LARGER COUNCILS' CONFERENCE**

To nominate representatives to attend this conference on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in London and to agree that the registration fees, travelling expending and out of pocket expenses will be paid by the Council.

It was highlighted that whoever attended on behalf of the Council were to feedback their findings to Town Council.

**RESOLVED:** (1) that Cllrs G Freeman-Bell, D Recardo and a member of the Conservative Party (to be named) attend the NALC larger Councils Conference with the Town Clerk; and (2) an update report be given by the attendees at the Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

**9/155 FORWARD PLAN**

To approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda.

Cllr D Shutler drew Councillors attention the Budget Settings and Council Priorities Workshop that would be held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 6:30pm. He also highlighted Armistice Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am and Remembrance Sunday on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The update report from the attendees of the NALC larger Councils Conference be given at the Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the forward plan with the above mentioned addition.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 8:39pm.

Signed:

Dated: