



# Yeovil Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

**Present:** Cllrs M Lock (Chairman & Mayor), D Shutler (Deputy Mayor), F Boieangiu, P Chandler, J Conway, G Freeman-Bell, P Gubbins, K Hussain, A Kendall, T Ledlie, P Lock, T Lock, S Lowery, E Potts-Jones, F Purbrick, W Read, D Recardo, M Roper, A Smith and R Stickland.

**In Attendance:** A Card (Town Clerk), Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain), David Torrence and Graham Voizey (Yeovil Twinning Association) and Fiona Morris (Incredible Tuesdays Youth Group).

There were 5 members of the public and 1 member of the press present.

Before the meeting started the Mayor of Yeovil (Cllr M Lock) presented a cheque for the grant aid of £1,000 to Yeovil Twinning Association and a grant award of £1,000 to the Incredible Tuesdays Youth Group.

The Mayor of Yeovil (Cllr M Lock) presented a framed photograph to Mr R Trigger who had been recently appointed as Prime Warden to the Guild of Macebearers

Justin Robinson from Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) was due to give a presentation to introduce SALC and their work but unfortunately gave his apologies. This presentation will be rescheduled to another time.

David Torrence, Graham Voizey and Fiona Morris left before the meeting commenced.

### **Public Question Time**

There were no questions from the public.

7:35 pm - The meeting commenced.

### **9/95 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, K Castle and T Cobb (who were all detained at work).

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

**9/96 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).

No declarations of interests were received.

**9/97 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 be signed as a correct record.

**9/98 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.

**9/99 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**

**Grounds & General Maintenance Committee – 7th March 2016**

Presented by Committee Chairman, Cllr Manny Roper explained the vandalism at Milford Park Play where play equipment had been damaged with white gloss paint. CCTV is being reviewed to ascertain whether the culprit can be identified.

**Planning & Licencing Committee – 14th March 2016**

Presented by Committee Chairman, Cllr Pauline Lock highlighted that a HMO had been permitted contrary to the recommendation of the Town Council. The name of this committee is "Planning Committee". Discussions had taken place between the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk regarding the arrangements for future Planning Committees. Members will be asked for constructive feedback on a form at the next Planning Committee.

**Promotions & Activities Committee – 15th March 2016**

Presented by Committee Chairman, Cllr David Recardo added that work was being carried out to look at Yeovil hosting South West in Bloom in 2018.

**Buildings & Civic Matters Committee – 22nd March 2016**

Presented by Committee Chairman, Cllr Rob Stickland. He highlighted that 3 items would be covered under the Policy, Resources & Finance Committee and would be happy to answer any questions then, that may arise.

## **Policy, Resources & Finance Committee – 29th March 2016**

Presented by Committee Chairman, Cllr Tony Lock

In particular, to ratify the resolutions regarding:

- The changing of the Annual Civic Service start time to 3pm.
- The recommendations made by Buildings & Civic Matters regarding the room layout and projector and screen; and the proposed maintenance at Milford Hall to be met from contingencies. To refer back to Buildings & Civic Matters pending answers to the questions arising regarding the defibrillators.
- The renewal of the insurance policy
- The Town Clerk's update and that a report to come to PR&F every 6 months
- The permanent arrangements that both Deputy Town Clerks work 3 days a week.
- The verbal update given to PR&F regarding Goldcroft.

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

### **9/100 REPORTS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members who represent the Town Council on Outside Bodies may wish to take the opportunity to report on any matters of interest.

#### **Youth Services Review Steering Group – 10th March 2016**

Presented by Committee Chairman, Cllr Rob Stickland. A verbal update was given. There were no questions or comments.

Cllr D Recardo, as a representative for Yeovil Town Council on Yeovil Twinning Association, told Councillors of the Musical Concert that Yeovil Twinning Association would be holding on Saturday 7th May at Holy Trinity Church at 7pm in aid of Children's Hospice South West and Yeovil Twinning Association. Tickets are available for £10.

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

### **9/101 CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND (CPRE) SOMERSET**

Cllr T Lock proposed that no further action be taken and that the Town Clerk write to Campaign to Protect Rural England Somerset to inform that Yeovil Town Council will not be joining this group. This was seconded by Cllr M Roper.

**RESOLVED:** that no further action be taken at that the Town Clerk write to Campaign to Protect Rural England Somerset to inform that Yeovil Town Council will not be joining this group.

*(Voting: unanimous in favour)*

## **9/102. NOTICE OF MOTIONS FROM CLLR GAIL FREEMAN-BELL**

Notice of 3 Motions were received from Cllr G Freeman-Bell on 21st March 2016: *Standing Orders s9*

### **Motion 1**

An amendment was made by Cllr T Lock to the original motion:

‘Yeovil as a vibrant sub-regional centre with a current buoyant economy is particularly dependent on the trading relationship with its European neighbours and the free movement of people and resources within the EU area. This is principally exemplified by the presence of Finmeccanica in the town and the reliance of our health and social care sectors on European staff. Yeovil has also strong and long established links with its twin towns in Germany, France and Italy. To ensure the continuity of the health of the Yeovil economy and to minimise uncertainty over the future, this motion calls for Yeovil Town Council to express its support for the “Stronger In” campaign to remain in the European Union.’

Seconded by: Cllr R Stickland

**RESOLVED:** to adopt the above-mentioned policy.

*(Voting: 11 in favour, 5 against, 4 abstentions [Cllrs P Chandler; A Kendall; P Lock and D Shutler])*

### **Motion 2**

An amendment was made by Cllr T Lock to the original motion:

‘The proposed change in title from AgustaWestland to Leonardo is undoubtedly a sad thing for the people of Yeovil, for whom the name Westland is a fundamental link to the town’s history. However, should there be a change in management of the leisure and sport facilities this affords an opportunity to retain the title of “Westlands” within the town which would augment the existing road names and similar which carry the same title. To that end, this Council will formally request that South Somerset District Council retain the title of the “Westlands Sports and Leisure Complex” as a recognition of the industrial heritage and history of Yeovil.’

Seconded by: Cllr M Roper

**RESOLVED:** to adopt the above-mentioned policy.

*(Voting: unanimous in favour)*

### **Motion 3**

An amendment was made by Cllr P Gubbins to the original motion:

‘The roadworks around Yeovil have created delays and distress for many, and have had a negative impact on trade in the town. With the work on the Hospital roundabout set to continue for a few more weeks and then the start of the Western Corridor improvements as well as the Lyde Road / Sherborne Road changes it will seem to residents that 2016 will be the year of the traffic jam. The plans and rationale for these roadworks were approved years

ago and will have been forgotten by many. This motion calls for Yeovil Town Council to request a presentation at the next Council meeting from County Highways to update current progress, the plans and timescales for the next stages of roadworks, and to explain the rationale for the changes.'

Seconded by: Cllr J Conway

**RESOLVED:** to adopt the above-mentioned policy.

*(Voting: unanimous in favour)*

Cllr P Gubbins thanked the Mayor for all the work he had done during his term of office.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 8:52pm.

Signed:

Dated: