

Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 6th December 2016 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs D Recardo (Deputy Mayor), D Byrne, P Chandler, J Conway, G Freeman-Bell, P Gubbins, T Ledlie, M Lock, P Lock, T Lock, S Lowery, G Oakes, E Potts-Jones, F Purbrick, W Read, M Roper (from 7:35pm), and A Smith.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk) and Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain).

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

7:35pm – Following prayers, Rev J Pearce left the meeting and did not return.

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

7:35pm - The meeting commenced.

9/166 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 Shutler (ill); F Boieangiu (work commitments); K Castle (out of the country); T Cobb (work commitments); K Hussain (ill); A Kendall (out of the country) and R Stickland (work commitments).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

9/167 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.

9/168 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 1st November 2016.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 1st November 2016 be signed as a correct record.

9/169 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Due to the confidential nature of the business of items 9/176 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 9/176 be heard with the Public and Press excluded.

9/170 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr D Recardo explained that the proceedings relating to the Mace at this meeting was to meet protocol as laid out in the adopted Civic Guide.

He also reminded Councillors about nominations for the Christmas lights competition.

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

9/171 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

Planning Committee – 14th November 2016

Presented by Cllr Pauline Lock. There were no questions or comments.

Grounds & General Maintenance Committee – 7th November 2016

Presented by Cllr Manny Roper. Members were informed that the allotment rents had increased.

Promotions & Activities Committee – 15th November 2016

Presented by Cllr David Recardo. He asked members to approve the recommendation from this meeting to establish a working group to investigate the feasibility of an event for, and with, the community to celebrate the diversity of culture within Yeovil and that this Working Group consist initially of Cllrs D Shutler, D Recardo, J Conway, P Lock and F Purbrick. He stated that in line with Council Policy that terms of references would be written and an officer would be present at all meetings.

RESOLVED: that a working group consisting initially of Cllrs D Shutler, D Recardo, J Conway, P Lock and F Purbrick be established to investigate the feasibility of an event for, and with, the community to celebrate the diversity of culture within Yeovil .

Buildings & Civic Matters Committee – 22nd November 2016

Presented by Cllr P Chandler. There were no questions or comments.

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

9/172 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.

There were no reports from representatives on Outside Bodies.

9/173 CORRESPONDANCE

The Town Clerk read out a letter from GKN Westlands in response to a letter sent to GKN about the job losses at GKN's operations in Yeovil.

Members also discussed the BT consultation. At this point Cllr G Oakes declared a personal interest in this item due to a public payphone included within the consultation could be seen from his house. He had no more involvement in the discussion. It was concluded that the Council would object to the removal of public payphones at the Highfield and Lower Middle Street due to the volume of use over the past 12 months.

Members were also made aware of the consultation regarding the proposed new Public Space Protection Order for public land across South Somerset which would close on 8th January 2017.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the content of the letter from GKN; (2) that the Town Clerk respond to the BT consultation on behalf of the Council, objecting to the removal of public payphones at the Highfield and Lower Middle Street due to the volume of use over the past 12 months; and (3) that Members feedback to the Town Clerk regarding the consultation of the proposed new Public Space Protection Order for public land across South Somerset by the 4th January 2017 so that the collated response could be submitted before the closing date of 8th January 2017.

9/174 MOTION FROM CLLR G FREEMAN-BELL

Cllr Freeman-Bell introduced her motion, which was received on 18th October 2016.

RESOLVED: that the motion be rejected.

(Voting: 5 in favour; 10 against; 2 abstentions)

9/175 FORWARD PLAN

To approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda.

It was decided to add the following items:

- Love Yeovil
- Yeovil Vision
- Highways Presentation for both the Eastern and Western Corridor

- Education in Yeovil

RESOLVED: to include the above mentioned items and to approve the forward plan.

Public Comment - There were no public remaining in the meeting.

The Committee passed a resolution 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.

9/176 DRAFT BUDGET 2017/18

To note the draft Budget for the financial year 2017/18 and to note that a final budget will be submitted to Town Council for approval once in receipt of the tax base and Council Tax Support Grant figure from SSDC for 2017/18. *Account & Audit Regulations 2015*

RESOLVED: (1) to note the draft budget for the financial year 2017/18; and (2) that a final budget to Town Council for approval once in receipt of the tax base and Council Tax Support Grant figure from SSDC for 2017/18.

The meeting was closed by the Deputy Mayor at 8:25pm.

Signed:

Dated: