



# Yeovil Town Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ**

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

**In Attendance:** A Card (Town Clerk), Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain) and David Woan (President of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce).

There were 9 members of the public and 0 members of the press present.

Cllr Mike Lock, former Mayor of Yeovil presented the Mayor's Award 2016 to Mr Pete Ridler, in recognition of his outstanding service to the community. Mr Ridler thanked his family for their support and also thanked the Council.

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

The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil (Cllr D Recardo) presented a grant award of £408 to Emma Sherman representing the Golden Oldies to assist in the costs of hall hire; a grant of £432 to Sharon Spearing of South Somerset Mind for a replacement shed for the Vanessa Project and £1,000 to Duncan Richards of Yeovil Men's Shed to assist with the set up and running costs of the new initiative.

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

David Woan, President of Yeovil Chamber of Trade and Commerce gave a presentation on the aims, activities and achievements of Yeovil Chamber of Commerce which included a brief history, the networking and support and that there were 130 plus member businesses.

*8:02pm – 3 members of the public and David Woan left the meeting.*

8:03 pm - The meeting commenced.

### **9/137 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 (Mayoral engagement); F Boieangu (holiday); K Castle (work commitments); and F Purbrick (holiday).

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

### **9/138 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).

Cllrs P Gubbins and D Recardo declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9/136 in that they were Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively, on the Yeovil Vision Board

There were no other Declarations made at this time.

### **9/139 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 be signed as a correct record.

### **9/140 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor David Recardo was due to attend Lufton College Community Awards and Employers Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016; however he did not attend as he was unwell.

**RESOLVED:** To note the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming appointments and engagements and announcements. With one correction for the Lufton College Community Awards and Employers Meeting which was not attended due to illness.

### **9/141 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**

**Planning Committee** – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016

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

**Grounds & General Maintenance Committee** – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Presented by Cllr Manny Roper. He highlighted that the new Maintenance Operative had commenced his employment; the allotments had their annual inspection for Awards and that hosepipes continue to be disallowed on allotments.

**Promotions & Activities Committee** – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Presented by Cllr David Recardo. He reminded Members that Super Saturday was on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Cllr A Kendall enquired about the progress made on the LED screens, Cllr D Recardo gave an update on the work done so far.

### **Buildings & Civic Matters Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Presented by Cllr Rob Stickland. Cllr A Kendall enquired about the progress of the defibrillators and Cllr R Stickland provided him with a response.

### **Policy, Resources & Finance Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Presented by Committee Chairman, Cllr Tony Lock

In particular, to ratify the resolutions regarding:

- The approval and adoption of both the Lone Working Policy and the Training and Development Policy (previously circulated to all members);
- Acceptance of the Youth Services Grant Agreement from Somerset County Council;
- Diversifying investments;
- Yeovil Ski Lodge; and
- Regrading of the Administration Officers' Post.

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

### **9/142 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.

- Youth Services Review Steering Group – 11th August 2016  
Presented by Youth Services Review Steering Group Chairman, Cllr Rob Stickland. A verbal update was given relating the contract monitoring mechanisms agreed by the Steering Group which will be used to measure performance of the contract.

Cllr Evie Potts-Jones gave a verbal update relating to her recent visits to both Milford and Westfield Youth Clubs and that it was clear from the young people who attended that they enjoyed the clubs and valued the staff.

- Yeovil Twinning Association – 12th May 2016 (minutes previously circulated)
- Westfield Community Association (WCA) Management Committee – 20th June 2016 and 18th July 2016 (minutes previously circulated)
- Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee – 20th July 2016  
Presented by Committee Chairman, Cllr Manny Roper. He highlighted that the new Manager at the Crematorium has commenced his employment as well as the various works carried out at both the Crematorium and Cemetery.

Cllr Andy Kendall reported his attendance at the Sutton Bingham and District Canoe Club's open day which introduced the new KataKanu that Yeovil Town Council had provided some grant assistance to enable the club to purchase the KataKanu.

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

### **9/143 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP**

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

Members requested additional information relating to the remit of the Partnership and the role of the representative from Yeovil Town Council/

**RESOLVED:** to defer to the next Town Council meeting where a decision will be made based on the additional information requested.

### **9/144 MOTION FROM CLLR J CONWAY**

Members discussed the motion received from Cllr J Conway on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr J Conway withdrew his motion and the matter is to be referred to Promotions and Activities.

### **9/145 FORWARD PLAN**

To approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda.

**RESOLVED:** 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.*

### **9/146 GOLDCROFT AND SKI CENTRE (CONFIDENTIAL)**

Cllr T Lock proposed that Standing Orders be suspended in accordance with Standing Order No 70. This was seconded by Cllr R Stickland.

**RESOLVED:** that standing orders be suspended in accordance with Standing Order No 70

A verbal update was given by Cllr D Recardo relating to the position of Goldcroft and Yeovil Ski Centre.

**RESOLVED:** to note the verbal update relating to Goldcroft and Yeovil Ski Centre.

The meeting was closed by the Deputy Mayor at 9:16pm.

Signed:

Dated: