



# Yeovil Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

**Present:** Cllrs M Lock (Chairman & Mayor), T Lock, P Lock, J Conway, G Freeman-Bell, P Gubbins, K Hussain, A Kendall, S Lowry, G Oakes, E Potts-Jones, W Read, D Ricardo, M Roper, A Smith and R Stickland.

**In Attendance:** S Freemantle (Asst Town Clerk), J Furze (Locum Town Clerk and Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain). Steve Joel, (Asst Director {Health & Wellbeing}) South Somerset District Council joined the meeting at 7.50pm.

There were 15 members of the public and no members of the press present.

7.30pm – The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev J Pearce led the meeting in Prayers.

7.33pm – The Mayor presented Grant Cheques to Golden-Oldies (£702) and Yeovil Live (£400). A representative from Octagon Theatre Summer School was unable to be present due to illness.

7.38pm - **Public Question Time.** Three members of the public addressed Council. All were concerned regarding the impending closure of Westland Leisure Complex. A petition containing 8,127 signatures against the closure was presented to the Council and received by the Mayor.

*7.45pm - Meeting commenced.*

**9/33 Minutes of Last Meeting.** To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 be signed by the Chairman (Mayor) as a correct record.

**Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received from Cllrs Castle, Chandler, Oakes, Pugsley, Cobb, Shutler, Ledlie, Adampalli and Akkisetty.

**Resolved:** To accept the Apologies.

**9/34 Declarations of Interest.** Members to declare interests that accord with the Council's adopted Code of Conduct.

Cllr Conway declared a personal interest only in agenda item 11 as he is a member of Westland Sports & Social Club.

There were no other declarations of interest declared at this time.

*7.50pm – Steve Joel, Asst Director (Health & Wellbeing) South Somerset District Council joined the meeting.*

**9/35 To Appoint a Proper Officer and Responsible Finance Officer.** Members to consider appointing John Furze Fellow ILCM as Locum Town Clerk (Proper Officer and Responsible Finance Officer) until such a time as a new Town Clerk is appointed. [LGA 1972 s112\(1\) & s151](#)

**Resolved:** That John Furze be appointed Locum Town Clerk (Proper Officer & Responsible Finance Officer) until such a time as a new Town Clerk is appointed. Mr Furze was welcomed to the council and took the Town Clerk's Chair.

*7.53pm – Sally Freemantle, Asst Town Clerk left the meeting.*

**9/36 Mayor & Deputy Mayor's Recent and Forthcoming Engagements and Announcements.**

**Resolved:** To note the Mayor's report.

**9/37 Correspondence.**

There were no items of correspondence to bring to Council's attention.

**9/38 Membership of Committees.** Cllr Pugsley, recently co-opted, has expressed an interest in serving on the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee as a co-opted, non voting member.

**Resolved:** To withdraw the agenda item as Cllr Pugsley can attend any meeting of the Council and its Committees as an observer in a non-voting capacity.

**9/39 Reports and Recommendations from Committees and Other Meetings.**

(The Minutes of all of the following meetings are open for discussion. Where the Committee has made a recommendation it will be listed under the Committee headings in the Agenda paper).

**Planning & Licensing Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**Grounds & General Maintenance Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**Promotions & Activities Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**Buildings & Civic Matters – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015**

**Policy, Resources & Finance Committee - 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

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

**9/40 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 matter of interest.

**Yeovil Twinning Association** – No Report

**Yeovil Youth Council** – Cllr Conway gave a verbal report on the meetings held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June & 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**Resolved:** To note the report.

#### **Public Question Time.**

There were no comments or questions raised by the public present.

**9/41 Exclusion of Press & Public.** The council are requested to pass a resolution excluding the Press and public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) 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 business to be transacted.

**Resolved:** That the Public & Press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

#### **9/42 Somerset County Council Chairman's Awards for Service to the Community.**

Members were made aware of the procedure for nominating possible recipients of the award.

**Resolved:** To note.

**9/43 Westland Leisure Complex.** To receive a report from Steve Joel, Asst Director (Health & Wellbeing), South Somerset District Council on the key findings emerging from the feasibility exercise into retaining the facilities at the Westland Leisure Complex. Mr Joel gave members a comprehensive report on the findings of the feasibility study and took questions from members.

*8.25pm Cllr Potts-Jones left the meeting.*

**Resolved:** To note, and support in principle, the report and to refer the matter to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee, under confidential matters, for officers to report on, and members to consider, the possible financial implications.

*The meeting closed at 8.55pm.*