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Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 10 July 2018 at 7.00pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs P Lock (Chairman), T Ledlie, J Lowery, S Lowery, E Potts-Jones, F Purbrick, W Read, D Recardo and R Stickland.

Also Present: Cllr T Lock (East Ward Member).

In Attendance: H Ferdinand (Deputy Town Clerk).

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

9/204. Apologies for Absence and to Consider the Reasons Given

Apologies for absence were received from K Gill (conflicting engagement).

Resolved: To accept the apologies with the reasons given.

9/205. Declarations of Interest

Members declare Interests that accord with the Council's adopted Code of Conduct. This does not preclude any later declarations.

There were no declarations of interests at this time.

9/206. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Committee approved as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 15 May 2018.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee held on 15 May 2018 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9/207. Approval of Minutes of 11th July 2017

The Committee agreed the amendment of the minutes of the Promotions and Activities Committee held on 12th September should be amended to show the correct date (minute 9/143), 11th July 2017 instead of 31st July 2017.

Resolved: That the resolution to minute 9/143 should be amended to read: “**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2017 were signed and dated as a correct record”.

9/208. Yeovil in Bloom Update

The Mayor, Cllr D Recardo informed the Committee that all the hanging baskets had been hung out during the last week, having been delayed for a short time due to the very hot and dry weather. He also reported that many people had come to the ‘bulb give-away’ the previous week; that S Fox (SSDC) had displayed children’s artwork in the trees and on lamp posts in King George Street; that there were planted boxes in St John’s churchyard displaying Somerset Military insignia; that the roundabouts have been planted with wild flowers; and that all was going to plan. He confirmed that the judging for Yeovil in Bloom would be happening on 17 July 2018.

Cllr T Lock drew attention to a report detailing the outcome of last year’s South West in Bloom competition that had been considered at South Somerset District Council’s Area South Committee, 4 July 2018. He was disappointed that no reference had been made to Yeovil Town Council’s involvement and funding of the project, and requested that a letter be sent to the District Council.

Resolved: a) to note the progress report, and b) that a letter be sent to the District Council noting the Town Council’s disappointment in the omission of any reference to the involvement of the Town Council in the Yeovil in Bloom Project.

9/209. Unity in the Community Working Group

Cllr F Purbrick (Vice Chairman of the working group) informed the Committee that the next meeting of the working party is to be held at 5.00pm on 24 July 2018 at the Town House. It is hoped the stakeholders will come along and discuss the way in which they want the project to go forward following their attendance at the Yeovil Show. She suggested that Yeovil Town Council should be *promoting* the stakeholders’ initiatives rather than *directing* them. The new name is ‘Yeovil Together’.

Resolved: a) to note the date of the next working party meeting, and b) to note the progress of the working group.

9/210. Super Saturday

The date for Super Saturday this year is 22 September. Members proposed that the Deputy Town Clerk (SF) should email all Councillors requesting them to arrive early on the day, and seeking offers of assistance.

Resolved:

- (1) to note that Super Saturday is to be held on 22 September 2018; and
- (2) that the Deputy Town Clerk (SF) should email all Councillors to request their assistance on the day.

9/211. South West in Bloom Presentations

The Mayor, Cllr D Recardo, reported that the arrangements for the event were progressing as expected, and confirmed that invites had been sent to participating towns.

Resolved: to note the verbal update.

9/212. War Memorial Rededication Service

The Deputy Town Clerk (HF) explained to the Committee that meetings had been held with the RBL and that it would be difficult logistically to have the rededication of the War Memorial as part of the Remembrance Sunday Service, and therefore an alternative date should be considered. After consideration and discussion, the preference for holding the rededication on Remembrance Sunday was maintained. The Buildings and Civic Matters Committee will take the final decision.

Resolved: a) to note the verbal report; b) to recommend to the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee that the rededication of the War Memorial be held on Remembrance Sunday subject to the agreement of the RBL; and c) that an item in respect of improving the public address system be included on the agenda for the next Buildings and Civic Matters Committee.

At 8.16pm Cllr S Lowery left the meeting, and returned at 8.19pm.

9/213. Financial Statement – April/May 2018

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 April to 31 May 2018.

Resolved: that the Financial Statement for the period 1 April to 31 May 2018 be noted.

Public Comment. There were no members of the public present.

9/214. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: 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 of agenda items 9/215 and 9/216 would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. [Public Bodies \(Admission to Meetings\) Act 1960 s3](#)

9/215. New Timers for Christmas Lights (Commercial in Confidence)

The two options put forward by the Town Clerk were considered by the Committee.

Resolved: a) to note the report, b) to note the procurement procedure is in accordance with the Financial Regulations; c) that option 2 is the preferred option subject to additional costing information being made available; and, d) to recommend to the Policy , Resources and Finance Committee to fund the purchase of option 2.

9/216. Children’s Christmas Lights Design Competition

The Deputy Town Clerk (HF) informed the Committee that 61 entries had been received. These were displayed around the Council Chamber and Members agreed the winning entries.

Resolved: a) to note the 61 competition entries; b) that entrant number 51 be the overall winner; and c) that a selection of the entries should be displayed on the Town Council’s Facebook page to promote the initiative.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: