



# Yeovil Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

**Present:** Cllrs D Recardo (Chairman and Mayor); M Beales MBE; F Boieanguiu; J Conway OBE; K Gill; P Gubbins; A Kendall; T Ledlie; M Lock; P Lock; T Lock; J Lowery; S Lowery; G Oakes; E Potts-Jones; A Pugsley; M Roper; A Smith; A Soughton and R Stickland.

**In Attendance:** A Card (Town Clerk); Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain); Chief Inspector Sharon Baker (Avon and Somerset Police) and Inspector Tim Coombe (Avon and Somerset Police).

There were 3 members of the public and no members of the press present.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, representatives from Gideon's International presented the Mayor with a bible.

*The 3 members of public left at 7:40pm and did not return.*

### Public Comment

Cllr P Gubbins gave recognition to the Town Clerk and her team for their efforts on Super Saturday especially since it was such a wet day. This was supported by all Members and there was a round of applause for the Town Clerk and her team.

Both Chief Inspector Sharon Baker and Inspector Tim Coombe were welcomed to the meeting.

Chief Inspector Baker proceeded to give a presentation regarding County Lines and Development of the Force. She explained she was the Local Policing Area Commander for East Somerset (which covered South Somerset and Mendip) and that she'd been in her post since March but had 12 years' experience in neighbourhood policing. Chief Inspector Baker talked about County Lines and the issues that it presented as crimes were becoming more complex. She explained about how it was being tackled and that there was a focus on protecting vulnerable people from being exploited. Avon and Somerset Police were committed to neighbourhood policing and that the police need to be out in communities and visible.

Inspector Coombe delivered a presentation regarding Body Warn Video and the challenges and benefits of the technology. He explained how it maintained the trust between the public and the police. He presented some statistic demonstrating the worth of the body warn video.

*8:26pm – Chief Inspector Sharon Baker and Inspector Tim Combe both left the meeting and did not return.*

8:28pm - The meeting commenced.

### **9/351 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 P Chandler (work); F Purbrick (conflicting engagement) and W Read (work).

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

### **9/352 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 were made at this time.

### **9/353 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the previous meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018 be signed as a correct record.

### **9/354 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor thanked those who had attended his charity evening at Tamborinos and announced that his next event (Charity Line Dance) will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

He also took the opportunity to thank everyone for their outstanding efforts of staff on Super Saturday to make the event such a success despite the effort. He did raise that he was disappointed that the chosen charity was School in the Bag and not the Mayors chosen charity. The Town Clerk informed Council that the charity collection was carried out by Buskfest who are a partner to Yeovil Town Council for Super Saturday. The buskers choose the charity who benefit from the collection. Historically Buskfest was an event that was run in its own right and they were invited to join Super Saturday to compliment the event.

The Mayor spoke about his meeting with Chinese children who were part of an exchange programme with Preston Academy. He was presented with a jade plate and he hoped to have the transcription translated. It is on display in the Mayors Parlour.

**RESOLVED:** to note the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming appointments and engagements.

### **9/347 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**

**Planning Committee** – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Presented by Cllr S Lowery. Members were informed that all planning recommendations for August had agreed with South Somerset District Council. Cllr G

Oakes informed members that the Planning Meeting in February was to change from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Grounds and General Maintenance Committee** – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

The meeting was cancelled due to the lack of agenda items. Cllr M Roper did inform Council that allotments had been judged and prizes awarded at Super Saturday. He reminded Council that the South West in Bloom Awards was this Thursday (4<sup>th</sup> October 2019) and hopefully Yeovil would win Gold.

**Promotions and Activities Committee** – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

The meeting was cancelled due to the lack of agenda items. Cllr P Lock read out an e-mail that had been forwarded from the Chief Executive at South Somerset District Council praising the town for the flowers and the commitment to Yeovil in Bloom.

*8:47pm – Cllr M Lock left the meeting.*

*8:50pm – Cllr M Lock returned to the meeting.*

**Buildings and Civic Matters Committee** – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Presented by Cllr R Stickland. Cllr Stickland reported that following the consultation that there was still a requirement for a hall provision. A conceptual design of the hall and full site was to be requested to highlight the best use of the site. He highlighted the response regarding the retaining wall that had been circulated by the Deputy Town Clerk which informed Council that the procurement is in progress and is being dealt with in a timely fashion in line with the surveyors report. He also announced that a defibrillator would be procured for Milford Hall and that this would be funded from the New Initiative Budget.

**Policy, Resources and Finance Committee** – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Presented by Cllr T Lock. Cllr Lock explained that the Sponsorship Policy and Strategy would be taken to Promotions and Activities for consultation. It has been agreed that no Councillor or Officer or immediate member of their family could enter Yeovil Town Council or associated working group competitions in the future. He also announced that Planning Training would be mandatory for all Councillors from May onwards, irrespective of whether they were members of the Planning Committee.

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

**9/356 REPORTS FROM 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.

- **Westfield Community Association (WCA) Management Committee** – 18th June 2018 (minutes previously circulated).  
Cllr J Lowery gave a brief overview of the meeting.
- **Yeovil Twinning Association** – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2108 (minutes previously circulated).  
The Mayor gave a report about his visit to Herblay where he met the Mayor of Herblay. He informed Council that in June 2019, Yeovil would be receiving a visit from the Taunusstein twinners.

- **South Somerset Countryside Steering Group** – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 (minutes previously circulated).  
Cllr A Pugsley updated the Council of the meeting of this group. He stated that the mural will age naturally and that trees that were fallen were being cleared.
- **Yeovil Wellbeing Alliance** – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (minutes previously circulated).  
K Gill announced that there would be steering groups who would focus on different issues.
- **Unity in the Community**  
Cllr J Conway informed Council that the next meeting would be later in October 2018; notification will be circulated nearer the meeting.

**9/357 YEOVIL RIVERS COMMUNITY TRUST CONSULTATION AND REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATIVE**

**RESOLVED:** (1) to note the consultation; and (2) that Cllr M Beales represent Yeovil Town Council on the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust.

**9/358 CONCLUSION OF AUDIT**

Members to note the conclusion of the audit carried out by the external auditor and the comments provided.

**RESOLVED:** to note the conclusion of the audit carried out by the external auditor and the comments provided.

**9/359 FORWARD PLAN**

Members to approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda. The Mayor invited Councillors to indicate if they had anything that they would like to see on the forward programme. Some suggestions were made.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the forward plan.

**9/360 PROGRAMME OF MEETING 2019/20**

Debate was held regarding how often Town Council meetings should be held.

**RESOLVED:** to adopt the Programme of Meetings for 2019/20.

**Public Comment**

There was no public.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 9:34pm.

Signed:

Dated: