



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 5th June 2018 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs D Recardo (Chairman and Mayor); F Boieangiu; J Conway OBE; K Hussain; A Kendall; T Ledlie; T Lock; J Lowery; G Oakes; E Potts-Jones; A Pugsley; F Purbrick; W Read; M Roper; and A Soughton.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk); Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain); Ali Berry (Chair of Yeovil Street Pastors) and Colin Farrant (Member of the Management Team of Yeovil Street Pastors).

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

Public Comment

There was no public.

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

Ali Berry (Chair of the Yeovil Street Pastors) and Colin Farrant (Member of the Management Team of the Yeovil Street Pastors) gave a presentation about the work of the Yeovil Street Pastors. They explained that they were volunteers from local Christian churches who were visible most Friday and Saturday evenings to help people stay safe in Yeovil by interacting with people, providing water and flip-flops, “spikeys” for bottles and clearing glass. These patrols benefit the community and their motto is “caring, listening, helping”.

8:09pm – Ali Berry and Colin Farrant both left the meeting and did not return.

8:10pm - The meeting commenced.

9/331 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: P Chandler (family bereavement); K Gill (work); P Gubbins (conflicting engagement); P Lock (conflicting engagement); M Lock (conflicting engagement); S Lowery (conflicting engagement); A Smith (ill) and R Stickland (family bereavement).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

9/332 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

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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.

9/333 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 1st May 2018 and 8th May 2018.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meetings held on 1st May 2018 and 8th May 2018 be signed as a correct record.

9/334 MINUTES FROM 2ND MAY 2017 AND 5TH SEPTEMBER 2018

In light of the Internal Audit Report, to amend and approve the minutes of Town Council on 2nd May 2017 (not signed) and 5th September 2017 to show the correct date (currently showing 1st September – should be 1st August 2017) (minute 9/251).

RESOLVED: (1) that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2017 be signed as a correct record; and (2) that the minutes for the meeting held on 1st August 2017 be amended to show the correct date of 1st August 2017 rather than 1st September 2017.

9/335 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

9/336 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

Planning Committee – 14th May 2018

Presented by Cllr G Oakes. There were no questions of comments relating to this Committee meeting.

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 21st May 2018

Presented by Cllr M Roper. Members were informed that the Committee had recommended to Policy, Resources and Finance Committee the grant application for the funding of a Community Heritage Officer at Yeovil Country Park. There were no questions or comments.

Promotions and Activities Committee – 15th May 2018

There was no question or comments.

Council was informed that there was vacancy on this Committee which was to be filled by Cllr K Gill (in accordance with Standing Order 45, this Committee need to reflect the political balance of the Council).

Election of Vice Chairman - it was proposed and seconded that Cllr R Stickland be elected to serve as the Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Resolved: that Cllr R Stickland be elected to serve as the Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Nomination of a representative to serve on Policy, Resources and Finance Committee - it was proposed and seconded that Cllr K Gill be appointed to serve on the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

Resolved: that Cllr K Gill be appointed to serve on the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 22nd May 2018

Presented by Cllr W Read. There were no questions or comments. Cllr T Lock informed Council that bollards would be put in place to stop road users from going straight from Wyndham Street up Eastland Road.

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 29th May 2018

Presented by Cllr T Lock. Particular reference was made to the funding of the Community Heritage Officer at Yeovil Country Park and the Town Centre Poppies. There were no questions or comments.

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

9/337 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.

There were no reports from representatives on outside bodies.

9/338 UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Cllr Conway informed members that the next meeting would be on 19th June at Town House at 5pm and that all were welcome. Cllr Conway also gave an update about what the plans of the group.

RESOLVED: that the membership of the Unity in the Community Working Group be as follows: the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Conway, Cllr P Lock and Cllr F Purbrick.

9/339 SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM

Members to consider whether the entitlement of the use of the Wheeldon Suite as per the condition of the annual grant paid to Westland Entertainment Venue be used for the South West in Bloom Civic Evening on 3rd October 2018.

Members discussed that the entitlement was for 8 hours and that the Civic Evening event would only be 2.5 hours and that it was not a good use of the time allocation.

RESOLVED: (1) that the entitlement of the use of the Wheeldon Suite not be used for the South West in Bloom Civic Evening on 3rd October 2018; and **(2)** that the 8 hour slot be reserved for any event at the discretion of the Mayor for the duration of the agreement with the Westland Entertainment Venue.

9/340 ANNUAL REPORT

Members consider the report by the Town Clerk and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2017/18. A revised "Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18 for Yeovil Town Council" was distributed.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the report; (2) that Council approve the annual governance statement; and that the Chairman sign the annual governance statement; (3) that Council approve the accounting statements; and that the Chairman sign to confirm that these accounting statements were approved (4) that Council note that the outcome of the External auditor certificate and report 2017/18 certificate be brought to Council on completion; (5) that Council note that the internal auditor's opinion; and (6) that Council note that the required inspection and notice procedures that will be followed.

9/341 FORWARD PLAN

Members to approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda.

The Mayor suggested inviting Chief Inspector Sharon Bennett to talk about County Lines.

RESOLVED: (1) to approve the forward plan; and (2) to invite Chief Inspector Sharon Bennett to a future meeting.

9/342 SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM PRESENTATIONS

Members considered the recommendation from the meeting of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee held on 29th May 2018.

RESOLVED: (1) that £1,000 be approved from contingencies to fund the Civic Reception on 3rd October 2018 to be held the night before the South West in Bloom Presentations;

(Voting: 12 in favour; 3 against)

(2) to investigate how future adhoc events can be built into the budget from 2019/20

(Voting: unanimously in favour)

(3) that any known event should be budgeted and itemised as such in future; and

(Voting: unanimously in favour)

(4) that some local representatives from the Town Be invited to the Civic Event.

(Voting: unanimously in favour)

Public Comment

There was no public.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 9:06pm.

Signed:

Dated: