



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs D Shutler (Chairman and Mayor), F Boieangiu, P Chandler, J Conway MBE, K Gill, P Gubbins, K Hussain, A Kendall, M Lock, P Lock, T Lock, J Lowery, S Lowery, G Oakes, E Potts-Jones, F Purbrick, W Read, D Recardo, M Roper, A Smith, A Soughton and R Stickland.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk), Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain); Adam Burgan (Arts and Entertainments Manager, Octagon Theatre/Westlands Entertainment Venue, South Somerset District Council).

There were 2 members of the public and no members of the press present.

The Mayor of Yeovil (Cllr D Shutler) presented a grant award of £500 to Vanessa Orton (Service Manager, South Somerset) and Julie Martin (Team Leader at Christopher House), towards the fund the cost of equipping a room at Christopher House that will provide accommodation to homeless young people. Members were invited to visit the accommodation. They thanked the Council for the grant payment.

7:35pm – Vanessa Orton and Julie Martin left the meeting and did not return.

Adam Burgan (Arts and Entertainments Manager, Octagon Theatre/Westlands Entertainment Venue, South Somerset District Council) gave a presentation about the Octagon Theatre and the Westlands Entertainment Venue. He outlined both the continuing success of the Octagon Theatre and the many successes at Westlands Entertainment Venue. He also briefed Town Council about Friends of Westlands.

7:59pm – Adam Burgan left the meeting and did not return.

8:00pm - The meeting commenced.

Public Comment - There were no public.

9/287 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 T Ledlie (conflicting engagement) and A Pugsley (holiday).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

9/288 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).

There were no declarations made at this time.

9/289 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th December 2018.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th December 2017 be signed as a correct record.

9/290 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.

9/291 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

Planning Committee – 11th December 2017 and 15th January 2018

Presented by Cllr P Lock. There were no questions of comments relating to this Committee meeting.

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 8th January 2018

Presented by Cllr M Roper. Members were informed that the Grass Royal play area was now installed and work was being carried out to the path between Grass Royal and Matthews Road. There were no questions of comments.

Promotions and Activities Committee – 16th January 2018

Presented by Cllr D Recardo. Members were informed that the organisers of South West in Bloom were happy with the venue at Westlands Entertainment Venue. The event would be cost neutral as the deficit would be settled by South West in Bloom. The South West in Bloom Presentations event will take place on 4th October 2018.

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 23rd January 2018

Presented by Cllr R Stickland. Cllr P Gubbins enquired about the defibrillators, Cllr R Stickland will feedback.

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 30th January 2018

Presented by Cllr T Lock. There were no questions of comments relating to this Committee meeting.

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

9/292 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.

- **Westfield Community Association (WCA) Management Committee** – 11th December 2017.
- **Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee** – 17th January 2018. Cllr M Roper reported the laying of the headstones for safety had commenced.
- **Unity in the Community** – Cllr J Conway invited Councillors to the next meeting of the working party (Tuesday 20th February at 5:30 at Ninesprings Café). Following this meeting there would be a Community Meeting where the public were being invited for a chat about planning an event to celebrate diversity in Yeovil.

9/293 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODY

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk to appoint a representative from Yeovil Town Council for the Yeovil Wellbeing Alliance.

RESOLVED: that Cllr K Gill is appointed as the representative from Yeovil Town Council, to serve on the Yeovil Wellbeing Alliance.

9/294 MAYOR ELECT AND DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT

Council considered nominations for the office of Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

It was proposed by Cllr T Lock, seconded by Cllr R Stickland that Cllr D Recardo be nominated for the office of Town Mayor and that Cllr E Potts-Jones be nominated for the office of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

RESOLVED: that Cllr D Recardo be nominated for the office of Town Mayor and that Cllr E Potts-Jones be nominated for the office of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018/19

(Voting: unanimous)

9/195 BUDGET 2018/19

Members to approve the recommendation by the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for setting Yeovil Town Council's precept for 2018/19 for £960,452 as set out in the Meeting of that Committee held on 30th January 2018. This results in an increase on a Band D charge of £1.04 per year (2p per week), and increase from £104.01 to £105.05).

RESOLVED: to approve Yeovil Town Council's precept for 2018/19 as £960,452.

(Voting: 20 in favour; 2 abstained)

9/296 RISK STRATEGY

Members to approve the recommendation by the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee to adopt the Risk Strategy and Risk Assessment for Yeovil Town Council.

RESOLVED: to approve and to adopt the Risk Strategy and Risk Assessment for Yeovil Town Council.

9/297 FORWARD PLAN

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

The Street Pastors had received an invitation to attend a Council Meeting and a response as to which meeting they could attend was awaited.

RESOLVED: to approve the forward plan.

Public Comment - There were no public.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 8:15pm.

Signed:

Dated: