



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of YEOVIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 7.00pm in the Sanctuary, Yeovil Baptist Church, South Street, Yeovil.

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

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk) and Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain),

(Prior to the start of the meeting, the Mayor's Chaplain led all those in attendance in prayers).

7:00 pm - The meeting commenced.

1 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd May 2017, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd May 2017 be signed as a correct record.

2 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: F Purbrick (medical).

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies with the reasons given.

3 ADDRESS BY COUNCILLOR DARREN SHUTLER – MAYOR OF YEOVIL TOWN

The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Darren Shutler, welcomed those present to the meeting.

He then made a speech and gave a presentation, which outlined the Town Council's civic events and the many engagements that the Mayor and Mayoress had attended during the past year. This covered a range of engagements from early years' day care to the elderly care homes as well as the traditional events such as civic parades.

Acknowledgement of Support

The Mayor thanked the Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, the Councillors, the staff at the Council, the mace bearer, his Cadets and his family and friends for all their help and support over the previous twelve months. He presented all with gifts as a token of his appreciation. He also thanked Reverend Jim Pearce and his wife for being his Chaplain

Mayors' Charities

The Mayor indicated that during the year, a total of £31,754.43 (a total of £63,328.34 over the two years) had been raised for the Mayor's Charities – St Margaret's Hospice Yeovil and School in a Bag. He then presented a cheque in this sum to representatives from both charities.

Clare Gallie, Director of Fundraising and Marketing for St Margaret's Hospice who thanked the Mayor for his fundraising and helping to change the lives of local people. She gave an example of the impact of how someone who was terminally ill was able to say some final words to her family before she died. She presented Cllr Darren Shutler with a plaque. Luke Simon, Chief Executive from School in a Bag announced that 83,550 bags had been distributed in 39 different countries to date but that there was a target of 100,000 bags. The Mayor packed bag number 45,220 last year and a child in Chile had received this bag. Last year's money funded school bags, but this year it was also funding a community library/café 2,500 meters up a mountain in Nepal. Cllr Shutler and Anna would be opening that library in November. Luke Simon presented Cllr Shutler with a Fundraising Bear that was dressed as the Mayor.

The Mayor Award 2018

There were 3 awards this year.

The first salver was presented to Caroline Faithful who was a volunteer at both Yeovil Day Centre and Bearley House in Martock. The Mayor presented Caroline the award in recognition of her fantastic achievement over adversity. Caroline is also the Team GB captain for the Down Syndrome World Swimming Championships in Canada later this year. Caroline thanked everyone.

The second salver was presented to Lynn Lee Brown (who thought she was coming to the meeting to give a presentation about the Castaway Theatre Group) for recognition of her efforts to set up and lead the group for their many performances. The Castaway Theatre Group is a group of talented children and adults who sing, dance and act. Lynn had devoted a vast amount of hours to make sure the shows are excellent and also to help young people to further their performance aspirations.

The Mayor also awarded a Special Posthumous Award to Jeff Stone who died in May 2017. He was a teacher at Preston School for nearly 50 years and was very popular.

4 GENERAL DISCUSSION

No matters were raised.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 7:55pm.

Signed:

Dated: