



# Yeovil Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

**Present:** Cllrs D Shutler (Chairman & Mayor), D Recardo (Deputy Mayor), J Conway, G Freeman-Bell, P Gubbins, A Kendall, T Ledlie, M Lock, P Lock, T Lock, E Potts-Jones, F Purbrick, M Roper, A Smith and R Stickland.

**In Attendance:** A Card (Town Clerk), Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain) and Helen Rutter (Assistant Director – Communities, South Somerset District Council).

There were 0 members of the public and 0 members of the press present.

**Public Question Time** - There were no questions from the public.

Helen Rutter (Assistant Director – Communities, South Somerset District Council) gave a presentation about Yeovil Vision. She highlighted how the new arrangements adopted in June 2016 differed from the previous arrangements, as well as the voting rights of members. She emphasised the Yeovil Vision priorities which were the Yeovil Refresh; Customer Perception Study; the Town Centre Enhancement Work; and the Positive promotion of Yeovil. The achievements of Love Yeovil were also communicated.

Issues were raised about police levels and responses. This was not within the remit of Yeovil Vision and delivery groups. Any Councillors with these issues should feed this straight to the Police Authority.

8:14pm – Helen Rutter left the meeting and did not return.

8:15pm - The meeting commenced.

### **9/196 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 F Boieangu (work commitment), P Chandler (personal matters), S Lowery (conflicting engagement), G Oakes (holiday) and W Read (work commitment).

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

## **9/197 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).

Cllrs M and P Lock declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 9/204 – Goldcroft, being directors of a company formally involved in the bidding process.

There were no other Declarations made at this time.

## **9/198 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be signed as a correct record.

## **9/199 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Due to the confidential nature of the business of items 9/204 under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3, it is likely a motion to exclude members of the public and press during discussion of this item will be considered by the Councillors. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3

**RESOLVED:** that Agenda Item 9/204 be heard with the Public and Press excluded.

## **9/200 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor invited all those in attendance to the Parlour for refreshments at the end of the meeting.

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

## **9/201 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**

**Planning Committee** – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Presented by Cllr P Lock. There were no questions or comments.

**Grounds & General Maintenance Committee** – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Presented by Cllr M Roper. There were no questions or comments.

**Promotions & Activities Committee** – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Presented by Cllr D Recardo. There were no questions or comments.

**Buildings & Civic Matters Committee** – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Presented by Cllr R Stickland. There were no questions or comments.

**Policy, Resources & Finance Committee** – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Presented by Cllr T Lock. . Cllr T Lock requested ratification for those resolutions and recommendations taken at its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017, in particular: the Internal Audit Report and the Insurance Renewal.

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

### **9/202 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** – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

There were no questions or comments.

Cllr J Conway gave an update on the progress of the work carried out by the working group – “Unity in the Community”. Dates have been set for 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and will be held in the Quedam. The event will focus on communities coming and uniting together and promoting cultural understanding through food, music, dance and arts. Members were asked if they knew of anyone in the community who could feed into this group. Unity in the Community will also be visible at Super Saturday.

### **9/203 FORWARD PLAN**

To approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda. The Mayor announced that Steve Elliott from Fullonsport and the organiser of Yeovil Half Marathon would be attending the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the forward plan to amended to show Steve Elliott from Fullonsport and the organiser of Yeovil Half Marathon attending the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Public Comment** - There were no public remaining in the meeting.

*8:30pm – Rev J Pearce and Cllrs M and P Lock left the meeting and did not return.*

*The Committee passed a resolution 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 would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

### **9/203 GOLDCROFT**

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update regarding correspondence received in relation to Goldcroft.

**RESOLVED:** to note the verbal update regarding correspondence received in relation to Goldcroft.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 8:34pm.

Signed:

Dated: