



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs D Recardo (Deputy Mayor), J Conway OBE, K Gill, A Kendall, T Ledlie, M Lock, P Lock, T Lock, J Lowery, S Lowery, G Oakes, E Potts-Jones, A Pugsley, F Purbrick, W Read, M Roper and R Stickland.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk), Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain) and Tom Barber (Health and Wellbeing Partnerships Lead at SPARK).

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

Public Comment

Terry Eccott, an Ambassador for Alzheimer's Society introduced himself to the Council. He is working to make Yeovil Dementia Friendly. He is also working to creating an A-Z of all charities so that it can be used to signpost people.

The Deputy Mayor congratulated Cllr Joe Conway for receiving an Order of the British Empire (OBE), in recognition of his services to industrial relations and community in Yeovil.

Mr Penny and his son, the joint winners of the Christmas Lights Competition, received the trophy, which was previously with Mr and Mrs Cox.

7:38pm – 2 members of the public left the meeting and did not return.

Tom Barber, Health and Wellbeing Partnerships Lead at SPARK (an organisation that provides information, advice, training and support to the voluntary and community sector) gave a presentation on Strengthening Community Resilience in Yeovil.

8:19pm – Tom Barber left the meeting and did not return.

8:20pm - The meeting commenced.

9/230 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 Boieangiu (holiday); P Chandler (ill); G Freeman-Bell (working away); P Gubbins (conflicting engagement); K Hussain (conflicting engagement); S Shutler (holiday) and A Smith (conflicting engagement).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

9/231 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).

Cllr S Lowery declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 9/238 in that she was employed by Westland Entertainment Venue. Cllr J Lowery also declared a personal interest in item 9/238, in respect of Cllr S Lowery's interest.

9/232 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 6th June 2017.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 6th June 2017 be signed as a correct record.

9/233 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Due to the confidential nature of the business of items 9/238 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 9/238 be heard with the Public and Press excluded.

9/234 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr T Lock asked why there was no representative from this Council to the Westland Entertainment Venue official opening. The Town Clerk responded to say an official invite was sent to the Yeovil Town Council, however the Mayor was on holiday. In future, invitations would be passed to the Deputy Mayor if acceptable to the inviting organisation.

The Deputy Mayor drew Members' attention to the revised list of Mayor and Deputy Mayor's Recent and Forthcoming Engagements and Announcements, highlighting the events on both 23rd June and 24th June relating to Yeovil Twinning Association.

RESOLVED: to note the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming appointments and engagements and announcements with the amendments above-mentioned.

9/235 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

Planning Committee – 12th June 2017

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

Policy, Resources & Finance Committee – 27th June 2017

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

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

9/236 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 – 23rd May 2017.**

Cllr P Lock reminded Council that the Westfield Community Association would be holding their Midsummer Fete on 22nd July 2017. Funds from this event will be used to support the building of a new community hall next to St Peter's Church.

Cllr D Recardo (as representative for Yeovil Town Council on the Yeovil Twinning Association) reported to Council the visit from representatives from Taunusstein, Germany who visited Yeovil from 22nd June to 27th June to celebrate 30 years of twinning. He briefly outlined the itinerary that had been followed.

Cllr J Conway gave an update of the work carried out by the working group – “Unity in the Community”. The event was well attended and supported by the public. Cllr Conway passed thanks to Cllrs D Recardo, P Lock, E Potts-Jones and F Purbrick, Jade Kingdon from the Quedam, as well as the officers (Sally Freemantle and Lucy Jones) who had contributed to the organisation of the event. Cllr E Potts-Jones ran a competition for the best postcard, the winning postcard had no name and address, and therefore the prize money will be donated. Any suggestions should be forwarded to the Town Clerk.

9/237 FORWARD PLAN

To approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda.

RESOLVED: to approve the forward plan.

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

8:43pm – Rev J Pearce, the remaining member of the public and Cllr S Lowery 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.

9/238 WESTLAND ENTERTAINMENT VENUE

The Town Clerk gave an update regarding the Westland Entertainment Venue. Discussions were held but it was felt that further information was required.

RESOLVED: to note the verbal report and the Town Clerk would prepare a paper for a meeting on 1st August 2017 at 7:30pm (a date that is set as a reserve date and only be held if necessary).

The meeting was closed by the Deputy Mayor at 9:36pm.

Signed:

Dated: