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Yeovil Town Council

Members of Yeovil Town Council are summoned to attend:

The Meeting... **Yeovil Town Council**

The Time... **7.30pm**

The Date... **Tuesday 7th February 2017**

The Place... **Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil**

*The Town Council will be discussing all the items listed
overleaf*

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Town Clerk

1st February 2017

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

Darren Shutler - Mayor of Yeovil Town

David Recardo - Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Town

Florin Boieangiu

Mike Lock

David Byrne

Pauline Lock

Kris Castle

Tony Lock

Philip Chandler

Sarah Lowery

Tristan Cobb

Graham Oakes

Joe Conway

Evie Potts-Jones

Gail Freeman-Bell

Faye Purbrick

Peter Gubbins

Wes Read

Kaysar Hussain

Manny Roper

Andrew Kendall

Alan Smith

Terry Ledlie

Rob Stickland

Equality Act 2010

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- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

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Disability	Religion or Belief
Gender Reassignment	Sex
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Sexual Orientation
Pregnancy and Maternity	

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A G E N D A

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

Adam Burgan, Arts and Entertainment Manager at the Octagon Theatre and Westlands Entertainment Venue will give a presentation about both the Octagon Theatre and Friends of Westlands.

9/177 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Council to receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons given. *LGA 1972 s85(1)*

9/178 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).

9/179 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

9/180 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

To note the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming engagements as attached at page 4.

9/181 REPORTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

- Planning Committee – 12th December 2016/16th January 2017
Presented by Cllr Pauline Lock
- Grounds & General Maintenance Committee – 9th January 2017
Presented by Cllr Manny Roper
- Promotions & Activities Committee – 17th January 2017
Presented by Cllr David Recardo
- Buildings & Civic Matters Committee – 24th January 2017
Presented by Cllr Rob Stickland
- Policy, Resources & Finance Committee – 31st January 2017
Presented by Cllr Tony Lock

In particular, to ratify the resolutions regarding:

- The Risk Strategy/Assessment
- Goar Knap Workshop
- Yeovil Ski Lodge Demolition
- Yeovil Town Ladies Civic Reception

9/182 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2016/17

Attached at page 5 is a draft programme of meetings of the Town Council and its committees for 2017/18.

Council is **RECOMMENDED** to adopt this programme.

9/183 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Members who represent the Town Council on Outside Bodies may wish to take the opportunity to report on any matters of interest.

- Westfield Community Association (WCA) Management Committee – 12th December 2016 (minutes previously circulated)
- Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee – 18th January 2017 (minutes previously circulated)

9/184 BUDGET 2017/18

Members to approve the recommendation by the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for setting Yeovil Town Council's precept for 2017/18 for £941,886 as set out in the Meeting of that Committee held on 31st January 2017. This results in an increase on a Band D Charge of £6.53 per year (12.5p per week), and increase from £97.48 to £104.01). The budget for the financial year 2017/18 attached at pages 6 to 11. (Please contact the Town Clerk prior to the meeting with any questions relating to the financial information presented). *Account & Audit Regulations 2015*

9/185 MOTION FROM CLLR A KENDALL

Notice of motion received from Cllr A Kendall on 27th December 2016: *Standing Orders s9*

“Yeovil Town Council fully supports:

- 1) the steps taken by East Ward Councillors to resolve the issues for vehicles coming into Yeovil from the east on the A30;
- 2) a review of the traffic problems at the bottom of Reckleford and Sherborne Road created by the operation of the traffic lights and the tailback of traffic this issue creates;
- 3) the implementation of measures required to remedy the issues mentioned in (2); and
- 4) a report of the findings of this review to come back to Town Council, when appropriate.”

9/186 FEEDBACK FROM NALC Larger Conference

To note the feedback given by the attendees at the NALC Larger Conference held on 30th November 2016 attached at pages 12 to 14.

9/187 FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan (attached at pages 15 to 16) lists the items due to be discussed and the decisions due to be made by Yeovil Town Council.

The timings given are indicative and occasionally may be rescheduled and

new items added as required.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that Yeovil Town Council approve the Forward Plan.

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

List of Engagements attended/to be attended by the Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Darren Shutler and the Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor David Recardo from 3 January to the 7 March 2017

10.01.17	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor David Recardo attended Bucklers Mead Gifted and Talented afternoon
14.01.17	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Darren Shutler attended Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research Social Evening
16.01.17	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Darren Shutler attended a Charity Night at the Swan Theatre
27.01.17	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Darren Shutler attended Birchfield Primary School Assembly
27.01.17	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Darren Shutler attended YAPS production of Alice in Wonderland
27.01.17	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor David Recardo attended Chard's reception and The Chard Amateur Theatre Society's Pantomime (Sleeping Beauty)
28.01.17	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Darren Shutler attended Castaways production of Snow White
02.02.17	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor David Recardo attended Leweston School lecture on 'God and the Big Bang'
08.02.17	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Darren Shutler will attend Preston School's production of Hairspray
11.02.17	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Darren Shutler will be hosting a charitable collection at Yeovil Town Football Club
26.02.17	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Darren Shutler will attend Axbridge Civic Service and Community Awards
26.02.17	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor David Recardo will attend Verwood Civic Service
01.03.17	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor David Recardo will attend Brimsmore Garden Centre's 25 th Anniversary

Yeovil Town Council

Programme of Meetings of Council and Committees – 2017/18

Meeting	Venue	Day	Time	2017								2018				
				May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Council	Council Chamber	Tuesday	7.30pm	2* 9**	6	4	(1)	5	3	7	5	(2)	6	6	3	1* 8**
Planning and Licensing Committee	Council Chamber	Monday	6.00pm	15	12	17	14	18	16	13	11	15	12	12	9	14
Grounds and General Maintenance Committee	Council Chamber	Monday	7.00pm	10***		10		11		20		8		5		21
Promotions and Activities Committee	Council Chamber	Tuesday	7.00pm	16		11		12		14		16		13		15
Buildings and Civic Matters Committee	Council Chamber	Tuesday	7.00pm	23		18		19		21		23		20		22
Policy, Resources and Finance Committee	Council Chamber	Tuesday	7.00pm	30	27****	25		26		28		30		27		29

* Annual Town Meeting followed by Annual Meeting of the Town Council

** Annual Meeting of the Town Council (reconvened)

*** Moved to Wednesday to avoid clash with Bank Holiday and/or Town Council meeting

**** Approval of Annual Return

Public Holidays

May Bank Holiday
Spring Bank Holiday
August Bank Holiday
Christmas Day
Boxing Day Holiday
New Year's Day

Monday 1 May 2017
Monday 29 May 2017
Monday 28 August 2017
Monday 25 December 2017
Tuesday 26 December 2017
Monday 1 January 2018

New Year's Day Bank Holiday
Good Friday
Easter Monday
May Bank Holiday
Spring Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2 January 2018
Friday 30 March 2018
Monday 2 April 2018
Monday 7 May 2018
Monday 28 May 2018

Yeovil Town Council - 2017/18 Budget Setting

REVENUE

Committee	Budget
Grounds and General Maintenance	£222,520
Planning and Licensing	£0
Buildings and Civic Matters	£96,780
Policy, Resources and Finance	£426,890
Promotions and Activities	£95,330
Total	£841,520
Contingency	£68,452
Total	£909,972

PRECEPT (BAND D PROPERTY)

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Committees' Budgets	£835,672	£848,447	£880,162	£909,972
Less transfers from reserves	£0	£0	£0	£0
Yeovil Town Council	£835,672	£848,447	£880,162	£909,972
Joint Burial Committee	£99,624	£80,420	£80,398	£58,284
Grand total	£935,296	£928,867	£960,560	£968,256
Less grant from Billing Authority	-£119,415	-£94,180	-£81,920	-£26,370
Shortfall	£0	£0	£0	£0
Net Precept	£815,881	£834,687	£878,640	£941,886
Divided by Tax Base	8,537.43	8,733.72	9,013.54	9,055.91
Band D Charge	95.57	95.57	97.48	104.01

Item	YEAR 2015/16		YEAR 2016/17		YEAR 2017/18				
	Allocated	Spent	Allocated	1/2 year spent 30.09.16	Full year estimated spend to 31.03.17	Estimated over spent	Estimated under spent	Estimated required	To be allocated
EXPENDITURE									
Grants	20,000	2,020	15,000	3,932	10,000	0	5,000	7,000	
Sponsorship (Octagon Theatre - SLA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	
Insurance	8,000	7,174	8,000	5,992	6,000	0	2,000	6,200	
Telephone	2,420	2,371	2,470	687	2,000	0	470	2,470	
Postage	4,080	3,112	4,160	1,200	3,600	0	560	4,000	
Stationery/supplies	4,590	3,424	4,680	970	2,500	0	2,180	3,500	
Furniture, office equipment & servicing	3,650	1,731	6,720	492	5,500	0	1,220	5,000	
Advertising	790	1,748	805	357	400	0	405	500	
Audit fees	3,060	2,650	3,120	797	2,800	0	320	3,000	
Prof. fees/subs	6,120	4,855	6,240	3,748	5,200	0	1,040	6,000	
Books/periodicals	240	11	240	165	240	0	0	240	
Salaries	176,990	180,339	181,000	99,951	178,750	0	2,250	205,000	
Mayoral allowance	8,380	8,480	8,380	4,380	8,380	0	0	8,380	
Courses/conferences	5,470	3,546	8,775	463	2,000	0	6,775	6,500	
Costs of Democracy	26,320	23,661	26,840	9,852	24,000	0	2,840	26,840	
Regalia	740	3,354	3,000	0	1,000	0	2,000	2,000	
Youth Council	1,400	1,015	1,400	0	0	0	1,400	1,400	
Best Value	1,800	0	1,800	0	0	0	1,800	0	
NVQ Trainee Administrator	5,510	3,243	5,620	993	4,500	0	1,120	6,000	
Frinking Machine	570	654	580	741	880	300	0	900	
PC Support	7,970	5,406	7,140	2,679	6,000	0	1,140	7,300	
Delivery of Yeovil Vision	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0	9,000	
PWLB Loan Repayments	30,704	30,704	30,704	1,467	30,704	0	0	30,700	
New Initiatives Fund	49,300	15,000	10,300	0	0	0	10,300	10,300	
Westlands	0	0	35,000	0	35,000	0	0	35,000	
Tourist Information	0	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	0	2,000	
Youth Services	14,000	27,832	14,280	14,370	31,000	16,720	0	25,450	
Ski Centre	6,560	5,996	10,000	14,454	87,000	77,000	0	5,000	
Contingencies	40,403	15,062	40,551	7,771	10,000	0	30,551		
Total Expenditure	439,067	363,388	450,805	185,461	471,454	94,020	73,371	420,680	
INCOME									
Youth Projects	-14,000	-14,000	-14,000	-861	-3,569	10,431	0	-6,700	
Youth Services - Earmarked Reserve			0	0	-4,000	0	4,000	-4,000	
Investment Int	-4,500	-3,691	-3,500	0	-2,750	750	0	-2,500	
Ski Centre	-1,200	-1,238	-1,250	0	-1,224	26	0	-1,250	
Salary Recharge	0	-2,969	0	750	-2,999	0	2,999	-3,000	
Total Income	-19,700	-21,898	-18,750	-112	-11,543	11,207	6,999	-17,450	
Net Expenditure	419,367	341,490	432,055	185,349	459,911	105,227	80,370	403,230	0
Notes:									
1 Investment income set to reflect anticipated interest rates								Budget	403,230
2 Salaries budget adjusted to meet anticipated national pay awards, Employer's pension contributions and previously agreed increments. All office staff to now be paid from this committee's budget								Estimated overspend	23,680
3 Regalia budget to meet rolling programme of civic robe refurbishment and repairs									426,890
4 PWLB loan repayments reflect cost of servicing £265,000 ten-year loan to meet costs of replacement Town Centre public toilets and contribution towards upgrade of Yew Tree Park Play Area and redevelopment of Milford Hall									426,890
5 Youth Services budget reflects proposed three-year funding arrangements									

Item	YEAR 2015/16			YEAR 2016/17			YEAR 2017/18		
	Allocated	Spent	Allocated	1/2 year	Full year	Estimated over spent	Estimated under spent	Estimated required	To be allocated
				30.09.16	estimated spend to 31.03.17				
EXPENDITURE									
Materials and equipment	760	637	780	1,271	1,800	1,020	0	1,600	
Water Mains Refurbishment/Repairs	2,040	2,040	2,080	0	2,080	0	0	2,120	
Water charges	0	3,474	1,000	103	2,000	1,000	0	1,000	
Allotment Maintenance (SSDC)	7,970	10,121	8,130	4,113	9,000	870	0	8,130	
Allotment Maintenance (Tenants)	3,420	3,203	3,490	729	3,000	0	490	3,560	
Allotments - Fence Repairs	2,000	100	2,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	
Leases	400	335	400	0	335	0	65	350	
Goar Knap - Building	1,360	1,196	1,390	794	4,390	3,000	0	1,500	
Newsletter	150		150	0	0	0	150	0	
Best Kept Allotments Competition	220	207	230	41	230	0	0	240	
Labour	15,610	12,090	15,920	4,861	14,000	0	1,920	18,000	
Vehicle	1,010	419	1,030	552	1,000	0	30	1,050	
Protective clothing	160	20	160	130	220	60	0	170	
Dog Bins	230	0	240	0	0	0	240	0	
Open spaces:									
Open Spaces	147,900	147,900	150,860	37,715	150,860	0	0	130,860	
Play Area Repairs/Enhancements	11,720	9,142	11,950	0	11,950	0	0	11,950	
Country Park	31,450	31,450	32,080	8,020	32,080	0	0	32,080	
Play Area Upgrade	2,500	-560	2,550	0	2,550	0	0	2,550	
Play and Landscape Officers	11,950	11,950	12,190	0	12,190	0	0	12,190	
Holiday Playscheme contribution	8,550	8,550	8,720	0	8,720	0	0	8,720	
Door Step Green	780	512	795	260	795	0	0	800	
Yew Tree Park - Gate Opening	1,530	-1,002	1,560	937	1,900	340	0	1,800	
Total expenditure	251,710	241,784	257,705	59,526	260,100	6,290	3,895	239,670	
INCOME									
Taps & keys	-100	-24	-50	-122	-150	0	100	-80	
Rent	-14,806	-13,403	-15,250	-682	-15,000	250	0	-17,230	
Lease	-2,088	-2,088	-2,088	-102	-2,088	0	0	-2,090	
Water Charge	0	-1,488	-1,700	0	-2,000	0	300	0	
Total Income	-16,994	-17,003	-19,088	-906	-19,238	250	400	-19,400	
Net Expenditure	234,716	224,781	238,617	58,620	240,862	6,540	4,295	220,270	
Notes:									
1 Water mains refurbishment/repairs budget allocated to meet planned programme of phased improvements								Budget	220,270
2 Income of £2,090 pa receivable from lease of land at Higher Ryalls								Estimated underspend (-)	2,250
3 Enhancements budget used to increase Holiday Playscheme contribution - to help meet cost of new scheme in Yeovil South Ward									222,520
4 Provision for water leakage of £1000 in 17/18 Budget									222,520
5 Rent increased by 13% which equates to 4p a Sq Mtr increase									

Buildings & Civic Matters Committee	YEAR 2015/16		YEAR 2016/17		YEAR 2017/18	
	Allocated	Spent	Allocated	Full year estimated spend to 31.03.17	Estimated over spent	Estimated under spent
				30.09.16		
EXPENDITURE						
Yeovil Town Band - Sponsorship	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	3,000
Litter/Grit bins	680	0	680	680	10	680
Monmouth Hall	16,620	15,662	7,447	18,000	1,050	17,000
Town House (excluding services)	6,380	6,698	2,637	6,380	0	6,630
Town House - business rates	10,790	10,846	6,562	10,934	0	11,220
Town House - water charges	340	261	129	300	0	360
Town House - electricity	1,430	1,516	631	1,500	40	1,490
Town House - gas	2,080	1,491	584	1,500	0	2,160
Town House - repairs and maintenance	3,290	5,377	937	4,000	0	5,000
Sports Development Officer (SSDC)	2,120	2,120	0	2,160	0	2,160
War memorials	0	0	0	156	156	0
Public noticeboards	340	0	0	25	0	350
Community safety	5,030	-4,570	0	2,000	0	2,500
CCTV	31,850	31,850	8,123	32,490	0	32,490
Millennium Clock	300	269	150	270	0	300
Transport support	4,470	0	0	0	0	4,560
Public toilets - Peter Street	17,860	16,372	7,176	18,220	0	18,590
Public toilets - Petters Way	8,980	11,692	4,151	10,710	1,550	9,340
Milford Hall	23,000	24,747	17,606	30,000	6,540	23,930
Town Centre Environmental Improvements	8,000	6,928	0	8,000	0	8,000
Bottle Bank	0	602	321	482	482	0
Total Expenditure	146,560	134,861	59,454	150,807	9,818	145,200
INCOME						
Monmouth Hall	-3,570	-5,688	-5,679	-9,500	0	-9,500
Milford Hall	-17,690	-21,642	-11,288	-22,000	0	-23,000
Town House	-1,390	-1,708	-1,034	-1,800	0	-2,500
Library	-1,840	-1,881	-1,850	-1,850	0	-1,890
Bottle Bank	0	-1,157	-79	-232	0	232
Total Income	-24,490	-32,076	-18,080	-35,382	0	-36,890
Net Expenditure	122,070	102,785	41,374	115,425	9,818	108,310
Notes						
1 Increase in maintenance budget to cover porch and carpets						Budget 108,310
2 Town Centre Environmental Improvements budget previously used to help meet costs of Middle Street and Princes Street Enhancement Schemes.						Estimated underspend (-) -11,530
						96,780
						96,780

Planning Committee	YEAR 2015/16		YEAR 2016/17			YEAR 2017/18	
	Allocated	Spent	Allocated	1/2 year spent 30.09.16	Full year estimated spend to 31.03.17	Estimated over spent	Estimated under spent
EXPENDITURE							
Licensing Direct Costs	12,990	13,364	13,250	0	13,250	0	0
Planning Recharge	14,770	14,770	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	27,760	28,134	13,250	0	0	0	0
INCOME							
Licensing	-22,400	-22,098	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	-22,400	-22,098	0	0	0	0	0
Net Expenditure	5,360	6,036	13,250	0	13,250	0	0
						Budget	0
						Estimated underspend (-)	0
							0
							0
							0

Promotions & Activities Committee	YEAR 2015/16		YEAR 2016/17		YEAR 2017/18	
	Allocated	Spent	Allocated	Full year estimated spend to 30.09.16	Estimated over spent	Estimated under spent
EXPENDITURE						
Town Team	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0	1,000
Christmas Lights	21,620	38,832	22,050	0	12,050	20,000
Christmas Lights Installation/Safety Checks	0	0	0	23,110	23,110	20,000
Yeovil in Bloom Working Budget	15,790	15,868	16,110	4,028	0	16,110
Yeovil in Bloom Officers	23,820	23,820	24,300	6,075	0	24,300
Town Crier	990	990	1,010	186	0	1,010
Yeovil Open Town Crier Competition	1,880	1,352	1,920	1,467	0	1,500
Customised souvenirs	560	0	570	378	0	580
Town Guide/promotional publications	240	0	240	0	240	0
Christmas Lights Competition	30	49	30	0	10	30
Yeovil Flower and Gardeners' Market	2,660	3,456	2,710	1,217	1,295	2,760
Total expenditure	70,590	87,367	71,940	13,351	24,415	87,290
INCOME						
Festive Lights (SSDC)	-2,000	-2,000	-2,000	0	0	-2,000
Souvenirs	-100	-75	-100	-8	75	-100
Sponsorship	-500	-1,216	-560	0	0	-600
Total Income	-2,600	-3,291	-2,660	-8	75	-2,700
Net Expenditure	67,990	84,076	69,280	13,343	24,490	84,590
Notes:						
1 Yeovil Town Centre Flower and Gardeners' Market - maximum guarantee against loss (offset by income from stalls and sponsorship)					Estimated overspend	10,740
						95,330
						95,330

9.186 **A) NALC CONFERENCE 30TH NOVEMBER 2017 - CLLR DAVID RECARDO**

My Report to Yeovil Town Council as requested by members following my attendance of the Conference

Overview:

I was disappointed with the conference this year as I found the topics being discussed in the break out sessions of no real value, the headings were interesting but sadly the speakers were not of the standard I would have expected. The keynote speakers in the morning were very interesting and informative, it was a shame the remainder didn't live up to that example.

All overhead slides are available to be viewed at <http://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-events/past-events/eventdetail/67/-/nalc-larger-local-councils-conference-2016-changing-places>

Having arrived in London after a very early start, we grabbed a cab to the Royal National Hotel for the conference, where we had the opportunity to caught up with old friends and councilors we have met over the years, that was very pleasant, and the venue was, as it always has been, excellent.

Speakers in the morning included; **Professor Jane Wills** and **Teresa Pearce MP**. Both speakers were very interesting to listen to, but the conference subject was "Changing Places" and in the real world it was difficult to apply what they were preaching; Jane gave a history lesson and explained how Henry VIII had taken over the church and devolved power to the communities both big and small while putting in place an overseeing judicial system to keep law and order, this she said was the birth place of "Localism", I did find the theory interesting although I doubt if Henry VIII citizens would of agreed.

When Teresa took the podium she told us how, as Shadow Home Secretary, she was working tirelessly behind the scenes to better the Town and Parish Councils position, and to discourage government from imposing a "council tax cap" on town and parish councils, she said it would be counter productive and would not encourage local councils to accept devolved responsibility and take on services that principle authority's can no longer provide, I'm not sure she can deliver it, but I will watch this space with interest.

After lunch we broke out into workshops; my first was Diversity & Equality; the speakers were Paul Sesay and Helen Rankin. Helen was there to promote her book or so it seemed to me and Paul was there as a successful Black business man, explaining how the work for equality in the big cities of the midlands developed over the course of time, I found it very difficult to see how anything he spoke about could be applied here in Yeovil, or, would have any relevance here in Yeovil.

The second I attended; Devolution and working between the tiers; the speakers were Ian Day and Cllr Peter Allison, they spoke about how Bradford Metropolitan District Council, were busy perishing their area and in turn devolving things to the parishes like open spaces and what we call street scene, the money doesn't always follow so the parish's are having to raise the money through their precept. Yeovil Town Council and SSDC already do this and have done so for years. Nothing-new here and their approach was not as good as ours.

SPEAKERS

Professor Jane Wills

Jane Wills is professor of Human Geography, Queen Mary University of London. Her research interests focus on the changing geo- political-economy of work, new forms of urban political alliances including community organising and living wage campaigns, and the politics and practice of localism in the UK. She has published widely including, Locating localism: Statecraft, citizenship and democracy; Global cities at work: New migrant divisions of labour; Geographies of Economies; and Union retreat and the regions.

Paul Sesay

Paul Sesay is the founder/ceo of The National Diversity Awards, The Excellence in Diversity Awards, The Diversity Group, The BEAM Awards and events company I Spoil U Media since 2006. Paul's business acumen has mainly been with a social focus. With over ten years worth of experience within the diversity, equality and inclusion sector, Paul has worked with some of the largest organisations in the world on their diversity and inclusion profiles.

Helen Rankin

Helen manages the LGA's Be a Councillor campaign, which works with local politicians, councils and political parties to increase the pool of candidates who stand for election. She's worked in local government for seven years and is passionate about all things local democracy and increasing democratic representation.

Derek Kemp

Qualifying in 1969 Derek has specialized in council accounting since 1996. Highly experienced in advising local councils on various accounting matters, frequently attending council's for presentations to councillors. Respected on the circuit at seminars for clerks and councillors for accounting issues; Derek is now NALC National Accounts and Audit Adviser.

Howard Midworth

Formally the chief executive of the Society of Local Council Clerks, Howard is the General Manager of Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd, the sector led body appointed by DCLG as the 'specified person' to procure and appoint external auditors for smaller authorities for the period commencing from financial year 2017-18 and to perform the functions set out in legislation.

Ian Day

Born in Bradford in 1966. Ian spent most of childhood growing up in Kenya, East Africa before returning to Bradford to complete his education. Ian has worked for Bradford Council for the majority of his working life. Ian was appointed as assistant director of neighbourhood and customer services in March 2014. Ian is now the councils lead officer for local councils, attending the local council liaison meeting and acting as a champion within the organisation on support for local councils and the wider voluntary and community sector.

Cllr Peter Allison

First elected in June 2004 when Wilsden Parish Council was established. Council chair for four years, vice-chair for two years. Lived in the village for 29 years. Spokesman for all parish councils in the Bradford district. Member of the executive board of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association.

Paul Shevlin

Paul Shevlin is the chief executive of Craven District Council since 1 December 2008. He is now the vice-chairman of the District Council's Network, where he represents North Yorkshire districts on the national District Council Network.

Sanderson Jones

In 2008 Sanderson Jones left his job as an advertising salesman to become a stand up. In 2012 he sold out the Sydney Opera House. Incredibly, he did this by selling every single ticket to the show by hand. In January 2013 Sanderson, alongside comedian Pippa Evans, started up a non-religious church called the Sunday Assembly, it celebrated life through talks, comedy and songs. The concept went viral and there are now 28 assemblies across the world.

Teresa Pearce MP

Teresa Pearce MP was born in the north-west and moved to London with her family in the late 1960s. Before becoming an MP Teresa worked for the Inland Revenue and as a Senior Manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers specialising in tax investigations. Teresa was elected as the Labour MP for Erith and Thamesmead in May 2010.

9.186 B) NALC CONFERENCE 30TH NOVEMBER 2017 – AMANDA CARD (TOWN CLERK)

All workshops were attended by myself or Cllr David Recardo, as detailed beneath.

Workshop A – Diversity and Equality (Cllr David Recardo)

Workshop B – Super Councils' Network (Amanda Card)

Workshop C – Local Government Finance (Amanda Card)

Workshop D – Devolution and Working between the Tiers (Cllr David Recardo)

Super Council's Network

The Super Council's Network is a network devised for the largest councils with a precept of £1 million or more per year which consists of over 30 councils. I thought it useful to attend this workshop as Yeovil Town Council's precept is approaching £1 million. The network share and promote good practice.

We were introduced to Lord Gary Porter, the elected chairman of the Local Government Association, who said that Local Council's had not taken advantage of the General Power of Competence.

Overall, this workshop was poorly chaired and I found it to be of no benefit to me.

Local Government Finance

There was lots of discussion about the Capping of Council Tax, and it was re-iterated that all Towns and Parishes should take part in the consultation from the Department of Communities and Local Government to oppose this. Yeovil Town Council had already submitted a response.

We were also introduced to Howard Midworth is the General Manager of Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA), the sector led body appointed by DCLG as the 'specified person' to procure and appoint external auditors for smaller authorities for the period commencing from financial year 2017-18 and to perform the functions set out in legislation.

Overall, this workshop provided no additional information to my knowledge of Local Government Finance.

Summary of the Day

The cost of attending the conference including travel was about £300. I do not feel that the content of the conference (speakers, content and exhibitions) justified the cost.

(Amanda Card, Town Clerk – 01935 382424)

9/187 **FORWARD PLAN**

Date	Item
Town Council 7 th March 2017	Presentation from Yeovil Men's Shed Presentation from Education, Somerset County Council Reports and Recommendations from Council's Committees Planning – 13 th February 2017
Town Council 4 th April 2017	Presentation from SSDC about Yeovil Vision and Love Yeovil Reports and Recommendations from Council's Committees Planning – 13 th March 2017 Grounds & General Maintenance – 6 th March 2017 Promotions & Activities – 14 th March 2017 Buildings & Civic Matters – 21 st March 2017 Policy, Resources & Finance – 28 th March 2017
Annual Town Meeting / Annual Meeting of the Town Council 2 nd May 2017	Address by Mayor about Charities and Mayor Award 2017 Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor
Annual Meeting of the Town Council (reconvened) 9 th May 2017	Appointment of Committees and Other Bodies for 2017/18 Appointments of Representatives to Serve on Outside bodies for 2017/18 Members's Attendance for 2016/17 Reports and Recommendations from Council's Committees Planning – 10 th April 2017
Town Council 6 th June 2017	Presentation from Highways, Somerset County Council Reports and Recommendations from Council's Committees Planning – 15 th May 2017 Grounds & General Maintenance – 10 ^h May 2017 Promotions & Activities – 16 th May 2017 Buildings & Civic Matters – 23 st May 2017 Policy, Resources & Finance – 30 th May 2017
Town Council 4 th July 2017	Christmas Lights Winner – transfer of cup Reports and Recommendations from Council's Committees Planning – 12 th June 2017 Policy, Resources & Finance – 27 th June 2017
Town Council 1 st August 2017	Reserve Date
Town Council 5 th September 2017	Reports and Recommendations from Council's Committees Planning – 17 th July 2017 / 14 th August 2017 Grounds & General Maintenance – 10 ^h July 2017 Promotions & Activities – 11 th July 2017 Buildings & Civic Matters – 18 st July 2017 Policy, Resources & Finance – 25 th July 2017
Town Council 5 th September 2017	Reports and Recommendations from Council's Committees Planning – 17 th July 2017 / 14 th August 2017 Grounds & General Maintenance – 10 ^h July 2017 Promotions & Activities – 11 th July 2017 Buildings & Civic Matters – 18 st July 2017 Policy, Resources & Finance – 25 th July 2017
Town Council	Reports and Recommendations from Council's Committees

3 rd October 2017	Planning – 18 th September 2017 Grounds & General Maintenance – 11 ^h September 2017 Promotions & Activities – 12 th September 2017 Buildings & Civic Matters – 19 st September 2017 Policy, Resources & Finance – 26 th September 2017
Town Council 7 th November 2017	Reports and Recommendations from Council's Committees Planning – 16 th October 2017
Town Council 5 th December 2017	Reports and Recommendations from Council's Committees Planning – 13 th November 2017 Grounds & General Maintenance – 20 th November 2017 Promotions & Activities – 14 th November 2017 Buildings & Civic Matters – 21 st November 2017 Policy, Resources & Finance – 28 th November 2017