

Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

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

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

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 works that had been carried out at Westlands Entertainment Venue. He also briefed Town Council about Friends of Westlands.

7:51pm – Adam Burgan left the meeting and did not return.

7:52pm - The meeting commenced.

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)*

Apologies were received from: Cllrs P Chandler (away); T Cobb (work commitments); M Lock (unwell) and P Lock (unwell).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

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).

There were no Declarations made at this time.

9/179 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 6th December 2016.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 6th December 2016 be signed as a correct record.

9/180 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 and announcements.

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

Planning Committee – 12th December 2016/16th January 2017

Presented by Cllr G Oakes. There were no questions or comments.

Grounds & General Maintenance Committee – 9th January 2017

Presented by Cllr M Roper. Members were informed that the Chairman (Zone J) Lions Club International had requested to plant a tree as part of the Lions Club Centennial Community Legacy Project in early Spring 2017. Further details will be reported back to the Council as appropriate.

Promotions & Activities Committee – 17th January 2017

Presented by Cllr D Recardo. He stated that there would be an agenda item to investigate whether the Council could be more proactive to arrange Civic Receptions.

Buildings & Civic Matters Committee – 24th January 2017

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

Policy, Resources & Finance Committee – 31st January 2017

Presented by Cllr T Lock. Cllr T Lock requested ratification for those resolutions and recommendations taken at its meeting on 31st January 2017, in particular: the Goar Knap Workshop; the Risk Strategy/Assessment; Yeovil Ski Lodge demolition; and the Yeovil Town Ladies Civic Reception.

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

9/182 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2017/18

The draft programme of meetings of the Town Council and its committee for 2017/18 was submitted. It was explained that the dates in brackets for Town Council were reserve dates and would only be held if necessary. It was noted that the Planning and Licensing

Committee should be amended to “Planning Committee” and that the start time of this Committee was 7:00pm and not 6:00pm as stated on the programme of meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Programme of Meetings for 2017/18 be adopted subject to (1) the amendment to the name of the “Planning Committee”; (2) the amendment to the start time of this Committee from 6:00pm to 7:00pm; and (3) an annotation to the use of the brackets for Town Council.

9/183 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** – 12th December 2016.

There were no questions or comments.

- **Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee** – 18th January 2017.

There were no questions or comments.

Cllr J Conway gave an update on the new working group – “Unity in the Community”. Those involved with this working group were very positive. Members were asked if they knew of anyone in the community who could feed into this group. It was confirmed that all feedback and minutes would go through the correct channels and report back to the Promotions and Activities Committee.

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).

RESOLVED: to approve Yeovil Town Council’s precept for 2017/18 as £941,886.

(Voting: 15 in favour; 3 against)

9/185 MOTION FROM CLLR A KENDALL

Cllr Kendall introduced his motion, which was received on 27th December 2016.

An amendment was made by Cllr T Lock to the original motion:

“Yeovil Town Council fully supports the steps taken by East Ward Councillors to resolve the issues for vehicles coming into Yeovil from the East on the A30. This authority also supports the action taken by the Area South Committee at its meeting on the 4th January regarding traffic issues in Yeovil. A report of the outcomes of the meeting with Area South and County Officers be brought back when appropriate.”

Seconded by: Cllr G Oakes

RESOLVED: to adopt the above-mentioned policy.

(Voting: 14 in favour; 3 against, 1 abstention)

9/186 FEEDBACK FROM NALC LARGER CONFERENCE

RESOLVED: to note the feedback given by the attendees at the NALC Larger Conference held on 30th November 2016.

9/187 FORWARD PLAN

To approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda.

RESOLVED: to approve the forward plan.

Public Comment - There were no public in the meeting.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 8:50pm.

Signed:

Dated: