

# Yeovil Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 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, P Chandler; J Conway, A Kendall, M Lock, P Lock, 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), Dave Farrow (Head of Outcomes and Sufficiency, Education Department, Somerset County Council) and Duncan Richard (Yeovil Men's Shed).

There were 8 members of the public and 0 members of the press present.

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

Dave Farrow (Head of Outcomes and Sufficiency, Education Department, Somerset County Council) gave a presentation about Education. He informed that Council the Early Years Provision and that 90% of settings were judged as good or better (compared to the national average of 91%). All primary schools within Yeovil Town had been judged as good or better (compared to the national average of 90.4%). There was a disparity for Pupil Premium children's progress for both Key Stage One and Two. All secondary schools within Yeovil had been judged as good (compared to the national average of 78.6%). Higher Education requirements were also discussed. School Place Planning was highlighted, with an increase of pupil numbers from 2009-2016 of 14% and a forecast increase by 2021 of a further 7%. Dave Farrow spoke about how this additional need would be met.

*8:15pm – Dave Farrow and 1 member of the public left the meeting and did not return.*

Duncan Richard (Yeovil Men's Shed) gave a presentation and demonstration about Yeovil Men's Shed. They now have 53 members of which 10 were women. Many organisations are requesting that Yeovil Men's Shed work on projects for example, Bird Boxes for Yeovil Country Park. They also work very closely with Grovelands (a care home that provides residential and dementia care) and encourage residents to take part in activities. Yeovil Men's Shed is now looking for bigger premises. Duncan Richard thanked the Council for the financial assistance given.

*8:39pm – Duncan Richard and the remaining public left the meeting and did not return.*

8:40pm - The meeting commenced.

#### **9/188 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 G Freeman-Bell (unwell); P Gubbins (unwell) and T Ledlie (conflicting engagement).

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

#### **9/189 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.

#### **9/190 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

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

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

#### **9/191 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor announced the Town Criers Competition was to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and that judges for this competition were being sought. Councillors who wished to partake were asked to inform the office by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

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

#### **9/192 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**

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

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

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

#### **9/193 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.

Cllr J Conway gave an update on the working group – “Unity in the Community”. An event was planned for 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and would be held in the Quedam. A request was made that if any Councillor had contacts within different community groups, to contact the working group with details.

Cllr D Recardo, as a Governor at Yeovil District Hospital, gave an update regarding the new carpark which was due to open on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017. It has 650 spaces which would be used by staff, patients and visitors; and be a pay on exit carpark. The old car par will not be available from that date.

#### **9/194 TOWN MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

Council considered nominations for the office of Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

It was proposed by Cllr T Lock, seconded by Cllr M Roper that Cllr D Shutler be nominated for the office of Town Mayor and that Cllr D Recardo be nominated for the office of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr D Shutler be nominated for the office of Town Mayor and that Cllr D Recardo be nominated for the office of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

#### **9/195 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.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 8:53pm.

Signed:

Dated: