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Minutes of the meeting of Buildings & Civic Matters Committee of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 21 November 2017 at 7.00pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs R. Stickland (Chair), P. Chandler, J. Conway, M. Lock, P. Lock, W. Read, and D. Recardo.

Also Present: Cllr T Lock (East Ward Member), and Cllr E Potts-Jones (Park Ward Member).

In Attendance: H Ferdinand (Deputy Town Clerk), and PCSO Leanne Edwards and PCSO Mike Eades (Avon and Somerset Constabulary)

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

PCSO Leanne Edwards and PCSO Mike Eades together gave a summary of policing matters in Yeovil. They had been dealing with anti-social matters relating to vehicles including anti-social driving, especially along Lysander Road. Traffic police had been deployed at night and education work at Yeovil College had been carried out, and there had been a noticeable reduction in associated complaints. They had also been working closely with the immigration team based in Bristol, and as a result some people sleeping rough in the town centre had been sent back to the country from which they had come. They had provided a police presence at Remembrance Sunday and at the Christmas lights switch-on, and no major incidents had occurred. They confirmed that there would be dedicated police patrols in the town centre for late night shopping leading up to Christmas.

7.19pm – PCSO Leanne Edwards and PCSO Mike Eades left the meeting and did not return.

9/166. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs F Boieangiu (in London), P Gubbins (unwell), and D Shutler (otherwise engaged).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

9/167. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

9/168. MINUTES

The Committee confirmed as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2017, and the cancellation note of the meeting on 19 September 2017.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2017 and the cancellation note of the meeting on 19 September 2017 be signed as a correct record.

9/169. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE RESULTS

The Committee considered the report by the Deputy Town Clerk. Members noted that the data for Lysander Road showed that the 85%ile speed was 2mph above the intervention limit speed and asked for a report back to the next Committee about any action that would be taken as a result.

RESOLVED: (1) the report be noted, and (2) that a report is brought to the next meeting explaining what action would be taken at Lysander Road.

9/170. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE REQUESTS

Previous requests had been raised for speed indicator devices (SID) at St Michael's Avenue and Rosebery Avenue, and a request had been made in April 2017 for posts to be installed in specified locations on these roads. Although the SID purchased by the Town Council had arrived, the installation of the posts on which to put it, was still awaited. A further two requests had also been received for the siting of the speed indicator devices on Meadow Road and St John's Road (in the vicinity of the Wagtail Public House). There was uncertainty about what posts could be used for the SID and therefore Members requested that the Deputy Town Clerk brings a report to the next meeting clarifying the situation.

RESOLVED: (1) the requests for the SIDs be noted; and (2) that a report be brought back to the Committee clarifying the position in respect of the posts on which the SID can be attached.

9/171. TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE: BUS SHELTERS

The Committee considered the report by the Deputy Town Clerk regarding the past work of the Transport Sub-Committee, and the recent request for a bus shelter at Glenthorne Avenue.

RESOLVED: (1) that the report be noted; and (2) to continue to hold the Transport Sub-Committee in abeyance and not allocate a budget for the purpose until a time when this project becomes a work priority.

9/172. COMMUNITY HALL CHARGES

The Committee considered the report by the Town Clerk detailing the current charges for the community facilities, and other relevant information. In particular, the Members noted

that there had been no uptake of tea and coffee in the Town House since the price had been increased earlier in the year.

RESOLVED: (1) that the hourly cost of hire for the facilities should increase by 50p, and the cost of tea and coffee in the Town House should reduce to £10; and (2) to recommend these revised charges to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

9/173. DONATION TO BANDS

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk outlining the donations made to various bands to cover civic events.

RESOLVED: to note the report.

9/174. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – JUNE/JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 June to 30 September 2017.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement be noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no members of the public present.

9/175. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 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 of agenda items 9/176 – 9/180 would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3

9/176. TOWN HOUSE LIFT

Members considered the report of the Deputy Town Clerk regarding the regular maintenance and inspection of the lift at the Town House.

RESOLVED: to note the report.

9/177. YEOVIL WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

The Members discussed the many issues raised by the project detailed in the report by the Deputy Town Clerk in some depth, and were very appreciative of the work that had been carried out by the working party to date. They also extended their thanks to Helen Ferdinand for the preparation of such an excellent and detailed report.

RESOLVED: to (1) note the report; (2) broadly agree with most of the recommendations contained within it; and (3) report progress to the next Buildings and Civic Matters Committee .

At 8.55pm the meeting was adjourned for Members to have a break.

At 9.02pm the meeting was reconvened.

9/178. MONMOUTH HALL –FUTURE OPTIONS

The Members discussed the issues raised in the report of the Deputy Town Clerk following the completion of a condition survey of the building.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the report; (2) to update the asbestos survey and report the findings to a future meeting of the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee; (3) to carry out the essential maintenance works, including commissioning a structural engineer to report on the boundary retaining wall; and, (4) to carry out the necessary consultation exercise as requested.

9/179. YEOVIL TOWN BAND

RESOLVED: to (1) note the report; and (2) to take the matter no further.

9/180. BUDGET PROPOSALS

The Committee considered and discussed some points of detail of the budget report prepared by the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: to note the report.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed:

Dated: