



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 5th December 2017 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

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

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk) and Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain).

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7:35pm - The meeting commenced.

9/279 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 (work commitment); A Pugsley (conflicting engagement); D Shutler (ill) and A Smith (ill).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

9/280 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.

9/281 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th November 2017.

Cllr P Gubbins requested that the minute for 9/277 Staffing Issue (Staff in Confidence) be amended to read: "The situation has now been resolved".

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th November 2017 be signed as a correct record with the above mentioned amendment.

9/282 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Mayor informed Council that he will fulfil the engagements where possible owing to the Mayor not being able to attend due to illness. Questions were raised as to the nature of some of the engagements and the lack of other types of engagements. It has since been clarified that attendance and forthcoming attendance at Yeovil Town Football Club and Yeovil Ladies Football Club was in the Mayor's official capacity. Engagements at residential homes are in the process of being confirmed, information was not available to distribute with the agenda.

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

9/283 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

Planning Committee – 13th November 2017

Presented by Cllr P Lock. There were no questions or comments relating to this Committee meeting. Cllr P Lock informed Council that although there were only 3 plans on the agenda for the next Committee meeting, that plans relating to the proposed retail units on Morrisons car park were to be considered, and members were encouraged to attend.

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 20th November 2017

Presented by Cllr M Roper. There were no questions or comments.

Promotions and Activities Committee – 14th November 2017

Presented by Cllr D Recardo. Discussions were held about the Christmas Light Switch on. The lights had been well received by the people of Yeovil. The Switch On and Lantern Parade had been a success, and Members were encouraged to watch the promotional video relating to this event. The Town Clerk was thanked for her involvement in the event. Questions were raised about the Design a Christmas Light Competition and this was deferred to the next meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee.

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 21st November 2017

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

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 28th November 2017

Presented by Cllr T Lock. In particular, the Christmas and New Year Opening Arrangements; and the Dignity at Work and Complaints Handling Procedure.

RESOLVED: (1) that the minutes of the above Committee be accepted together with any resolutions and recommendations contained therein; and (2) a report regarding the Design a Christmas Light Competition be taken to the next meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee.

9/284 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.

- **Unity in the Community** – Cllr J Conway invited Councillors to the next meeting of the working party (date and venue to be confirmed) and also for their support and ideas.
- **Yeovil Twinning Association** – Cllr A Kendall gave a brief report that following the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 27th November 2017, a new committee was formed.

9/285 FORWARD PLAN

Members to approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda.

A request was made to approach Dimensions about the Learning Disability Service delivered in Yeovil. In the interim the link beneath should provide additional information (See Item 5 (Update on the Learning Disability Service Contract).

<http://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/documents/g394/Public%20reports%20pack%2008th-Nov-2017%2010.00%20Scrutiny%20for%20Policies%20Adults%20and%20Health%20Committee.pdf?T=10>

A suggestion to add the Yeovil Street Pastors was made

RESOLVED: (1) to approve the forward plan; and (2) to invite representatives from both of the above mentioned organisations to give a presentation to Council

9/286 DRAFT BUDGET 2018/19

Members to approve the Budget for the financial year 2018/19 recommended by the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee on 28th November 2017 (subject to receiving the tax base and Council Tax Support Grant from South Somerset District Council for 2018/19; and Crematorium and Cemetery Committee final budget) as attached at pages 7 to 13. *Account & Audit Regulations 2015*

RESOLVED: to approve the Budget for the financial year 2018/19 recommended by the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee on 28th November 2017 (subject to receiving the tax base and Council Tax Support Grant from South Somerset District Council for 2018/19; and Crematorium and Cemetery Committee final budget)

Public Comment

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Cllr Andy Soughton to Yeovil Town Council and congratulated him for being elected.

The Deputy Mayor gave tribute to Ian Clarke, Solicitor to South Somerset District Council who had passed away in November.

The Deputy Mayor invited Members to join him for drinks and mince pies in the Council Chamber.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 8:08 pm.

Signed:

Dated: