

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 2 April 2013**

(7.30pm – 8.30pm)

Present:

Clive Davis – Mayor	Peter Gubbins
Martin Bailey	Kaysar Hussain
Peter Brock	Andrew Kendall
Kris Castle	Mike Lock
Bridget Dollard	Tony Lock
David Dollard	David Recardo
Tony Fife	Manny Roper
Dave Greene	Darren Shutler
	Alan Smith

Also present:

Alan Tawse	Town Clerk
Steve Haigh	Director of Yeovil Community Radio
Adrian Denning	Director of Yeovil Community Radio

(Prior to the start of the meeting, the Mayor's Chaplain led those Members of the Council in attendance in prayers on behalf of the Townspeople of Yeovil).

GRANT PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor presented grant cheques to representatives of the following organisations for the purposes indicated:

Applicant	Amount	Purpose
Milford Community Association	£487	Towards the costs of hall hire fees for the Milford Youth Drop In
South Somerset Association for Voluntary and Community Action	£1,500	Towards the organisation's core running costs

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the members of the public.

8/310 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous (special) meeting held on 12 March 2013, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

8/311 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Philip Chandler, Jon Gleeson, John Hann and Wes Read.

8/312 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Peter Gubbins declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8 (Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation) by virtue of his spouse's role as Clerk to East Coker Parish Council.

8/313 **MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Details of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming engagements and announcements were attached to the Agenda.

8/314 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following items of correspondence:-

- Notices of confirmation from South Somerset District Council in respect of two public path diversion orders at Yeovil Recreation Ground
- Tree News – Spring/Summer 2013 edition

8/315 **YEOVIL COMMUNITY RADIO**

Steve Haigh and Adrian Dening – Directors of Yeovil Community Radio – gave a joint presentation on their plans to bring not-for-profit radio to Yeovil. A copy of the slides used during their presentation is attached to these Minutes.

Steve indicated that Yeovil College had already expressed its support for the initiative and indicated that it would be prepared to allocate resources to help meet the costs of the new radio station operating from the College and to provide accommodation to enable media training opportunities to be offered to its students.

He added that the intention was to give local people and organisations the opportunity to use the community radio station to share information and views about local issues and topics that affected the Town.

Adrian drew attention to the ways by which the new station would transmit its programmes, which would include webstreaming and, subject to the agreement of Ofcom (the communications regulator) via an AM licence. The longer term options of also broadcasting via DAB and FM radio, and via a Smartphone App were also being explored.

Steve estimated that the net costs of running the not-for-profit venture would be in the region of £15,000 per annum and that the new initiative would help publicise the success of Yeovil and enhance its reputation. He explained that these ongoing costs would be covered by the College and from income that would be generated by offering training opportunities to students.

This would be paid to the Community Interest Company (CIC) that would be established to manage the project in accordance with strict guidelines set by Ofcom.

He added that one-off set-up costs would be around £15,000 to £18,000 and would mainly involve the purchase of necessary equipment and emphasised

that whilst it was intended that the College would host the radio station, its remit and programme content would reflect the whole of the Yeovil community.

During the ensuing discussion, Members expressed their support for the proposals, which it was felt would enable community radio to develop and thrive in the Town. It was noted that the terms of any licence granted by Ofcom would ensure that the radio station would retain its community focus.

The Mayor thanked Steve and Adrian for their interesting and informative presentation, and it was

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted.

8/316 **YOUTH SERVICE REVIEW**

Council considered the report of the Town Clerk (agenda item 7 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the progress to date of the Steering Group be noted; and
- (2) that further update reports be awaited.

8/317 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - CONSULTATION**

(Peter Gubbins having declared a personal interest in this item, left the room during its consideration and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

Council considered the report of the Town Clerk (agenda item 8 refers).

Reference was made at the meeting to the designated neighbourhood area proposed by East Coker Parish Council, which it was noted covered the whole of the parished area of East Coker and comprised the East Coker and the Wraxhill Parish Wards.

Whilst Members had no objection to the application by the Parish Council to designate a neighbourhood area, it was felt that this should exclude the Wraxhill Parish Ward.

In support of this view, it was pointed out that last June the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) had noted during their tour of the area (as part of their review of the electoral arrangements for Somerset County Council) that Wraxhill clearly formed part of urban Yeovil and that they were confident that their draft recommendations for Yeovil South, which included the Parish Ward of Wraxhill from the neighbouring Parish of East Coker, reflected community identities.

In light of these independent findings and conclusions, which formed part of the published final recommendations of the LGBCE, Members felt that it would not be appropriate for the Wraxhill Parish Ward to be included in the proposed neighbourhood area.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that no objection be made to the application by East Coker Parish Council to designate a neighbourhood area under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 subject to the exclusion of the area that forms the Wraxhill Parish Ward, which is regarded by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) as “clearly forming part of urban Yeovil” and whose community identity is consequently considered by both the LGBCE and the Town Council to be linked to the Town.

8/318 TOWN MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Council considered nominations for the office of Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2013/14.

It was proposed by Tony Lock, seconded by Bridget Dollard and

RESOLVED

that Manny Roper be nominated for the office of Town Mayor for the Municipal Year 2013/14.

It was then proposed by Tony Lock, seconded by Peter Brock and

RESOLVED

that Mike Lock be nominated for the office of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2013/14.

Manny Roper and Mike Lock thanked the Council for their support.

8/319 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS

The Chairmen of the various Committees of the Council presented the Minutes from the previous cycle of meetings, drawing attention to specific references to Council, any matters of particular interest and answering any questions.

Planning and Licensing Committee

25 February 2013

11 March 2013

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee

4 March 2013

Promotions and Activities Committee

12 March 2013

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee

19 March 2013

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee

26 March 2013

8/320 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Minutes of the following meetings of Outside Bodies were attached to the Agenda and Members were given an opportunity to raise matters relating to them:

Yeovil Youth Council

18 February 2013

Members who represented the Town Council on outside bodies were given an opportunity to report on any matters of interest.

Alan Smith referred to a follow-up "Local Choices" event that he had recently attended, which had been organised by Somerset County Council for the purpose of launching a new Community Youth Club Handbook. It was confirmed that a copy would be forwarded to the Town Clerk who would make it available to Members on request.

8/302 PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Parsley of Crofton Park referred to the decision made by the Town Council earlier in the meeting to nominate Cllr Mike Lock as Deputy Mayor for 2013/14, and asked whether this decision might compromise the planned disposal of the former Goldcroft Allotment Site.

The Town Clerk indicated that he had previously sought and followed the advice of the District Council's Monitoring Officer in relation to Cllr Lock's involvement with this matter and that Cllr Lock had consistently declared his interest in the matter when it had come before the Council and its Committees for discussion; had not received any confidential papers relating to the sale of the land, and had taken the necessary action in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

He added that the minutes of the discussions relating to the planned disposal of the site were published on the Town Council's website but that elements of these discussions were currently not in the public domain in view of the commercially sensitive nature of the information.

Mayor

Radio Yeovil...

Voice of South Somerset.

With...

Steve Haigh and Adrian Denning



*Radio Yeovil...
Voice of South Somerset*



*Radio Yeovil...
Voice of South Somerset*

Radio Yeovil will provide...

- ***Hyper-local information and news***
- ***Employment and training***
- ***Access and participation***
- ***Help businesses to grow***
- ***Be a friend during a crisis***



***Radio Yeovil...
Voice of South Somerset***



*Radio Yeovil...
Voice of South Somerset*



***Radio Yeovil...
Voice of South Somerset***

AM transmitter



Web streaming



Digital multiplex



FM transmitter



***Radio Yeovil...
Voice of South
Somerset***

How much will it cost to set-up and run
Radio Yeovil?



*Radio Yeovil...
Voice of South Somerset*



*Radio Yeovil...
Voice of South Somerset*

Key points

- ***Community Interest Company April 2013***
- ***Funding applications submitted***
- ***Studio equipment bought September 2013***
- ***Equipment installed October 2013***
- ***Radio Yeovil launched November 2013***
- ***AM application submitted November 2013***
- ***Radio Yeovil moved to Digital 2014***
- ***FM licence application 2015***

***Radio Yeovil...
Voice of South Somerset***

Coming soon...

Radio Yeovil...

Voice of South Somerset.

Be on it!