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The Meeting... **Yeovil Town Council**

The Time... **7.30pm**

The Date... **Tuesday 8 January 2013**

The Place... **Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil**

The Town Council will be discussing all the items listed overleaf

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Alan Tawse

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Town Clerk

21 December 2012

Please contact Alan Tawse at the Town House for more information about this meeting

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

Clive Davis – Mayor of Yeovil

Manny Roper – Deputy Mayor

Martin Bailey

Peter Brock

Kris Castle

J Vincent Chainey

Philip Chandler

Tristan Cobb

Leah Cross

Bridget Dollard

David Dollard

Tony Fife

Jon Gleeson

David Greene

Peter Gubbins

John Hann

Kaysar Hussain

Andrew Kendall

Mike Lock

Tony Lock

Wes Read

David Recardo

Darren Shutler

Alan Smith

Equality Act 2010

The *general* public sector equality duty places an obligation on a wide range of public bodies (including town and parish councils) in the exercise of their functions to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

The protected characteristics are:

Age

Disability

Gender Reassignment

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Pregnancy and Maternity

Race

Religion or Belief

Sex

Sexual Orientation

Prior to the start of the meeting, Members are invited to join the Mayor's Chaplain in the Council Chamber at 7.25pm for prayers.

A G E N D A

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

The Mayor will present a trophy to the winner of the Town Council's annual Christmas Lights Competition and commemorative shields to the two runners-up.

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

1. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 December 2012.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(See attached at pages 3 - 4)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. AVON AND SOMERSET CONSTABULARY

Chief Superintendent Nikki Watson of Avon and Somerset Constabulary will attend the meeting and give a presentation on current issues facing the Police in Yeovil, and their plans for the future.

7. A303 IMPROVEMENTS

The Western Gazette is running a campaign calling on the Government to fund multi-million pound improvements to the A303.

The newspaper is lobbying for the road to be made entirely dual carriageway from the Southfields roundabout near Ilminster up to the Dorset and Wiltshire borders as part of a wider scheme of improvements to the A303 and A358 including a dual carriageway to the M5, and safety improvements on the A303 between Southfields and Eagle Cross.

A copy of a letter from the Editor of the Western Gazette seeking the Town Council's support for this initiative is attached at page 5.

Council is **RECOMMENDED** to note this matter and to consider whether its response.

(Alan Tawse, Town Clerk – 01935 382424)

8. **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS**

(The Minutes of the following meetings are open to discussion. Where a Committee has made a recommendation that will be listed on a separate sheet circulated with the Agenda).

Planning and Licensing Committee

3 December 2012

9. **REPORTS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Yeovil Youth Council

26 November 2012

6 - 9

South Somerset Countryside Steering Group

6 December 2012

10 - 12

Members who represent the Town Council on Outside Bodies may wish to take the opportunity to report on any matters of interest.

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

List of Engagements attended/to be attended by His Worship The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis and the Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Manny Roper from 4 December 2012 – 5 February 2013

06/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended the Civic Players Theatre Production of 'Original Sin'.
06/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended Sunningdale Lodge for his annual Christmas Visit.
07/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended the Royal Mail Sorting Office with Rt Hon David Laws MP for their Christmas visit.
07/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended Yeovil District Hospital with Rt Hon David Laws MP for their Christmas visit.
07/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended the St Margaret's Hospice Rt Hon with David Laws MP for their Christmas visit.
07/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended Chard Council Carol Concert.
07/12/12	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Manny Roper attended Blandford Forum's Civic Christmas Carol Concert.
08/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended the Gryphon West Gym Club, Celebration Gala of Gymnastics
09/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Manny Roper attended the Yeovil Temple Salvation Army Carols at Christmas for the residents of local nursing homes
10/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended Cool Running's Nursing Home for his annual Christmas Visit.
10/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended The Knoll Nursing Home for his annual Christmas Visit.
11/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended Preston Park House Nursing Home for his annual Christmas Visit.
11/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended West Abbey Nursing Home for his annual Christmas Visit.
11/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended Compton View Nursing Home for his annual Christmas Visit.
12/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended Wyndham Court Nursing Home for his annual Christmas Visit.
12/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended Sherborne Care Home for his annual Christmas Visit.
12/12/12	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Manny Roper attended South Somerset Disability Forum coffee morning.
12/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis judged the Christmas Lights competition.
13/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended Ivelhurst Nursing Home Christmas party.
14/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended Grovelands Nursing Home for his annual Christmas Visit.
14/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended Tyndale and Latimer Lodge Nursing Homes for his annual Christmas Visit.
14/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended Park Lodge Nursing Home for his annual Christmas Visit.
14/12/12	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Manny Roper attended St Margaret's Hospice mulled wine & mince pie social event.

15/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended The Peoples Choir Christmas Concert at St John's Church
15/12/12	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Manny Roper attended the gala performance of Aladdin at the Octagon Theatre.
16/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil Councillor Clive Davis and the Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Councillor attended the Yeovil Temple Salvation Army Carols at Christmas concert at the Octagon Theatre.
17/12/12	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Councillor Manny Roper attended Milford Junior School Nativity Play
17/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended Holy Trinity School where he judged the work undertaken by years 5 & 6.
17/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil Councillor Clive Davis attended Portland Town Council Christmas Carol Concert
18/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil Councillor Clive Davis attended Shaftesbury Town Council's Civic Carol Concert.
19/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil Councillor Clive Davis attended Milford Junior School evening concert.
20/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended Malmsbury Court Christmas Party
20/12/12	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Councillor Manny Roper attended Chickerell Town Council Christmas Civic Service.
20/12/12	The Mayor of Yeovil Councillor Clive Davis attended Preston School Christmas Drama
23/12/12	The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Councillor Manny Roper attended Gillingham Civic Carol Service.
01/01/13	The Mayor of Yeovil Councillor Clive Davis attended the Judging of the Lions Club District Final of Young Ambassador of the Year
06/01/13	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis attended the Crewkerne Lions Club District final of Young Ambassador of the Year.
10/01/13	The Mayor of Yeovil Councillor Clive Davis and the Deputy Mayor, Manny Roper will attend Yeovil College Further Education Awards ceremony at Haselbury Mill
16/01/13	The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Clive Davis will be judging the entries at the Preston Academy Dragons Den event
25/01/13	The Mayor of Yeovil Councillor Clive Davis will attend the Chard Town Council CATS production of Cinderella

ES2012/21

28th November 2012

Dear Councillors

As you may be aware, the Western Gazette is running a campaign calling on the Government to fund multi-million pound improvements to the A303.

Ultimately, we are lobbying for the road to be made entirely dual carriageway from the Southfields roundabout near Ilminster up to the Dorset and Wiltshire borders as part of a wider scheme of improvements to the A303 and A358 including a dual carriageway to the M5, and safety improvements on the A303 between Southfields and Eagle Cross.

We believe this will not only save lives but will be worth billions to the Somerset and Dorset economy.

We are working with Somerset County Council, business leaders and our MPs in Somerset and Dorset to make this happen.

In just three weeks, more than 1,000 Western Gazette readers, including large numbers of Sherborne residents, have registered their support for the campaign.

Today we are asking all town and parish councillors if they wish to add the names of their respective authorities to our bid.

In the New Year we will be delivering our petition to the Prime Minister and Her Majesty's Government to show the wealth of support in Somerset and Dorset for the dualling of the A303.

If this is something your council feels it can support, you can do so by emailing me at editor@westgaz.co.uk or by way of letter to A303 campaign, Emma Slee, Editor, Western Gazette, Yeovil Innovation Centre, Barracks Close, Copse Road Yeovil, Somerset BA22 8RN.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'E Slee'.

Emma Slee
Editor

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Yeovil Youth Council** held in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil, on **Monday 26 November 2012**

(7.00pm – 8.15pm)

Present:

Rebecca Pitts (Vice-Chairman - in the Chair)
Isobel Brennan-Laird
Luke Brickley
Chloe Broadribb
David Cook
Natasha Dennington
Tamsin Eddey
Jibreel Kirkwood
Ryan McGuinn
Jayden Mills
Daisy Parsons
Isabella Tandy
Bethany Vince

Also Present:

Alan Tawse	Town Clerk
Kerry Gray	Yeovil Area Youth Worker (SCC)
Natalie Ross	Area South Community Development Worker (SSDC)

(1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman extended a welcome to Luke Brickley, David Cook, Natasha Dennington and Jibreel Kirkwood who had recently been elected to represent Park School and were attending their first meeting of the Youth Council.

(2) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Zoe Braddick, James Gard, Marti Guiver, Lydia Mealing, Lewis Turner, and Harriet Wadham.

(3) Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 October 2012, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(4) Youth Services Review

Kerry Gray and Natalie Ross attended the meeting to seek the views of the Youth Council on the future provision of youth services in the Yeovil area. It was indicated that this would assist the Steering Group of local authorities who were exploring the merits of adopting a structured approach to the possible delivery of identified youth services in this area.

As part of this process, the Steering Group had supported the need to carry out a formal consultation exercise to help establish the views of young people in the Yeovil area on the matter, and were keen to make a grant application to Somerset County Council (SCC) to obtain funding for this purpose.

Kerry outlined recent changes in the delivery of youth services in the Yeovil area and explained that part of her role was to help groups look at alternative ways of providing youth services in the future following the County Council's decision to support the transition of the delivery of youth work to the voluntary and community sector.

She emphasised the importance of seeking the views of young people on the future delivery of the service, the results of which would help to shape the nature and content of the service.

It was noted that earlier in the year, the Youth Council had been consulted on a review of youth services undertaken by Somerset County Council and, following discussion with their fellow students, they had identified a number of key elements of the youth service that they would wish to see continue:

- *Someone to talk to in a safe, happy and secure environment – in a Youth Centre, Advice and Information Bus or at a Drop In Centre, but not in school*
- *The need for appropriate advice on various issues affecting young people – including drug awareness and sexual health*
- *The importance of quality youth services delivered by trained professional staff able to communicate with young people of all abilities*
- *The need for youth services to be accessible by all young people*
- *Although Morley House is considered to be a useful resource, there is a need for local outreach work to be undertaken to reach young people who live outside the centre of Yeovil. It is suggested that costs could be saved by using existing community halls for this purpose.*

The Youth Council reiterated these views and reference was made to the possibility of some aspects of the service being provided on a 'pop-up' basis making access by young people much easier.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) that the above-outlined key elements of the service be re-affirmed as those that the Yeovil Youth Council would like to see continue;
- (3) that the possibility of some aspects of the service being provided on a 'pop-up' basis - making access by young people easier, be supported; and
- (4) that the following youth councillors meet with Alan, Kerry and Natalie in

the Town House at 7.00pm on Monday 10 December to assist with a grant application to Somerset County Council to help secure funding for a formal consultation exercise to be carried out to help establish the views of young people across the Yeovil area in relation to the future delivery of youth services in that area:

David Cook
Natasha Dennington
Lydia Mealing
Jayden Mills
Rebecca Pitts
Isabella Tandy
Bethany Vince

(5) Youth Opportunities Group

Reference was made to a number of items that had been discussed at the meeting on 12 November.

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted.

(6) Elections

Alan drew attention to the recent elections that had taken place at Park School and thanked all the students who had taken part, and the members of staff who had assisted with the arrangements.

He indicated that he had since approached the Students' Union at Yeovil College and was awaiting a reply with a view to setting up an early meeting to discuss their representation on the Youth Council.

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

(7) Schools' Update

Reference was made to the benefits of using the large information screens installed in schools to help provide information about the work of the Youth Council; to raise awareness about its role and to advise students on how to contact their youth councillors.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that youth councillors approach their relevant member of staff with a view to exploring ways by which the large information screens installed in schools could be used to help provide information about the work of the Youth Council, to raise awareness about its role and to advise students on

how to contact their youth councillors.

(8) Any Other Business

Yeovil Recreation Ground

Attention was also drawn to a damaged fence panel in the Multi-Use Games Area at Yeovil Recreation Ground, which Alan undertook to investigate with a view to arranging its repair at an early date.

Team Building Exercise

Following the recent elections at Park School, it was felt that the next meeting should take the form of a team-building exercise.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted; and
- (2) that arrangements be made for the next meeting of the Youth Council to take the form of a team-building exercise.

(9) Date of Next Meeting

IT WAS NOTED

that the next meeting of the Yeovil Youth Council, which would take the form of a team-building exercise, would take place at 7.00pm on Monday 21 January 2013.

Future Dates

Monday 18 February 2013
Monday 18 March 2013
Monday 15 April 2013

Chairman

South Somerset Countryside Steering Group

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 6th December 2012

Apologies: Sylvia Seal, Jack Frapple, Sue Osborne.

Present: Graham Forsyth, Robin Mackay, Nigel Mermagen, Oliver Edmonds, Katy Menday, Josie Miles, Dennis Pearce, Clive Hawkins, Alan Smith, Viv Keyte.

Minutes of last meeting

Designated Place of Public Order

- Friends of Yeovil Country Park Group supportive of implementation
- Whole of area South to be covered in pilot project
- We will need to put up signs in hotspots within the country park only
- Possibility of extending this to other areas once South completed e.g. Chard reservoir

Update from sites

Ham Hill

- Winter work started – all going well.
- Higher Level Stewardship officer from natural England happy with works but very unknown future at the moment re.funding for future years.
- £400 secured for Limekiln Survey (structural survey).
- Jon confirmed dormice on site.
- All stolen items replaced under SSDC insurance
- Trailer being made as part of insurance claim
- Alarm on containers now
- Permission for new small Car Park (near to Ham Hill Stone), but need to wait for agreement to be signed by Shuldhams land owner once processed by SSDC's Legal Team – this project should ease Car Parking issues.

Yeovil

- Laurel clearance in Ninesprings continues
- Lots of water at Riverside due to heavy rainfall
- Tree thinning at Riverside on going

Chard

- Tim done a good job managing the huge volume of water – no complaints.
- Huge amount of water – 6ft change in water levels.
- Katy will talk to Tim regarding drains and clearing of leaves on Highway– whose drains are they and are more required on Chaffcombe Road?
- No money to do fencing near angling Country Park at present, will need to wait until later in the year to assess budgets.

- Final draft of new map penal circulated for comments – comments/feedback received.
- Possibility of Sat Nav co-ordinates added to Map.
- Many developments and planning proposals on the cards for the area – Katy to send courtesy email to Andrew Gunn (Planning Officer), and ensure that we have the opportunity to comment – a lot more houses will increase surface water runoff and impact upon the reservoir.
- Issues regarding water quality – Wessex Water dealing with immediate issues along with Oliver Hill from the Environment Agency. Both parties are looking at longer term measures and solutions.
- “Yellow fishes” project proposed for Chard next year- high profile media activity for upper primary school age – will also integrate to Chard Fayre. <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/pollution/water/120363.aspx>

Eastfield

- Natural England funding Higher Level Stewardship on site will help further scrub clearance and faster grassland restoration.
- High potential for Large Blue Butterfly Colonisation.

Management plan reviews

Olly is currently working on the Yeovil Management Plan review. At the February meeting Olly will present the proposed Aims and Objectives for Yeovil for the next 5 years for the group to comment upon. Olly will then move on to work on the Ham Hill review.

Events

- Some had to be cancelled in 2012 due to awful summer weather, but we were lucky on major fayre event days with fine weather.
- The whole event operation is a cost neutral exercise.
- Next year’s events will be aimed at a similar aged audience – most play schemes work best for younger primary aged pupils.
- The Yeovil Halloween trail was big success and we will run similar self-guided events next year, with donation buckets.
- We intend to have a bonfire on Nov 5 at Ham Hill in the stone circle in the early evening.
- Event list was circulated to all members present.

Delivery Plan

- Risk assessments are now all held centrally online – so can be checked more frequently.
- SSDC are starting work towards a Green Infra structure strategy. This document is aimed to assist in the planning process and will identify areas of wildlife value and biodiversity value and aim to provide better protection from development and also help make important green links and corridors for people and wildlife through the

planning process. Work will commence in the New Year – hopefully it will allow our sites to become more important strategically – it will enable us to justify that they are key elements of an ecological network and may also assist in securing off site financial provision when new developments' are proposed.

- Ash die back disease – no signs yet, but remaining vigilant – signs up advising users of need to check boots/buggies etc. on website.
- Webpage refresh. We have had the web pages re-designed so they are more reflective of our work and include the social media feeds from facebook and twitter. If you have any local stories or images that we would use please do drop us a line. The new pages should be live by Feb 2013.
- Langport Visitor Centre is now closed – the rangers will continue to manage the cycle path from Langport to Muchelney.

Dates of Next Meetings

- Thursday 14th February – Yeovil Country Park and then meeting at Brympton Way.
- Thursday 16th May – Ham Hill
- Thursday 12th September – Chard
- Thursday 12th December – Brympton Way.

AoB

- No further damage to trees from in ring barking in Ninesprings, Rachael's letter to local residents appears to have worked.
- Countryside are working with Street Scene to secure the management of River side Park from the Wyndham Park development.