

## YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 4 June 2013**

(7.30pm – 8.25pm)

### **Present:**

Manny Roper – Mayor	Dave Greene
Martin Bailey	John Hann
Kris Castle	Kaysar Hussain
Philip Chandler	Andrew Kendall
Tristan Cobb	Mike Lock
Leah Cross	Tony Lock
Clive Davis	David Recardo
Bridget Dollard	Darren Shutler
David Dollard	Alan Smith
Jon Gleeson	

### **Also present:**

Alan Tawse	Town Clerk
Maureen Pasmore	Joint Chief Executive Officer - SSVCA

*(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:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Yeovil May Festival	£500	Towards the purchase of a replacement piano
Yeovil Shopmobility	£4,500	Towards the costs of purchasing replacement equipment
Yeovil Judokai	£1,500	Towards replacement mats

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the members of the public.

### **8/320 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meetings held on 7 May (adjourned) and 14 May (reconvened) 2013, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

### **8/321 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Brock, J Vincent Chainey, Tony Fife, Peter Gubbins and Wes Read.

8/322 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

8/323 **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.

8/324 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following item of correspondence:

- South Somerset Countryside Steering Group – Delivery Plan 2013/14

8/325 **SOUTH SOMERSET ASSOCIATION FOR VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ACTION**

Maureen Pasmore - Joint Chief Executive Officer of the South Somerset Association for Voluntary and Community Action (SSVCA) gave a presentation on the work carried out by the Association; its aims and objectives and its plans for the future. (A copy of the slides used during her presentation is attached to these Minutes).

Maureen outlined the core functions of the organisation, which included the Furnicare (furniture recycling) initiative and the provision of community transport. She explained how these activities were currently delivered and how the Association planned to meet future needs.

This included a restructuring of the service by updating the Furnicare operation and developing the nature and range of the community transport service. At the same time, more efforts would be put into fundraising, responding to opportunities and developing representation and support for the voluntary sector.

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the long-term funding plans of the Association. Maureen indicated that one of the key aims of the restructuring exercise was to reduce operating costs. It was likely that more use would be made of volunteers in the future to help achieve this objective. She added that the restructure was expected to be completed by April 2014.

Maureen undertook to ensure that the contribution made by the Town Council towards its running costs was effectively publicised and clarified a number of points regarding staff costings, consultancy costs and legal/professional fees.

Reference was also made to the need to ensure that the charges for community transport were set at an affordable level and that it met the needs of individual and groups in the community. Maureen indicated that better co-ordination of this service would help to achieve improvements, along with opportunities to raise additional revenue from tendering for transport contracts.

The Mayor thanked Maureen for her interesting and informative presentation, and it was

## **RESOLVED**

that the matter be noted.

### **8/326 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**

8 May 2013  
22 May 2013

#### **Grounds and General Maintenance Committee**

13 May 2013

#### **Promotions and Activities Committee**

20 May 2013

## **RESOLVED**

that the recommendations of the Members present at the above meeting be approved and adopted.

#### **Buildings and Civic Matters Committee**

23 May 2013

#### **Policy, Resources and Finance Committee**

28 May 2013

Minute 8/183 – NALC Conference 2013

## **RESOLVED**

that approval be given to the attendance of Martin Bailey, Philip Chandler and the Town Clerk at the above Conference in Bristol on 19 September 2013.

### **8/327 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 Twinning Association**

14 April 2013

## **South Somerset Countryside Steering Group**

16 May 2013

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

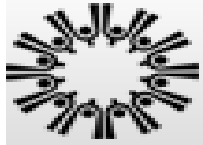
Jon Gleeson referred to a South Somerset Community Youth Networking Event that he and Alan Smith had attended on 22 May at which the Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset had given a presentation. He added that there had been a good response to the Yeovil area youth services consultation exercise that had been carried out in recent months.

David Recardo referred to the Yeovil in Bloom initiative and gave details of the forthcoming summer bedding plans and the annual bulb giveaway.

### **8/328 PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the members of the public.

Mayor



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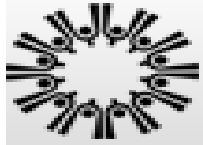
# South Somerset Association for Voluntary & Community Action Ltd

“Supporting the Community  
within South Somerset”

Yeovil Town Council – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Maureen Pasmore, Joint CEO





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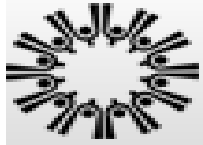
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### **3 core functions**

- Voluntary sector support – Grant funded by SSDC
- Furniture Recycling – Furnicare – Chard and Yeovil
- Community Transport
  - Minibuses – operating out of Chard and Yeovil
  - Slinky Bus – Chard & Ilminster
  - Community Cars – Volunteer drivers
  - South Somerset Links – Accessible MPVs and volunteer drivers





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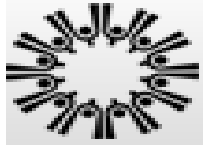
### **Mission**

To provide support and representation for community organisations and to provide furniture reuse services and accessible transport to residents of South Somerset.

**Furniture reuse** – membership is only available for individuals on low incomes

**Community Transport** – is targeted at people who don't have access to transport or who cannot access the transport available





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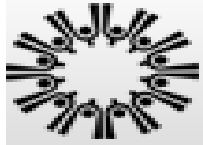
### **Community Transport**

- [Yeovil] 12 minibuses and 1 MPV – all wheelchair accessible
- [Yeovil] 40 volunteer drivers
- [ South Somerset Links] – 5 MPV – all wheelchair accessible  
and 4 volunteer drivers

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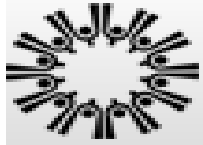
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## Issues

- Costs of providing the services
- Competition
- Investment and fund raising
- Filling the gap in services
- Meeting needs and expectations
- Target customers





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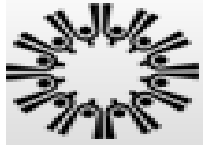
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## **Future Plans**

- Restructuring the service to meet future needs**
- Updating Furnicare**
  - New Trading arm**
  - White Goods/ new furniture**
  - Centralising systems – Delivery/Collection**
  - Improving store display areas**
  - Increasing volunteering opportunities**





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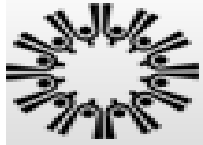
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## **Future Plans ctd**

### **Community Transport**

- Improving service in Chard and Ilminster
- Increased targeting of services e.g. health appointments, support for carers
- Dial a ride services
- Newer/smaller vehicles





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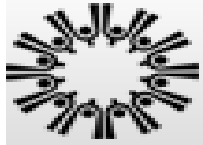
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## **Future Plans ctd**

- Fundraising**
- Responding to opportunities**
- Growing the representation and support for the voluntary sector**
- Meeting the needs of South Somerset residents**





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**A big thank you for your generous grant of £1500 towards  
the work of SSVCA**

**Thank you for listening  
Any Questions?**

