

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **BUILDINGS AND CIVIC MATTERS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil, on **Tuesday 20 May 2014**

(7.00pm to 7.55pm)

Present:

Andrew Kendall – Chairman
Bridget Dollard
Dave Greene
Peter Gubbins
John Hann
Tony Lock

Also Present:

Sally Freemantle – Assistant Town Clerk
Andrea Bowditch – PCSO

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

8/241 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 March 2014, copies of which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8/242 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Wes Read and Darren Shutler. Sergeant Richard Barnett also sent his apologies, and PCSO Andrea Bowditch was in attendance.

8/243 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

8/244 CORRESPONDENCE

The Assistant Town Clerk informed the Committee that an email had been received from Traffic Management at Somerset County Council explaining that the planned lining work and new signs at St John's Road would be implemented within the next three months.

RESOLVED

that the correspondence be noted.

8/245 **REPRESENTATIVE FROM AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE CONSTABULARY**

Sergeant Richard Barnett was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting. However, PCSO Andrea Bowditch was in attendance to note any questions or issues and refer them back to her colleagues. The issue raised was concern about unauthorised traffic in pedestrianised areas in the Town Centre, and a question was raised about the authority of Police Community Speed Watch.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the PCSO refer the above comments to the Beat Sergeant.

8/246 **WEST COKER ROAD**

It was explained to the PCSO that the Highways Authority had consulted the Police on the request for pedestrian refuges along West Coker Road. The comments received from the Police via the Highways Authority had included the following statement *“that the A30 West Coker Road is a major abnormal load route to the Dorset area, the majority of these abnormal loads are 3.95m wide but some can be up to 4.8m wide. Therefore, the provision of refuges along this route would prevent these movements and unfortunately there is no alternative...”*

PCSO Andrea Bowditch was therefore requested to ask her colleagues what criteria the Police used to object to the requested pedestrian refuges along West Coker Road.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) that the PSCO refer the question to the relevant Police department, and their response be reported to a future meeting; and
- (3) that PCSO Andrea Bowditch be thanked for her attendance at the meeting at short notice.

8/247 **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES**

The Committee considered the report and the Speed Indicator Device results (agenda item 7 refers)

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted and that the results for a Speed Indicator Device at St John’s Road (planned to be installed end May) be awaited.

8/248 **BEST VALUE**

The Committee considered the report by the Town Clerk (agenda item 8 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted;
- (2) that the achievements of 2013/14 be noted and a target be set of achieving a minimum of a gold rating for the Peter Street and Petters Way public toilets for the forthcoming year; and
- (3) that the Committee notes the increase in the booking level of Monmouth Hall following the implementation of the publicity proposals and the introduction of a revised pricing strategy, and seeks to continue to achieve a long-term level of bookings of 250 over the forthcoming year.

8/249 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2014**

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 February to 31 March 2014 (agenda item 9 refers).

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statement be noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

8/250 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded 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 would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

8/251 **PRESTON PLUCKNETT WAR MEMORIAL**

The Committee considered the confidential report by the Assistant Town Clerk (agenda item 10 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the recommendations set out in the report.

8/252 **CCTV MONITORING**

The Committee considered the confidential reports (agenda item 11 refers).

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

Chairman

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27/5/14