

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **YEOVIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** held in the Sanctuary, Yeovil Baptist Church, South Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 6 May 2014**

(7.00pm to 8.04pm)

Present:

Manny Roper – Mayor	John Hann
Martin Bailey	Kaysar Hussain
Philip Chandler	Mike Lock
Clive Davis	Tony Lock
Bridget Dollard	Wes Read
David Dollard	Darren Shutler
Tony Fife	Alan Smith
Dave Greene	

Officers:

Alan Tawse – Town Clerk

(Prior to the start of the meeting, the Mayor's Chaplain led all those in attendance in prayers).

1. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 May 2013, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Kris Castle, J Vincent Chainey, Tristan Cobb, John Gleeson, Peter Gubbins, Andrew Kendall and David Recardo.

3. **MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

The Mayor of Yeovil, Manny Roper, welcomed those present to the meeting.

He then made a speech and gave a presentation, which outlined the Town Council's main achievements over the past year and the significant civic events that had taken place during this period.

He concluded by thanking the Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, the Members and Staff of the Council, his Chaplain, his Cadets and his family and friends for all their help and support over the previous twelve months.

4. **ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES 2013/14**

The Chairmen of the various Committees of the Council each gave a brief presentation on the main activities and achievements of their respective Committees during 2013/14. Details of each Committee's activities and achievements were set out in the Council's Annual Report, copies of which

were circulated at the meeting and are attached to the official minute book and may be viewed on the Town Council's website by clicking on the following weblink: www.yeoviltown.com/sites/YeovilTownCouncil/816.aspx

5. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2013/14**

The Financial Statement for 2013/14, as submitted, was noted.

6. **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Graham Voizey referred to the exemplary way in which the Mayor and the Mayoress had carried out their duties over the past twelve months. He added that this view was shared by many local people who had asked him to pass on their congratulations and their thanks for the work that they had undertaken and the contribution they had made.

7. **MAYOR'S CHARITY**

The Mayor indicated that during the year a total of £17,001 had been raised on behalf of his chosen charity – the Flying Colours Appeal.

He then presented a cheque in this sum to a representative of the charity - who thanked the Mayor for his outstanding contribution, and for all the hard work that he had undertaken during the course of the year to raise funds, and to promote and publicise the charity.

The representative indicated that the contribution would provide valuable assistance towards the future development of the initiative.

8. **MAYOR'S AWARD 2014**

The Mayor indicated that after giving much consideration to the nominations received, he had decided that this year's award would be made to someone who had given almost 50 years of service to the community in the Town.

He explained that the award was in recognition of the caring and selfless way in which the nominee had served the people of Yeovil seeking no praise or reward for the many duties and responsibilities that she had willingly undertaken on behalf of a number of local organisations over this time.

He added that many individuals had benefited from her past and ongoing work, and that she had played a major role in the successful development and operation of the local branch of St John Ambulance.

Some key paragraphs from the citation were read out at the meeting.

The Mayor indicated that it gave him great pleasure to announce that this year's award would go to Patricia Rendell in recognition of her outstanding service to the community. Patricia received the award and thanked the Mayor.