

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 18 November 2014**

(7.00pm to 8.15pm)

Present:

Bridget Dollard – In the Chair
Martin Bailey
Bridget Dollard
Peter Gubbins
John Hann
Mike Lock
Tony Lock
Wes Read
Darren Shutler

Also Present:

Sergeant Richard Barnett - Avon and Somerset Constabulary
Police Constable Amanda Thomas – Avon and Somerset Constabulary
Sally Freemantle – Assistant Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the members of the public.

8/277 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 September 2014, copies of which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8/278 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Dave Greene and Andrew Kendall.

8/279 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

8/280 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

8/281 **SPORTS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The Committee considered the update report by the Senior Sport and Healthy Lifestyles Officer (agenda item 5 refers) who verbally updated Members on the future plans which included a bid for delivery of the Healthy Weight Commissioning Contract for South Somerset; continued work on Badminton services following an award from Badminton England; and a Great British Tennis weekend at Yeovil Recreation Centre (part of a National Initiative). He added that a very successful athletics family day had taken place at the athletics arena and that investigations were taking place regarding the feasibility of shared use of the club house. The Sports Development Team was also looking onto the long term facilities for Westlands Cricket club.

The Senior Sport and Healthy Lifestyles Officer was thanked for his report and discussion took place regarding some of the facilities in the Town including the Pitch and Putt, mini golf and Birchfield Park Trim Trail. It was agreed that Yeovil residents have a wide choice of good facilities and activities to choose from.

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

8/282 **REPRESENTATIVE FROM AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE CONSTABULARY**

The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Rich Barnett and Police Constable Amanda Thomas who explained that Police Constable Thomas as the Beat Manager for the town centre worked as part of the "One Team" to manage the central area of Yeovil, and Sergeant Barnett managed the outer part of Yeovil. The Sergeant and Officer each outlined the work that had been carried out in recent months and there was an explanation regarding the change in powers for the Police which included the replacement of ASBO's with CBO's

Discussion took place with Members regarding a number of issues including speeding vehicles, drugs, legal highs, drinking on the streets and a burglary spike. It was noted that whilst residents were encouraged to participate in Neighbourhood Watch schemes there had been no take up. With regard to the change in staffing levels it was agreed that developments were an improvement and the partnership working with Enforcement Officers at County and District level was an excellent way forward.

Members thanked the Police Officer and Sergeant for their informative report and attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

8/283 PARKING ISSUES IN GLENTHORNE AVENUE

The Committee considered the report by the Assistant Town Clerk (agenda item 7 refers) who read out an email from the resident of Glenthorne Avenue and circulated pictures which had been attached to the email demonstrating the severity of the problem. Discussion took place with the Police Sergeant and Officer present regarding the best way to deal with the contraventions of the road traffic regulations and Members were reminded that following the decriminalisation of parking, County Council Enforcement Officers were required to take action on the drivers of vehicles parking on double yellow lines, whilst the Police could address those parking on the yellow zig zags outside the school. The proposed combined approach was welcomed by Members.

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted

8/284 SPEEDING ISSUES AT GREENHILL ROAD/SUNNINGDALE ROAD

The Committee considered the report by the Assistant Town Clerk (agenda item 8 refers) and discussion took place with the Police Sergeant and Officer. It was felt that the parked vehicles would cause a chicane effect, slowing moving vehicles by their presence, however the views of the residents were also taken into consideration and investigation into the feasibility of speed reduction measures on Greenhill Road from Monmouth Road to Sunningdale Road was agreed.

RESOLVED

(1) that matters be noted; and

(2) that investigation take place into the feasibility of speed reduction measures on Greenhill Road from Monmouth Road to Sunningdale Road.

8/285 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

The Committee noted that the Speed Indicator Device was due in West Coker Road, Preston Road and Lysander Road in November, and Goldcroft in December (agenda item 9 refers).

RESOLVED

that matters be noted.

8/286 TOWN TWINNING – TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

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

RESOLVED

that matter be noted.

8/287 SOUTHWOODS PUBLIC PAYPHONE KIOSK

The Committee considered the report by the Assistant Town Clerk (agenda item 11 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that matters be noted;
- (2) that no objection be raised to the removal of the public payphone kiosk at Southwoods; and
- (3) that no objection be raised to the removal of the litter bin.

8/288 COMMUNITY HALL CHARGES

The Committee considered the report by the Assistant Town Clerk (agenda item 12 refers) and it was suggested that the Proposed Rate of Hire be rounded down to £13.00 for commercial organisations/persons and rounded down to £6.00 for Private Functions.

RESOLVED

- (1) that matters be noted; and
- (2) that the proposed charges set out in the report to be introduced on 1 April 2015 be supported, subject to the rounding down of the Proposed Rate of Hire to £13.00 for commercial organisations/persons and £6.00 for Private Functions .

8/289 COMMITTEE REVENUE ESTIMATES – 2015/16

The Committee considered the report by the Town Clerk (agenda item 13 refers). It was explained that the Promotions and Activities Committee had discussed and agreed to move the “Town Centre Enhancements” budget allocation to an alternative appropriate Committee and that this matter would be referred to the forthcoming Policy, Resources and Finance meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Budget Strategy drawn up by the Finance Working Group be noted and supported;
- (2) that the Draft Estimates, attached as an appendix hereto, be supported and referred to the Policy Resources and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (3) that the notes on the proposed budget allocations be noted.

(Martin Bailey requested that his vote against the passing of the above resolution be recorded)

8/290 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2014**

The Committee considered the financial statement for the period 1 August to 30 September 2014 (agenda item 14 refers).

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statement be noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

8/291 **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.

8/292 **CCTV MONITORING/ENHANCEMENT**

The Committee considered the confidential report (agenda item 15 refers).

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

Chairman

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YEovil TOWN COUNCIL - ESTIMATES

BUILDINGS AND CIVIC MATTERS COMMITTEE

		YEAR 2013/14		YEAR 2014/15		YEAR 2015/16			
NOTES	Item	Allocated	Spent	Allocated	1/2 year	Full year	Estimated	Estimated	To be
					spent	estimated	over		
					30.09.14	spend to	spent	spent	
						31.03.15			
INCOME 2014/15	Yeovil Town Band - Sponsorship	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000			3,000
1/2 Year 30/09/14	Litter/Grit bins	650	732	670	0	670			680
Monmouth Hall	1,882 Monmouth Hall	15,970	12,676	16,290	5,805	16,290			16,620
Milford Hall	8,628 Town House (excluding services)	6,120	6,334	6,250	2,951	6,250			6,380
Town House	680 Town House - business rates	10,280	10,362	10,570	6,364	10,570			10,790
Library	0 Town House - water charges	320	267	330	133	330			340
	Town House - electricity	1,580	1,385	1,400	541	1,400			1,430
1/2 year	9,308 Town House - gas	1,800	1,846	2,040	793	2,040			2,080
	Town House - repairs and maintenance	3,150	2,218	3,220	1,336	3,220			3,290
	Civic Items (Town Twinning)	210	0	210	18	210			0
ESTIMATED INCOME	Sports Development Officer (SSDC)	2,040	2,000	2,080	0	2,080			2,120
2014/15	War memorials	320	0	330	0	330			0
Monmouth Hall	3,500 Public noticeboards	320	0	330	0	330			340
Milford Hall	17,340 Community safety	4,830	0	4,930	0	4,930			5,030
Town House	1,360 CCTV	30,600	30,600	31,220	15,610	31,220			31,850
Library	1,800 Millennium Clock	280	239	290	0	290			300
	Transport support	4,290	0	4,380	0	4,380			4,470
Yr to 31/03/15	24,000 Public toilets - Peter Street	17,150	15,338	17,500	8,878	17,500			17,860
	Public toilets - Petters Way	0	7,579	4,400	5,119	4,400			8,980
	Milford Hall	22,100	29,247	22,550	11,976	22,550			23,000
ESTIMATED INCOME									
2015/16									
Monmouth Hall	3,570								
Milford Hall	17,690								
Town House	1,390								
Library	1,840								
Est. 2015/16	24,490								
	Total expenditure	125,010	123,823	131,990	62,524	131,990	0	0	138,560
Notes							Estimated underspend (-)		0
									138,560
1	Transport Support budget to meet cost of contributions towards new bus shelters and related matters						Estimated 2015/16 income		24,490
2	Estimated additional costs of operating the Petters Way Public Toilets (£8,509) to be met from earmarked reserves.								114,070
3	SCC funding for deleg functions (removal of highway obstructions) withdrawn from April 2014						+ contingencies @ 5%		5,704
									119,774