

## 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 November 2014**

(7.30pm – 8.25pm)

### **Present:**

Mike Lock – Mayor	Andrew Kendall
Martin Bailey	Tony Lock
John Clark	Sarah Lowery
Philip Chandler	Wes Read
Jon Gleeson	Manny Roper
Peter Gubbins	Wes Read
Kaysar Hussain	Alan Smith

### **Also present:**

Alan Tawse	Town Clerk
Sue Ripley	Chairperson of Yeovil, Sherborne and District Branch of Cruse
John Brookes	Treasurer of Yeovil, Sherborne and District Branch of Cruse

*(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).*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from members of the public.

### **GRANTS**

The Mayor presented a grant cheque to a representative of each of the following organisations for the purposes indicated:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Golden Oldies	£480	Community transport costs
Somerset Area Cruse Bereavement Care	£1,000	General running costs

### 8/508 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 October 2014, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

### 8/509 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Kris Castle, J Vincent Chainey, Bridget Dollard, David Dollard, Tony Fife, Dave Greene, John Hann, Sophie Phillips and David Recardo.

### 8/510 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## 8/511 **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.

It was noted that the Mayor would also be attending a wreath laying service organised by the Royal British Legion at Yeovil Cemetery during the afternoon on Remembrance Sunday.

## 8/512 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk reported that, in addition to the items of correspondence that had been circulated to Members by email since the last Town Council meeting, the following item had been received:

- Journal of the Tree Foundation – September 2014

## 8/513 **SOMERSET AREA CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE**

Sue Ripley – Chairperson of the Yeovil, Sherborne and District Branch of Somerset Area Cruse Bereavement Care gave a presentation on the Branch's achievements over the past year and its plans for the future. (A copy of the slides used during her presentation is attached to these Minutes).

She began by outlining the aims and objectives of the Organisation and the area that the Branch served. Details of the local and national support structure that had been put in place by Cruse were outlined at the meeting along with a summary of the income and expenditure in Somerset.

Reference was made to the Organisation's future plans, which included the development of the existing service for children and young people. It was pointed out that the services offered by Cruse were free of charge and that trained bereavement officers usually supported clients in their own home.

Sue also gave examples of feedback that had been received from users of the service, which she explained helped to evaluate its delivery and future planning, and she distributed a factsheet available to general practitioners – to assist with referrals - and a new leaflet that set out the help available from the Organisation.

During the ensuing discussion, Members expressed their support of the work undertaken by Somerset Area Cruse Bereavement Care and its plans for the future. The new leaflet was welcomed and it was suggested that it be made widely available to the public in appropriate locations.

Attention was drawn to the other local authorities in the area that the Organisation served, which might be in a position to contribute towards its operation and future development.

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

## **RESOLVED**

that the matter be noted.

### **8/514 YEOVIL CENTRAL ONE TEAM**

The Council considered the report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 7 refers)

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that Tony Lock be appointed to represent the Town Council on the Strategy Board for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2014/15.

### **8/515 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**

6 October 2014  
20 October 2014

### **8/516 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:

#### **South Somerset Countryside Steering Group**

18 September 2014

Members noted the updates from the various sites and requested that a number of points be clarified.

The first issue concerned the minutes of the previous meeting regarding the "additional land at Riverside, Yeovil". Clarification was sought of the precise location of this land and the Parish Council which it was hoped would become its owner.

Details of the "Green Infrastructure Project", which was similarly raised under the discussion about the previous minutes, were also requested.

The Town Clerk undertook to clarify both of these points with the Countryside Manager and to circulate her response.

#### **Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee**

15 October 2014

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

The following questions were raised about The Somerset Challenge initiative and its impact on Reckleford Community School:

- Definition of the aims and objectives of the initiative, and how their achievement will be measured
- Clarification of the role of the Governors at the School in respect of this initiative
- Anticipated impact of the initiative on the children who attend the School and how this will be monitored

Alan Smith, who currently serves as a governor at the School, undertook to provide the Town Clerk with information in response to circulate to all Members ahead of the next meeting of the Town Council.

Manny Roper referred to a recent meeting that he had attended in his new capacity as a parish tree warden, which had included an assessment of the Town's tree stock and the scope for future tree planting.

Jon Gleeson drew attention to a recent meeting of the Birchfield Community Association at which a discussion had taken place about the future composition of the Organisation.

Phil Chandler referred to efforts being made by the Newtown Tenants and Residents Association Management Committee, in conjunction with Yeovil Police, to encourage the expansion of the neighbourhood watch scheme in the local area.

#### 8/517 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from members of the public.

Mayor

# Somerset Area

# Cruse Bereavement Care



# About Cruse...



- UK's leading bereavement charity
- “Somewhere to turn when someone dies”
- Founded in 1959
- Champions the needs of bereaved people
- Provides a free service to the bereaved

# Geographical Coverage

- Over 70 Areas /Branches in England, Wales and Northern Ireland
- A sister organisation in Scotland



# Somerset Area



Local services include:

- One-to-one, face-to face support - Adults and Children
- One-to-one telephone support - Adults
- Somerset Suicide Bereavement Service (SSBS)
- Groups - Adults
- Information - e.g. leaflets

# Support Services 2



Provided nationally by Cruse Bereavement Care

- National Helpline
- Email support
- Websites - [www.cruse.org.uk](http://www.cruse.org.uk) and for children and young people [www.RD4U.org.uk](http://www.RD4U.org.uk)

Each Area raises most of its own funds.

In Somerset we need to raise about £50k each year.

Our sources are:

- Somerset CCG - £25k = 50%
- SCC Public Health (for SSBS) £6k = 12%
- Local Authorities - £4k = 8%
- Client donations and fundraising - £7k = 14%
- Central Cruse - £5k = 10%
- Other including legacies - £3k = 6%

# Annual Expenditure



2 Part time staff (1 FTE) - £21k

Office costs, rent, phone, postage & stationery - £6.5k

Volunteer travelling expenses - £8.4k

Training and literature - £1.5k

Proportion of Central Cruse costs - £10.4k

Other - £2.2k

**TOTAL - £50k**

# Plans for the Future

- Continue to work together with other organisations in Somerset to promote the welfare of bereaved people.
- Maintain progress in reducing waiting lists.
- Develop existing service for children and young people
- Research local or Regional implementation of email support

# Evaluating our Service



- *Most helpful was being able to be seen in my own home.*
- *Being able to speak quite openly and freely with my bereavement volunteer on any aspect of my present condition - she was of great benefit to me!*
- *I would just like to thank Cruse for the help that I was given it has made a huge change to my life for the better, I finally feel like some days I can start smiling again*
- *The gentleman who took my sessions was amazing he made it so easy, relaxing and comfortable to talk, I managed to find emotions and feelings I never knew I had. I am so grateful for all that he did.*
- *I just want to thank Cruse for all of the help and support you have all provided. You really have helped me to start to move on with my life after losing my father.*

Thank You  
Any Questions?

