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The Meeting... **Yeovil Town Council**

The Time... **6.30pm**

The Date... **Tuesday 9 September 2014**

The Place... **Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil**

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Town Clerk

03 September 2014

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YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

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Equality Act 2010

The *general* public sector equality duty places an obligation on a wide range of public bodies (including town and parish councils) in the exercise of their functions to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

The protected characteristics are:

Age

Disability

Gender Reassignment

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Pregnancy and Maternity

Race

Religion or Belief

Sex

Sexual Orientation

A G E N D A

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

1. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 September 2014.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. MARLIE PACKER

Under the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), town councils are empowered to confer the title of “honorary freeman” or “honorary freewoman” on persons of distinction, and persons who have, in the opinion of the council, rendered eminent services to the local area.

In accordance with the Act, the Town Council needs to convene a meeting specially for the purpose with notice of the object, and a resolution needs to be passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon conferring the title on such persons.

Yeovil-born Marlie Packer has represented her country at international level for a number of years and she played a key role in England’s victory in last month’s final of the 2014 Women’s Rugby World Cup Tournament, which was held in Paris.

Marlie began her rugby career at the age of 5 with local club, the Ivel Barbarians where she spent the following 13 years. She then moved to Bath before joining Bristol in 2009. She has been voted the England Players’ Player in the 2012 Six Nations Championship and was Bristol’s Personality of the Year in 2011.

Schooled at Birchfield, Buckler’s Mead and Yeovil College, Marlie is a trained plumber and has worked in that skilled profession for a number of years - both in Yeovil and in London - where she now plays in the position of Flanker for Wasps RUFC.

As well as undertaking her plumbing work, she has represented England U19, U20 and England A before winning a full cap when England beat Sweden 80-3 in the European Championships in Limoges in May 2008. At the age of 24, she had been capped 28 times for England, and her achievement in winning a World Cup medal in last month’s final represents many years’ dedication and hard work.

The Town Council have unanimously recommended that, as a person of distinction, Marlie Packer be made an Honorary Freewoman of the Town of Yeovil - in recognition of her outstanding achievements in the field of rugby union. In accordance with the statutory provisions, this special meeting needs to consider and determine whether to support and approve this recommendation.

The Town Council is **RECOMMENDED** to consider this proposal.

(Alan Tawse, Town Clerk – 01935 382424)

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