



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the virtual meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 1st September 2020 at 7.30pm held by video-conference using Zoom meeting software.

Present: Cllrs D Recardo (Chairman and Mayor); O Darling-Finan; N Gage; K Gill; D Gubbins; P Gubbins; G Hunting; K Hussain; A Kendall; T Ledlie; M Lock; P Lock; T Lock; J Lowery; S Lowery; G Oakes; E Potts-Jones; A Richards (from 7:45pm); A Soughton; R Spinner; R Stickland and H Stonier.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk); and M Beales BEM (co-opted Councillor candidate).

There was no members of the public and one member of the press present.

Public Comment

7:30pm *The meeting commenced.*

10/118 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Council to receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons given. LGA 1972 s85(1)
Apologies were received from: W Read (conflicting engagement).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

10/119 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

Cllr D Recardo declared in a personal interest in 10/121 – Co-option Yeovil College Ward, in that he was a friend of one of the candidates, so would be abstaining from the vote.

10/120 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 4th August 2020.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 4th August 2020 and that they be signed as a correct record at the next appropriate opportunity.

10/121 CO-OPTION – WYNDHAM HILL WARD

Members to consider the report of the Town Clerk regarding the Co-option for the Wyndham Hill Ward. The Mayor, Cllr D Recardo updated Council, that both Jennifer Miles-Byrd and Karen Stutz had withdrawn their applications due to personal reasons. He confirmed that there were now just two candidates: Michael Beales BME and Ashley Richards. Each candidate spoke to support their application. Both candidates were proposed by Cllr G Oakes and seconded by Cllr R Stickland. A vote was then taken on the two nominations.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the report; and (2) that Ashley Richard be co-opted onto the Town Council to represent Wyndham Hill Ward (*voting: 16 for A Richards; 3 for M Beales; 2 abstentions*).

Ashley Richards, who attended the meeting, thanked the Council and made a verbal Declaration of Acceptance of Office, (The Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be signed at the next appropriate opportunity).

10/122 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Cllr D Recardo welcomed Cllr O Darling-Finan to her first full meeting of Yeovil Town Council.

RESOLVED: to note the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming appointments and engagements.

10/123 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

Planning Committee – 13th July 2020

Presented by Cllr Graham Oakes. There were no questions.

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee

Cllr A Kendall announced that Cllr P Lock was now a member of the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above Committee be accepted together with any resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

10/124 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Members who represent the Town Council on Outside Bodies were invited to take the opportunity to report on any matters of interest.

There were no reports from any outside body.

10/125 YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL'S APPROACH DURING COVID-19

The Town Clerk introduced the report regarding the Town Council's approach during COVID-19. Questions were asked about elements of the report. The Town Clerk re-iterated that the Council was in a very good position should there be another wave of COVID-19 to continue

operations. She assured Council that risks were continuously assessed and that the Public Health Guidance was reviewed upon each update.

The Officers were reviewing the guidance for Community Halls so that they could be re-opened safely. The Town Clerk stated that the responsibility for use of the Community Halls fell both with the Town Council and the hirer.

RESOLVED: to note the report.

10/126 FORWARD PLAN

The Town Clerk would continue to liaise with the organisations listed within the agenda for a representative to give a presentation at their earliest convenience to Town Council.

The Mayor, Cllr D Recardo informed Councillors that there would be Special Town Council meeting to be held on 8th September 2020 at 7:30pm, where the Chief Executive of South Somerset District Council would be in attendance to discuss the “Stronger Somerset” business case.

RESOLVED: to approve the forward plan.

Public Comment

There were no public.

The meeting closed at 8:14pm.

Signed:

Date: