



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the virtual meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 1st December 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; S Lowery; G Oakes; E Potts-Jones; W Read; A Richards; A Soughton; R Spinner; R Stickland and H Stonier.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk); Chief Inspector Sharon Baker (Local Policing Area Commander, East Somerset (South Somerset & Mendip) Avon & Somerset Police); and Rev J Pearce.

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

Public Comment

Chief Inspector Sharon Baker (Local Policing Area Commander, East Somerset (South Somerset & Mendip) Avon & Somerset Police) delivered a presentation on the work of the police within Yeovil.

She highlighted the members of the local team. They are awaiting confirmation of the sergeant and they now have a PCSO Supervisor. Police Teams for local areas can be found on www.avonandsomerset.police.uk.

The Chief Inspector referred to a new app which makes analytics available very quickly to the local beat team. She stressed the importance of reporting crime and this informed where the demand was required. She said that reporting on social media but not directly to the police created a lack of confidence in the police and was not always based on fact. The Chief Inspector invited Councillors to form relationships with the local team and liaise with them about any concerns. Councillors could keep abreast of the activity of the police within the area by following them on Facebook – Yeovil Neighbouring Policing.

Questions were asked by Councillors and the Chief Inspector noted concerns raised and would forward them to the appropriate teams.

There were no public comments.

8:29pm *The meeting commenced.*

10/139 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: Cllrs J Dash (family commitments) and J Lowery (unwell).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

10/140 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).

No declarations were made at this point.

10/41 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 3rd November 2020.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 3rd November 2020 and that they be signed as a correct record at the next appropriate opportunity.

10/142 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Cllr David Recardo commented on how he empathised with the pubs and premises who were not allowed to open due to the area being in Tier 2 Local COVID alert level.

He also thanked all those concerned for their hard work producing the Remembrance Sunday video, including the Town Clerk.

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

10/143 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS

Planning Committee – 16th November 2020.

Presented by Cllr Graham Oakes. There were no questions.

Promotions and Activities Committee – 10th November 2020.

Presented by Cllr Sarah Lowery. There were no questions.

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 9th November 2020.

Presented by Cllr Andrew Kendall. There were no questions.

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 17th November 2020.

Presented by Cllr Rob Stickland. There were no questions.

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 24th November 2020.

Presented by Cllr Graham Oakes. There were no questions.

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

10/144 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.

Yeovil Crematorium & Cemetery Committee – 25th November 2020 (minutes circulated prior to the meeting). Presented by Cllr Rob Stickland. There were no questions.

Woburn's Almshouses – The Clerk read correspondence from the Chair of Trustees which informed Council that she was retiring and that the Clerk had decided to step down. The Mayor, Cllr D Recardo that there would be a requirement to recruit another trustee.

10/145 DRAFT BUDGET 2021/22

Councillors considered the draft budget for 2021/22. The Town Clerk informed Council that she was expecting the tax base for 2021/22 imminently.

RESOLVED: to approve the draft budget for the financial year 2021/22 (subject to receiving the tax base from South Somerset District Council for 2021/22; and the Crematorium and Cemetery Committee final budget)

(Voting: 21 for, 1 abstention)

10/146 CONCLUSION OF AUDIT 2021/22

Councillors considered the conclusion of the audit carried out by the external auditors on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2019/20.

RESOLVED: to note the conclusion of the audit and their opinion was that the AGAR had been completed in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matter had come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

10/147 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.

YMCA Mendip will be attending the Town Council meeting on 6th April 2021, to give a presentation about Youth Services in Yeovil.

RESOLVED: to approve the forward plan.

Public Comment

The member of the press wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

The Mayor, Cllr D Recardo also wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The meeting closed at 8:58pm.

Signed:

Date: