



# Yeovil Town Council

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## Minutes of the virtual meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm held by video-conference using Zoom meeting software.

**Present:** Cllrs D Recardo (Chairman and Mayor); O Darling-Finan (from 8:02pm); 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) and Rev J Pearce.

There was one member of the public and two members of the press present.

### Public Comment

Emma King spoke about the decision by Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group to close the St Andrew's Ward in Wells and relocate the unit to Wells. She also spoke of the impact it would make to mental health services provision. The Town Clerk agreed to circulate the consultation report and the petition link.

*7:42pm - The meeting commenced.*

### **10/148 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: Cllr J Lowery (unwell).

**RESOLVED:** to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

### **10/149 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.

*7:47pm - The member of the public left the meeting and did not return.*

## **10/150 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Members to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and that they be signed as a correct record at the next appropriate opportunity.

## **10/151 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor, Cllr David Recardo welcomed Steve Haigh and Steve Sowden (members of the press). He also passed on his best wishes to Cllr J Lowery and Rev J Pearce's wife.

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

## **10/152 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS**

**Planning Committee** – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 / 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Presented by Cllr Graham Oakes. There were no questions.

**Promotions and Activities Committee** – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Presented by Cllr Sarah Lowery. She highlighted that due to the COVID-19 restrictions, a decision had been made to cancel the Yeovil Town Criers competition. There were no questions.

**Grounds and General Maintenance Committee** – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Presented by Cllr Andrew Kendall. He highlighted the discussions about Yew Tree Park, Turner's Barn Lane play area and composting toilet for the Vanessa Project at Newtown Allotment. There were no questions.

**Buildings and Civic Matters Committee** – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Presented by Cllr Rob Stickland. He detailed the potential locations for the defibrillators in Yeovil. There were no questions.

**Policy, Resources and Finance Committee** – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Presented by Cllr Graham Oakes. He introduced the work of the Opportunities Working Group and invited Cllr E Potts-Jones (as Chairman of that Working Group) to update Council regarding the work that happened so far. He also updated Council regarding the contribution of £21,000 that had been made to the 3 secondary schools in Yeovil for the purchases of IT equipment to assist home schooling. There were no questions.

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

*8:02pm – Cllr O Darling-Finan joined the meeting.*

### **10/153 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 – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (minutes circulated prior to the meeting). Presented by Cllr Rob Stickland. There were no questions.

### **10/154 BUDGET 2021/22**

Members to approve the recommendation by the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for setting Yeovil Town Council's precept for 2020/21 for £1,177,276 as set out in the Meeting of that Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021. This would result in an increase on a Band D charge of £2.76 per year (5p per week) and increase from £126.55 to £129.31.

**RESOLVED:** to approve Yeovil Town Council's precept for 2020/21 as £1,177,276, resulting in an increase on a Band D charge of £2.76 per year (5p per week) and increase from £126.55 to £129.31.

*(Voting: 21 for, 1 abstention)*

### **10/155 RISK STRATEGY AND RISK ASSESSMENT 2020/21**

Members considered the Risk Strategy and Risk Assessment for 2020/21 which had been recommended by the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

**RESOLVED:** to approve and adopt the Risk Strategy and Risk Assessment for 2020/21.

*(voting: unanimous)*

### **10/156 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.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the forward plan.

The meeting closed at 8:11pm.

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Date: