



# Yeovil Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

**Present:** Cllrs D Recardo (Chairman and Mayor); P Chandler; J Dash; N Gage; K Gill; D Gubbins; G Hunting; K Hussain; A Kendall; T Ledlie; P Lock; T Lock; J Lowery; S Lowery; G Oakes; E Potts-Jones; A Soughton; R Spinner; R Stickland and H Stonier.

**In Attendance:** A Card (Town Clerk); Cllr Val Keitch (Leader of South Somerset District Council) and Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain).

There was no public and two members of the press present.

### Public Comment

Cllr Val Keitch (Leader of South Somerset District Council) gave a talk about the Future of Local Government in Somerset. She spoke of the response from the four District Councils to the County Council's Unitary proposal. The proposal centred on collaboration with fellow District Councils as well as collaboration with other public bodies include Town and Parishes. Cllr Keitch commented that it was not about saving the most money but how to deliver the best services for South Somerset. The decision for which proposal was accepted would be carried out by the Secretary of State.

*7:58pm The meeting commenced.*

### **10/72 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: A Grieves (work commitments); P Gubbins (conflicting engagement); M Lock (mobility issues) and W Read (work commitments).

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

### **10/73 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).

There were no declarations made at this time.

#### **10/74 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be signed as a correct record.

#### **10/75 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor welcomed Cllr J Dash back after the birth of her baby.

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

#### **10/76 CORRESPONDANCE**

Firstly, clarification was sought from Brympton Parish Council regarding the resolution this Council made on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (10/47) regarding a Community Governance Review following a request from Brympton Parish Council. It was agreed that the Council supported a community governance review subject to East Coker Parish Council, West Coker Parish Council and Yeovil Without Parish Council agreeing to take part in the review. Correspondence had been received from East Coker Parish Council, West Coker Parish Council and Yeovil Without Parish Council, indicating that they did not wish to take part in a Community Governance Review.

Following correspondence from Marcus Fysh MP reported at the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 about nominating the St Margaret's Hospice building as an asset of community value, it was agreed that the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Council nominate the building. Correspondence has now been received from South Somerset District Council confirming that as of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019, that St Margaret's Hospice had been added to the Asset Register as an Asset of Community Value.

**RESOLVED:** (1) to note the correspondence received; and (2) that the Town Clerk, inform Brympton Parish Council that since East Coker Parish Council, West Coker Parish Council and Yeovil Without Parish Council did not wish to take part in a Community Governance Review that Yeovil Town Council could not support a Community Governance Review.

#### **10/77 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**

##### **Planning Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Presented by Cllr S Lowery. There were no questions.

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

#### **10/78 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.

### **10/79 MAYOR ELECT AND DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT**

Council considered nominations for the office of Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

It was proposed by Cllr K Hussain, seconded by Cllr R Stickland that Cllr D Recardo be nominated for the office of Town Mayor. It was proposed by Cllr G Oakes, seconded by Cllr P Lock and that Cllr H Stonier be nominated for the office of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

The election of the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor will take place at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council which will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr D Recardo be nominated for the office of Town Mayor and that Cllr H Stonier be nominated for the office of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

### **10/71 FORWARD PLAN**

Members to approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda. Members suggested inviting a representative from the Police and Ambulance Service. Cllr David Fothergill (leader of Somerset County Council) has now had his attendance confirmed for 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to discuss the Future of Local Government.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the forward plan, with the inclusion of the Police and Ambulance Service.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Signed:

Date