



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the virtual meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 at 7.30pm held by video-conference using Zoom meeting software.

Present: Cllrs D Recardo (Chairman and Mayor); J Dash; N Gage; K Gill; D Gubbins; P Gubbins; G Hunting; K Hussain; A Kendall; T Ledlie; P Lock; T Lock; J Lowery; 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 Johnathan Higman (Chief Executive of Yeovil District Hospital).

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

Public Comment

Johnathan Higman (Chief Executive of Yeovil District Hospital) delivered a presentation about the work of Yeovil District Hospital, this included:

- an overview of the hospital in numbers,
- the Staff survey,
- the financial performance,
- Symphony Healthcare Services,
- Simplyserve;
- fundraising;
- the Hospital's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and plans for developing a 'new normal' in service provision.
- plans for the future – developing the hospital site, workforce and the way they engage with local business.

A copy of the presentation has since been sent to members separate

There were no public comments.

8:29pm The meeting commenced.

10/130 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 O Darling-Finan (work commitments) and M Lock (unwell).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

10/131 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.

10/132 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous Town Council Meetings held on 1st September 2020 and 8th September 2020.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous Town Council Meetings held on 1st September 2020 and 8th September 2020 and that they be signed as a correct record at the next appropriate opportunity.

10/133 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Cllr D Recardo wished Cllr P Lock a happy birthday for the day before.

He gave an update on the Video of Remembrance which was an alternative to the usual Remembrance Sunday proceedings. This video would allow for people to pay their respects and remember in the safety of their own homes during this pandemic.

The Mayor mentioned the COVID-19 update that the Town Clerk had e-mailed earlier that day.

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

10/134 CORRESPONDANCE

There was no correspondence.

10/135 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS

Planning Committee – 14th September 2020 and 12th October 2020.

Presented by Cllrs Rob Stickland and Graham Oakes respectively. There were no questions.

Promotions and Activities Committee – 15th September 2020.

Presented by Cllr Sarah Lowery. Cllr P Gubbins requested that this committee revisit the decision regarding the event in the Town in April and the Eat:Festival and how the Council could be promoting the Town Centre. The Town Clerk stated that there would be opportunity at the next meeting of this Committee (10th November 2020) as Eat:Festival would be present to give further information about their offering.

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 7th September 2020.

Presented by Cllr Andrew Kendall. There were no questions.

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 22nd September 2020.

Presented by Cllr Rob Stickland. He stated that there would be a video of remembrance video rather than the usual proceedings due to COVID-19. There were no questions.

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 29th September 2020.

Presented by Cllr Graham Oakes. He highlighted the requirement to set up an Opportunities Working Party to investigate the opportunities that the Unitary bids may present. There were no questions.

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

10/136 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.

Cllr K Gill reported that he had a meeting with the John Nowes Exhibition Foundation. He will send the Town Clerk a brief e-mail which will be circulated to all Members. John Nowes Exhibition Foundation is a long-established charity that exists to make grants to young people aged 16-25 years who live in a number of parishes around Yeovil. The family income must not exceed £33,000 / annum.

10/137 PROGRAMME OF MEETING 2020/21

The Town Clerk noted that there were some typos within the programme of meetings and these would be corrected and re-sent.

Cllr Tony Lock brought to the attention of the Town Council that there was a key planning issue regarding Phosphates which may impact on Planning Meetings. The Town Clerk has since circulated a briefing note from South Somerset District Council regarding this matter.

RESOLVED: to adopt the programme provisionally subject to further guidance from Central Government.

10/138 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 reminded Councillors to forward any topics they wished Chief Inspector Sharon Baker to cover by Friday 13th November 2020.

RESOLVED: to approve the forward plan.

Public Comment

Further discussions were held regarding the COVID-19 update that the Town Clerk had distributed earlier that day.

The meeting closed at 9:17pm.

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Date: