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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee held on Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 7.00pm held in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ; and by video-conference using Zoom meeting software.

Committee Members Present (in person): Cllrs S Lowery (Chair); T Casey; E Hopkins; J Lowery; E Potts-Jones; W Read and D Woan.

Members Also Present (in person): Cllrs T Lock (Lyde Ward) and A Richards (Wyndham Ward).

In Attendance (in person): A Card (Town Clerk) and S Freemantle (Deputy Town Clerk).

Public Comment. There were no members of the public or press present.

7.00pm – Meeting Commenced

11/085. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies for absence (*LGA 1972 s85(1)*) were received from Cllrs J Cabell (conflicting work engagement) and A Kendall (unwell).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

11/086. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

11/087. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Committee approved as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th July 2023.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee held on 11th July 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

11/088. EAT:FESTIVAL PROPOSED DATES FOR 2024

The Committee considered the proposed dates and agreed on 20th April and 23rd November 2024.

RESOLVED: that the dates for eat:Festivals to visit Yeovil in 2024 be 20th April and 23rd November.

11/089. YEOVIL CELEBRATES

The Committee considered the report by the Deputy Town Clerk regarding the two-day celebration event.

In light of the difficulties experienced this year, the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk (SF) are due to meet with representatives from Somerset Council to discuss ways to streamline the licensing process for the event. Yeovil Town Council's Sponsorship Policy had been circulated and members are encouraged to seek sponsorship where possible. Officers are currently working on procuring cost effective services for the event which include sponsorship in kind where contractors are giving subsidised rates for the work being carried out as it is a community event. Budget figures will be brought to a future meeting of the committee.

RESOLVED: to note the report on the "Yeovil Celebrates" event due to be held on 25th and 26th May 2024.

11/090. SUPER SATURDAY

The Committee considered the report by the Deputy Town Clerk and discussion took place regarding the proposals for the day. It was explained that whilst there was a smaller amount of space available in the town due to Yeovil Refresh, a lot of activities would be taking place and support from the community would be enhancing the event with music and engagement opportunities in Yeovil Art Space, Eastville Project Space (EPS), HMV and the library. The increase in community involvement this year had been a result of a lot of work with the community throughout the year.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

11/091. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – JUNE AND JULY 2023

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1st June to 31st July 2023.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement for the period 1st June to 31st July 2023 be approved.

Public Comment. There were no members of the public or press present.

11/092. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity of agenda item 11/093 would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3

11/093. YEOVIL CELEBRATES 2023: REPORT FROM GROUNDSMEN

The Committee considered the report by the Deputy Town Clerk.

RESOLVED (1) that the report be noted; and (2) that the sum of £1,500 be agreed as a good will gesture to recompense for the usage of Yeovil Recreation Centre football pitch.

The meeting closed at 7.48pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: