



# Yeovil Town Council

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**Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00pm held by video-conference using Zoom meeting software; and in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ.**

**Committee Members Present (in person):** Cllrs S Lowery (Chair); J Dash; T Ledlie; J Lowery; E Potts-Jones; W Read; D Recardo and Helen Stonier.

**Committee Members Present (virtually):** Cllr A Kendall.

**Also Present (virtually):** Cllrs T Lock (Yeovil Lyde Ward) and A Richards (Wyndham Hill Ward).

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

**In Attendance (virtually):** A Edmonds (Love Yeovil); B Milner-Simonds (eat:festivals); C Wakely (Yeovil Rotary Club).

**Public Comment.** There were no members of the public, and one member of the press present virtually.

**7.00pm** – Meeting Commenced

## **10/105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN**

There were no apologies for absence.

## **10/106. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **10/107. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The Committee approved as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**10/108. REQUEST FROM YEOVIL ROTARY CLUB TO SITE TWO HAM STONE BOULDERS AT ENTRANCES TO THE TOWN**

Clive Wakely from the Yeovil Rotary Club explained that the Rotary Club would be celebrating 100 years in Yeovil in 2022 and proposed to locate two hamstone boulders at entrances to Yeovil in commemoration of this anniversary. The Committee considered the request and agreed in principle to the proposal. Permissions would be required from County Highways and support had been sought from Brympton and West Coker Parish Councils who looked upon the idea favourably. Funding for the stones would be by the Rotary Club.

**RESOLVED:** 1) that the request be noted and supported; and 2) that further information be welcomed at a future meeting of the Committee.

*7.15pm – Clive Wakely left the meeting and did not return.*

**10/109. EAT:FESTIVALS YEOVIL 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2021**

As the representative from eat:festivals was not available at this point, it was **AGREED** to defer this agenda item to later in the meeting.

**10/110. QUEEN'S JUBILEE 2022**

The Committee considered the proposal by the Chairman to hold an event to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022.

**RESOLVED:** 1) that proposal be supported; 2) that funding for the Music in the Park which was due to take place in June 2021 be carried forward to fund the event (previously carried forward from the cancelled VE/VJ Day Anniversary Celebration); 3) that a working party for the event be formed; 4) that the representatives from the Promotions and Activities Committee to be part of the Working Party for the event be Cllrs J Dash, T Ledlie, J Lowery, S Lowery, E Potts-Jones and D Recardo.

**10/111. YEOVIL IN BLOOM**

The Committee considered the minutes of the Yeovil in Bloom Steering Group held on 1<sup>st</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Yeovil in Bloom Steering Groups held on 1<sup>st</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 be noted.

### **10/112. WELCOME BACK FUND EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS**

The Committee considered a report by Marie Ainsworth (SSDC) requesting suggestions to be included in an expression of interest for Welcome Back Fund government funding (an extended fund to the Reopening High Streets Safely allocation to SSDC in June 2020).

It was agreed that the suggestions to be put forward to SSDC be: 1) planters in the Town Centre; 2) activities and events in the Town Centre; 3) music events; 4) integrated speakers/tannoy system for Town Centre events; 5) flags in the Town Centre on the front of buildings (maybe in the Christmas tree fixings).

**RESOLVED:** 1) that the opportunity to put forward an expression of interest be supported; and 2) that the suggestions to be put forward to SSDC be: 1) planters in the Town Centre; 2) activities and events in the Town Centre; 3) music events; 4) integrated speakers/tannoy system for Town Centre events; 5) flags in the Town Centre on the front of buildings (maybe in the Christmas tree fixings).

### **10/113. SUPER SATURDAY 2021**

The Committee considered a verbal report by the Deputy Town Clerk regarding the arrangements so far for Super Saturday 2021 which include eat:festivals, circus skills, walkabout acts (including a stilt walker and mirror men or similar) and Bugfest. The Octagon Theatre has also arranged for Motionhouse Dance Company to perform on the day and due to the requirement by the company for a large flat, hard surface, it has been agreed that this will take place in the Quedam.

**RESOLVED:** that the arrangements so far for Super Saturday on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 be noted.

*7.45pm – Bev Milner-Simonds arrived (virtually) at the meeting.*

It was **AGREED** to consider agenda item **10/109. EAT:FESTIVALS YEOVIL 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2021** next.

### **10/109. EAT:FESTIVALS YEOVIL 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2021**

The Committee considered a verbal report by Bev Milner-Simonds. Eat:festivals were looking forward to returning to Yeovil and would be locating stalls in St John's Churchyard, The Borough and King George Street. 40 traders/producers were booked in and this would be the festival's 5<sup>th</sup> event this spring. Previous festivals had been well supported with a positive attitude to social distancing and good communication had been maintained with Environmental Health (SSDC) in preparation for the Yeovil event. Bev thanked the Council for commissioning eat:festivals.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be noted.

7.55pm – Bev Milner-Simonds left the meeting and did not return.

#### **10/114. YEOVIL ART ACTION GROUP**

The Deputy Town Clerk explained that she had attended an initial meeting with the founders of the Eastville Project and Yeovil Art Space who had commissioned a community cohesion expert from Take Apart to facilitate an arts action group in Yeovil. The Deputy Town Clerk sought support from the Committee to attend future meetings of the newly formed group which would work on communication between agencies of existing projects and collaboration of new ventures.

**RESOLVED:** 1) that the verbal report be noted; and 2) that it be **AGREED** that the Deputy Town Clerk attend meetings of the Yeovil Art Action Group.

#### **10/115. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – DECEMBER 2020 AND JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2021**

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**RESOLVED:** that the Financial Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 be approved.

**Public Comment.** There were no comments from members of the public.

8.03pm – A Edmonds and the member of the press left the meeting and did not return.

#### **10/116. 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 items 10/117 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

#### **10/117. SSDC COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING FOR EAT:FESTIVALS**

The Deputy Town Clerk explained that ongoing financial commitment to food festivals in the Town would enhance the application for Community Grant Funding from SSDC.

**RESOLVED:** to submit a statement to support the funding bid committing to funding up to two attendances by a food festival per year, with external funding being sought for a third (potentially Christmas) event.

The meeting closed at 8.06pm.

Signed: ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....