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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council (Reconvened) held on Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 7:30pm held at Westlands Entertainment Venue, Westbourne Close, YEOVIL BA20 2DD

Present: Cllrs E Potts-Jones (Mayor); A Kendall; B Boyton; T Casey; N Gage; K Gill; K Hussain; P Lock; J Lock; T Lock; S Lowery; J Lowery; G Oakes; W Read; A Richards; J Snell; A Soughton; R Spinner; R Stickland; H Stonier; L Watts and D Woan.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk); and H Ferdinand (Deputy Town Clerk).

There were seven members of the public and one member of the press present.

Public Comment

A number of the public were present to voice their concerns about the changes and cancellation to the number 51 / 53/ 54 and 68 buses. Representation was made about the impact that the withdrawal and limitations of service would have to the elderly, those with disabilities and non-drivers and impacting on hospital, doctors and dentists appointments; jobs; taking children to school; shopping and socialising.

A member of the public raised concerns about the service on Wyndham Park and was told that he should contact Yeovil Without Parish Council.

Cllr T Lock read out an e-mail that he received regarding the bus services mentioned about.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to "Buses of Somerset" for them to attend a future meeting and explain the bus service and the reduction of service.

7:30pm The meeting commenced.

11/005 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 E Hopkins (conflicting engagement).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

11/006 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

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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.

10/007 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 5th April 2022.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting held on 5th April 2022 and that they be signed as a correct record.

11/008 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

11/009 ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

The Mayor stated that the Council had achieved a lot in the past year.

RESOLVED: to note the Annual Report 2021/22.

11/010 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Council considered the appointment and constitution of committees for 2022/23.

It was noted that in accordance with Standing Order 4(d)(xi), all Committees needed to reflect the political balance of the Council.

RESOLVED: that the members indicated in Appendix A be appointed to serve on the Service Committees shown.

Council then considered the appointment and membership of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: that the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee be appointed comprising of the following membership:

Mayor (Ex-Officio) *

Deputy Mayor (Ex-Officio) *

Chairman of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee (Chairman and Nominee)

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee (Chairman and Nominee)

Planning Committee (Chairman and Nominee)

Promotions and Activities Committee (Chairman and Nominee)

Representative(s) of Opposition Groups (Labour and Conservative);

Council then considered the election of the Chairman of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for 2022/23.

RESOLVED: that Cllr G Oakes be elected Chairman of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for 2022/23.

At 8:06pm Council then agreed to adjourn the meeting to enable the four Service Committees to meet and elect their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for 2022/23 (details of which are shown in Appendix A) and to appoint their representative to serve on the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

The meeting was further adjourned to enable the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee to meet and elect their Vice-Chairman for 2022/23.

On resumption of the meeting, the Town Council the re-appointment of various Sub-Committees and Steering Groups.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that representatives of the Opposition Groups be appointed for consultation purposes under the Council's Emergency Procedure (Standing Order 4 (d) (xiv)) and that the member of the Conservative Group be Cllr N Gage. *(Note: in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation – the Chairman of the Committee concerned (or, in his/her absence, the Vice Chairman) and the Mayor (or in his/her absence, the Deputy Mayor) will also be consulted);*
- (2) (a) that the following be Members be appointed to serve on the Staffing Committee for the ensuing year: Cllrs T Casey; E Potts-Jones; N Gage; A Soughton and R Stickland; and (b) that a sixth Member be appointed at a later date.
- (3) that the following Members be appointed to serve on the Monmouth Hall Working Party for the ensuing year: Cllrs B Boyton; T Lock; G Oakes; and R Stickland;
- (4) that the following Members be appointed to serve on the Ski Centre/Goldcroft Working Party for the ensuing year: Cllrs K Gill; A Kendall; G Oakes and R Stickland.
- (5) that the following Members be appointed to serve on the Climate Control Working Party for the ensuing year: Cllrs T Casey; K Gill; A Kendall; A Soughton and L Watts.
- (6) that the following Members be appointed to serve on the Allotment Maintenance Working Party for the ensuing year: Cllrs A Kendall; P Lock; A Soughton and R Spinner.

11/010 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2022/23

Council considered the appointment of representative to serve on Outside Bodies for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: that the Members indicated be appointed to serve as representative of the Town Council for 2022/23 on the Outside Bodies identified at Appendix B to these Minutes.

11/011 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. Representative on Outside Bodies were asked to forward copies of minutes to the Clerk, who would distribute minutes to Councillors.

The Town Clerk said she would distribute information about each Outside Body.

11/012 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Council considered the report of the Town Clerk that indicated that Yeovil Town Council was eligible to exercise the General Power of Competence in that the Town Clerk held the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) and that a minimum of two-thirds of members were elected meaning that the Council had an electoral mandate.

RESOLVED: that Yeovil Town Council hereby confirms that it meets the statutory criteria set out in the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 and is thereby entitled to exercise the General Power of Competence contained in the Localism Act 2011.

11/013 MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

Members considered the Schedule of Members' Attendance at Council and Committee Meetings in 2022/23.

RESOLVED: that the Schedule of Members' Attendance at Council and Committee meetings in 2022/23 be received and noted.

Public Comment

The Member of the press congratulated those Members' with 100% attendance.

Meeting closed at 8:34pm.

Signed:

Date: