



Yeovil Town Council

Town House
19 Union Street
Yeovil
Somerset
BA20 1PQ

Annual Town Meeting

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Wednesday 17th April 2024

7:00pm

Westlands Entertainment Venue, Westbourne

Close, YEOVIL BA20 2DD

For further information on the items to be discussed, please contact town.clerk@yeovil.gov.uk.

Cllr A Kendall, Mayor of Yeovil

9th April 2024

This information is also available on our website: www.yeovil.gov.uk

Members of Yeovil Town Council are summoned to attend:

Andy Kendall – Mayor of Yeovil Town

Emma-Jayne Hopkins – Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Town

Barry Boyton

Evie Potts-Jones

Jade Cabell

Wes Read

Tareth Casey

Ashley Richards

Kayleigh Fieldsend

Jeny Snell

Karl Gill

Andy Soughton

Kaysar Hussain

Roy Spinner

Tony Lock

Rob Stickland

Jamie Lock

Helen Stonier

Sarah Lowery

Ruth White

Jane Lowery

Adrian Wilkes

Graham Oakes

Dave Woan

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- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

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Disability	Religion or Belief
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Marriage and Civil Partnership	Sexual Orientation
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A G E N D A

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN**

Council to receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons given.
LGA 1972 s85(1)

2 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd May 2023 (copy attached at pages 5 to 6)

3 **ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE PAST YEAR, INCLUDING YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT (PRESENTATION)**

4 **THE YEAR AHEAD**

5 **ADDRESS BY MAYOR**

6 **QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION***

*Comments and queries to be submitted in advance of the meeting for answers on the evening. Please e-mail to ytic@yeovil.gov.uk, by 4pm on 16th April 2024. Questions received on the evening, may not be given a full response.



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Minutes of the meeting of YEOVIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Sanctuary, Yeovil Baptist Church, South Street, Yeovil.

Present: Cllrs E Potts-Jones (Chair and Mayor); B Boyton; J Cabell; T Casey, N Gage (from 7:16pm); K Gill; E Hopkins; K Hussain; A Kendall; T Lock; J Lock; J Lowery; S Lowery; G Oakes; W Read; A Richards; J Snell; A Soughton; R Spinner; R Stickland; L Watts and D Woan.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk) and Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain).

7:10 pm - The meeting commenced.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

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Apologies were received from: Cllr P Lock (unwell).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS YEOVIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To confirm as a correct record, the minutes of the previous Yeovil Annual Town meeting held on 17th May 2022.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous Yeovil Annual Town meeting held on 17th May 2022 be signed as correct record.

3 ADDRESS BY COUNCILLOR EVIE POTTS-JONES – MAYOR OF YEOVIL TOWN

The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones, welcomed those present to the meeting.

She spoke of her time as Mayor and shared some of her poignant experiences which helped develop her in her role as Mayor, in particular the passing of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

The Mayor's Award 2023

Roger Fox was invited to give a speech on being the Tower Captain at St John's Church. He spoke of the beginning of his bell ringing experience which began in 1946, ringing for the

wedding of Princess Elizabeth to Philip Mountbatten in 1947, ringing muffled belled for King Georges VI's funeral in 1952, the Queen's Coronation in 1953 and her Silver, Golden, Diamond and Platinum Jubilees. He has rung the bells for 77 years and would be ringing them for the Coronation of King Charles III. At this point, the Mayor, to Mr Fox's surprise, was awarded the silver salver.

Acknowledgement of Support

The Mayor thanked the consorts, the Deputy Mayor, her big team of helpers, the Councillors and the staff at the Council for their support.

Mayors' Charities

The Mayor indicated that during the year, a total of £13,170.37 (had been raised for the Mayor's Charities – SSAFA and Mind. She then presented a cheque in this sum to representatives from both charities. The total over the two years amounted to £23,170.37.

4 GENERAL DISCUSSION

Rev James Dudley-Smith of St John's Church thanked the Mayor for all she had done for Yeovil.

The meeting closed at 7:36pm.

Signed:

Date: