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Minutes of the meeting of ANNUAL MEETING OF YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7.30pm in the Sanctuary, Yeovil Baptist Church, South Street, Yeovil.

Present: Cllrs D Recardo (Chairman & Mayor), E Potts-Jones, P Chandler, J Dash, N Gage, K Gill, A Grieves, D Gubbins, P Gubbins, G Hunting, K Hussain, A Kendall, T Ledlie, M Lock, P Lock, T Lock, J Lowery, S Lowery, G Oakes, W Read, A Soughton, R Spinner and R Stickland.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk).

7:24 pm - The meeting commenced.

10/1 ELECTION OF MAYOR OF YEOVIL TOWN – 2019/20

Cllr David Recardo, Mayor of Yeovil, called for nominations for the office of Mayor of Yeovil Town for 2019/20.

It was proposed by Cllr T Lock, and seconded by Cllr P Gubbins that Cllr David Recardo be elected as Mayor of Yeovil.

(At this point, the meeting was adjourned and Cllr David Recardo left the meeting).

Cllr T Lock and then Cllr P Gubbins spoke in support of the nomination.

Cllr David Recardo returned to the meeting, which was then reconvened.

RESOLVED: that Cllr David Recardo be elected to serve as Mayor of Yeovil Town for the ensuing year.

Cllr David Recardo then made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

10/2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR OF YEOVIL TOWN – 2019/20

Cllr D Recardo, Mayor of Yeovil, called for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Town for 2019/20.

There were two nominations for Deputy Mayor. Firstly, it was proposed by Cllr K Gill and seconded by Cllr W Read that Cllr P Lock be elected as Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Town, and when the Mayor called for any other nominations, it was proposed by Cllr T Ledlie, and seconded by Cllr G Hunting that Cllr Evie Potts-Jones be elected as Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Town.

(At this point, both Cllrs Pauline Lock and Evie Potts-Jones left the meeting).

Cllr K Gill and then Cllr W Read spoke in support of the nomination for Cllr Pauline Lock, followed by Cllr T Ledlie and G Hunting who spoke in support of the nomination for Cllr Evie Potts-Jones.

Members of the public vehemently questioned why there had been a deviation from the usual perceived practices of each ex-officio post being for two years. Cllr D Recardo explained that ex-officio positions were for one year only. Some members of the public did not accept his explanation and the meeting became disorderly.

At 7:39pm the Mayor adjourned the meeting for order to be restored. All Councillors remaining in the meeting left the room.

At 7:57pm the meeting was reconvened and those Councillors who had left the meeting returned.

At 7:59pm approximately 20 members of the public left the meeting and did not return.

A member of the public made a statement regarding the process of electing ex-officios and reserved the right to speak at the reconvened meeting to be held on 28th May 2019.

The Mayor put the election of the Deputy Mayor to the vote.

RESOLVED: Cllr Pauline Lock be elected to serve as Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Town for the ensuing year.

(Voting: 12 in favour of Cllr P Lock; 5 in favour of Cllr E Potts-Jones; 3 Abstained)

Cllr Pauline Lock returned to the meeting and then made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

10/3 ADDRESS BY THE WORSHIPFUL MAYOR OF YEOVIL TOWN – CLLR DAVID RECARDO

The Mayor announced that the Mayor's Chaplain for the forthcoming year would again be Rev Jim Pearce.

He then announced that the Mayor's Cadet for the ensuing year would be Adam Griffiths, Leading Sea Cadet from Yeovil's Sea Cadets based at RNAS Yeovilton. He was presented with a sash.

He introduced his chosen charity for 2019/20: the Breast Cancer Unit Appeal at Yeovil District Hospital. James Kirton, Head of Fundraising from Yeovil Hospital Trust, to give a brief overview about this appeal.

The Mayor drew attention to two civic events – his Civic Service to be held at St John’s Church on 30th June 2019 and the Mayor’s Ball to be held at Westlands Entertainment Venue on 30th November 2019.

9/320 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

It was proposed, and duly seconded that the meeting be adjourned until 7:30pm on Tuesday 28th May 2019 in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil.

RESOLVED: that the meeting be adjourned until 7:30pm on Tuesday 28th May 2019 in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 8:08 pm.

Signed:

Dated: