



# Yeovil Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

**Present:** Cllrs E Potts-Jones (Chairman and Deputy Mayor); M Beales BEM; P Chandler; J Conway OBE; K Gill; P Gubbins; K Hussain; A Kendall; T Ledlie; M Lock; P Lock; T Lock; J Lowery; G Oakes; F Purbrick; W Read; M Roper; A Soughton and R Stickland.

**In Attendance:** A Card (Town Clerk).

There were no members of the public and no members of the press present.

### Public Comment

There were no public comments.

### **9/382 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr E Potts-Jones took the Chair for this meeting. It was proposed that Cllr P Lock was Vice Chairman for the meeting

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr P Lock be Vice Chairman for this meeting.

### **9/383 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: F Boieangiu (work commitments); S Lowery (work commitments); A Pugsley (conflicting engagement); D Recardo (incapacitated) and A Smith (ill).

**RESOLVED:** to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

### **9/384 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 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.

### **9/385 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the previous meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be signed as a correct record.

**9/386 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

**9/387 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**

**Planning Committee – 11th February 2019 and 11th March 2019**

Presented by Cllr G Oakes. There were no questions.

**Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 18th March 2019**

Presented by Cllr M Roper. Cllr Roper stated that the dog warden will deal with the issue of dog fouling in Preston Park.

Cllr M Roper in his role as Chairman for Yeovil in Bloom informed Council of his recent visit with Steve Fox to the Manchester seminar of Britain in Bloom. He spoke of the process of judging which would take place in a 2 hours slot between 29<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> August. The RHS theme this year was "water". Cllrs agreed that this was a big achievement for Yeovil. Questions were asked about the additional costs of this and the Town Clerk informed Council that discussions were taking place to what the additional costs would be and methods of funding this. Cllrs D Recardo and M Roper were accompanied by Steve Fox to the Chippenham seminar of South West in Bloom. The judges would be looking for more community engagement.

**Promotions and Activities Committee – 12th March 2019**

This meeting was cancelled. Cllr P Lock expressed her thanks to all members of the Promotions and Activities Committee and to the Deputy Town Clerk (SF) for their contributions and hard work.

**Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 19th March 2019**

Presented by Cllr R Stickland. Cllr Stickland requested that this item be moved to the end of the agenda and covered under confidential.

**Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 26th March 2019**

This meeting was cancelled. Cllr T Lock thanked the Committee for all their contributions and that a lot of good work had been carried out.

**RESOLVED:** (1) that the minutes of the above Committee be accepted together with any resolutions and recommendations contained therein; (2) that a letter be written to the Horticulture department at South Somerset District Council to both thank and congratulate the staff for their hard work; and (3) that the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee report be heard under confidential session.

## **9/388 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.

- **South Somerset Countryside Steering Group** – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (minutes previously circulated).  
Cllr A Pugsley is the Council's representative but was not at this meeting of Town Council to give a verbal report.
- **Yeovil Wellbeing Alliance** – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (minutes previously circulated).  
Cllr K Gill is the Council's representative but did not attend this meeting. The Town Clerk had attended and gave a verbal report of the meeting.
- **Westfield Community Association** – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (minutes previously circulated).  
Cllr J Lowery gave an update on the progress of the new community centre. She informed Council of the litter pick that would be carried out on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
- **Youth Services Steering Group** – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Cllr E Potts-Jones gave an update about the Youth Provision and that the Youth Clubs were growing in numbers and that the Steering Group were pleased with the service providers - YMCA Mendip.
- **Unity in the Community** – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
Cllr J Conway informed Council that the next meeting would be on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019. He thanked all members of the Committee.

Questions were raised as to Love Yeovil. The Clerk advised Council that no grant money had yet been paid, as the signed conditions of grant had not yet been received.

## **9/389 CORRESPONDENCE – SUSTAINABLE YEOVIL**

Members considered the correspondence received from Sustainable Yeovil but due to purdah, it was suggested that the correspondence be deferred to the next meeting of Policy, Resources and Finance due to the number of policies asking to be considered.

**RESOLVED:** that the correspondence be deferred to the next meeting of Policy, Resources and Finance.

## **9/390 FORWARD PLAN**

Members to approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda. The Deputy Mayor reminded Council of the upcoming Town Criers Competition and the St Georges' Day Parade (invites previously circulated by St Andrew's Scout Group).

**RESOLVED:** to approve the forward plan.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public.

*8.00pm – Rev J Pearce left the meeting and did not return.*

**9/391 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 9/392 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

**9/392 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES (COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE)**

**Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 19th March 2019**

Cllr Stickland updated Council regarding various matters to do with Monmouth Hall. He thanked the Deputy Town Clerk (HF) for all her work. Recognition was also given to Cllr M Lock for his expertise regarding the wall.

**RESOLVED:** to note the verbal report.

Meeting closed at 8:08pm.

Signed:

Dated: