

Yeovil Town Council

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

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

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk); I Timms (Yeovil Refresh Project Manager, South Somerset District Council) and Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain).

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

7:33pm – The meeting commenced and Rev J Pearce left the meeting and did not return.

Ian Timms, Yeovil Refresh Project Manager at South Somerset District Council gave a presentation about the Yeovil Refresh Project. He identified the four themes: transport; development; creating spaces and link places; and the complimentary work. He gave a progress up on each theme. He offered to return in the future with a project status update.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

10/20 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: D Gubbins (conflicting engagement).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

10/21 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.

10/22 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 28th May 2019 and 4th June 2019.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meetings held on 28th May 2019 and 4th June 2019 be signed as a correct record.

10/23 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that the South West in Bloom judging would be taking place on 3rd July 2019.

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

10/24 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

Planning Committee – 29th May 2019

Presented by Cllr G Oakes. Cllr Oakes noted the Park School planning application and the parking space in Carisbrook Gardens which would be considered at the next meeting of Area South Committee meeting at South Somerset District. There were no questions.

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 10th June 2019

Presented by Cllr A Kendall. There were no questions.

Promotions and Activities Committee – 11th June 2019

Presented by Cllr E Potts-Jones. Cllr Potts-Jones highlighted that Super Saturday was on 28th September and that she would like to see as many of the Councillors as possible involved. An invitation to Unity in the Community had been extended to the Youth Council. There were no questions.

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 18th June 2019

Presented by Cllr M Lock. Cllr Lock spoke of the completed wall at Monmouth Hall. He also highlighted that HMS Heron band requested sponsorship and that the Town Clerk and Cllr T Lock would be meeting the band to begin work on Service Level Agreement. He also announced that the internal and external walls at Town House will be painted and that new carpets would be laid downstairs subject to quotes.

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 25th June 2019

Presented by Cllr G Oakes. Cllr Oakes stated that all the financial statements for 2018/19 had been approved. He mentioned the letter received from Sustainable Yeovil and the motions further in the agenda would address some of the points raised. He also stated that there was a requirement to produce a Service Level Agreement policy.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above Committee be accepted together with any resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

10/25 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.

- **Westfield Community Association (WCA) Management Committee** – 17th April 2019 (minutes previously circulated).
Cllr J Lowery stated that the new Community Centre was due to be opened 5th October 2109.
- **South Somerset Countryside Steering Group** – 6th June 2019 (minutes previously circulated).
Cllr G Hunting could not attend as he was present at the D-Day 75th Anniversary Commemoration at the war memorial.
- **Yeovil Twinning Association**
The Mayor reported on the visit from Taunusstein and how much they had enjoyed their visit, including the Mayor's Civic Service. He also attended the Yeovil Twinning Association Dinner on 1st July 2019.

10/26 MOTION FROM CLLR A KENDALL

Cllr A Kendall introduced the motion regarding climate change, the impacts and measures to help reduce carbon emissions.

RESOLVED: (1) that Council support the declaration of a climate emergency; (2) that Council pledges to make the Council carbon neutral by 2030; (3) that Council make calls upon Westminster to provide powers and resources to make this possible; and (4) to request that the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee develop a detailed Action Plan in pursuit of the objectives and report back to Town Council within six months.

(Voting: unanimous)

10/27 MOTION FROM CLLR T LOCK

Cllr T Lock introduced the motion regarding going paperless wherever possible. Discussions were held over the motion. The Town Clerk highlighted that the Council must ensure that the legal implications and mechanism to be paperless are considered.

Questions were raised with regards to IT provision for Members who did not have the relevant IT equipment. The Town Clerk indicated that it would be for Council to decide how this would be resolved.

RESOLVED: (1) that Council support the going paperless wherever possible; and (2) that the Town Clerk submits a report to the next meeting of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

(Voting: unanimous)

10/28 FORWARD PLAN

Members to approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda.

RESOLVED: to approve the forward plan, with the addition of the Climate Emergency Action Plan by February 2020.

Public Comment

There were no public.

Meeting closed at 8:38pm.

Signed:

Dated: