



# Yeovil Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

**Present:** Cllrs D Recardo (Chairman and Mayor); M Beales BEM; F Boieangiu; J Conway OBE; K Gill; P Gubbins; K Hussain; A Kendall; M Lock; P Lock; T Lock; E Potts-Jones; G Oakes; A Pugsley; F Purbrick; M Roper; A Smith; A Soughton and R Stickland.

**In Attendance:** A Card (Town Clerk); Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain) and Jonathon Higman, Chief Executive of Yeovil District Hospital.

There were 3 members of the public and no members of the press present.

### Public Comment

Cllr J Conway raised concerns about the Park Run at Yeovil Country Park and the risks that the run could have on the general public using the park. The Chairman informed Cllr Conway that this was temporary (until April) as the Park Run was usually held at Montacute House but the ground there needed time to recover. Cllr Conway was advised to address his concerns to the Countryside Manager and Portfolio Holder at South Somerset District Council.

Sarah Martin (a member of the public) was hoping that there would be an agenda item regarding Yeovil Town and a conversation she had recently had with the Chairman. The Town Clerk advised her to write a letter expressing her concerns which could be distributed to the Council for discussion at a later meeting.

Jonathon Higman, Chief Executive of Yeovil District Hospital was welcomed to the meeting. He highlighted he had been working at Yeovil District Hospital since 2009 and became Chief Executive in November 2017. The presentation included the work of the subsidiaries of Yeovil District Hospital that had been set up; the financial challenges; feedback from staff surveys; achievements and performance statistics (and that they compared positively both within the South West and nationally); accommodation; and recruitment. Questions were asked of Jonathon Higman.

*8:20pm – Jonathon Higman, Rev J Pearce and the 3 members of the public left the meeting and did not return. Cllr A Kendall left the room.*

8:21pm - The meeting commenced.

### **9/371 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: P Chandler (conflicting engagement); T Ledlie (conflicting engagement); J Lowery (ill); and W Read (work commitments).

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

### **9/372 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).

Cllr P Gubbins declared an interest in 9/376 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies – Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee as he is the Portfolio Holder at South Somerset District Council for Yeovil Crematorium.

No other declarations were made at this time.

### **9/373 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the previous meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 be signed as a correct record.

*8:24pm – Cllr A Kendall returned to the meeting.*

### **9/374 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor announced that his Charity Wine Tasting Evening on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 was cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions.

A request has been received regarding funding to support the maintenance costs of Somerset Wood which commemorates the county's fallen in World War One.

A response from Marcus Fysh MP regarding the letter sent on behalf of Yeovil Town Council about Yeovil Crown Post Office has been received.

**RESOLVED:** (1) to note the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming appointments and engagements; (2) that a report is submitted to the next meeting of Policy, Resources and Finance regarding the request of Somerset Wood; and (3) that the Town Clerk forward a copy of the response from Marcus Fysh MP to all Members.

### **9/378 REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**

**Planning Committee** – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Presented by Cllr G Oakes.

### **Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Presented by Cllr M Roper. Cllr Roper explained that this was a quiet time of year.

### **Promotions and Activities Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Presented by Cllr P Lock. Cllr Lock reported that there would be a new category for Yeovil in Bloom for the “Eco Gardener”.

Cllr M Roper in his role as Chairman for Yeovil in Bloom announced that Yeovil had been nominated to enter Britain in Bloom next year to represent the Large Town Category for the South West. South West in Bloom judging would take place in July and Britain in Bloom judging would take place in August. Yeovil in Bloom were congratulated.

### **Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019**

Presented by Cllr R Stickland. Cllr Stickland reported that they had received a Sport and Healthy Lifestyles update. Other items were of confidential and related to Monmouth Hall. There were no questions.

### **Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Presented by Cllr T Lock. Cllr Lock informed Council of the grants that had been awarded to the Yeovil Archaeological and Local Historical Society and to the Yeovil Opportunity Group. Other items were to be discussed further at this meeting of Town Council.

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

## **9/376 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.

- **Yeovil Rivers Community Trust – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018** (minutes previously circulated).  
Cllr M Beales presented the report, he highlighted the Dodham Brook activity day, that the Trust had been awarded charitable status and that Wessex Water had presented the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust with a grant.
- **Yeovil Twinning Association – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018** (minutes previously circulated).
- **Westfield Community Association – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018** (minutes previously circulated).  
Cllr P Lock gave an update on the new Westfield Community Centre.
- **Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019** (minutes previously circulated).  
Cllr M Roper gave an update of the Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee.
- **Unity in the Community – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
Cllr J Conway informed Council they were beginning the new set up. The group were looking to set up a survey about why people came to/ or stay in Yeovil. The next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

- **Milford Community Association** – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Cllrs M and P Lock (as observers) had attended the meeting with the Town Clerk to give support to the Community Association.
- **Yeovil Refresh**  
Cllr P Gubbins gave a verbal update about Yeovil Refresh.

### **9/377 BUDGET 2019/20**

Members to approve the recommendation by the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for setting Yeovil Town Council's precept for 2019/20 for £995,079 as set out in the Meeting of that Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019. This would result in an increase on a Band D charge of £4.20 per year (8p per week), and increase from £105.05 to £109.25. This would mean using £38,438 of Unallocated General Fund Balances.

There was much debate about safeguarding the level of reserves as there were potentially many large projects in the pipeline.

**RESOLVED:** to approve Yeovil Town Council's precept for 2019/20 as £1,033,517, resulting in an increase on a Band D charge of £8.42 per year (16p per week), an increase from £105.05 to £113.47.

*(Voting: 16 in favour; 3 against)*

### **9/378 RISK STRATEGY**

Members to approve the recommendation by the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee to adopt the Risk Strategy and Risk Assessment for 2019/20 Yeovil Town Council.

**RESOLVED:** to approve and to adopt the Risk Strategy and Risk Assessment for 2019/20 for Yeovil Town Council.

*(Voting: unanimously in favour)*

### **9/379 STANDING ORDERS**

Members to approve and adopt the Standing Orders as recommended by the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

**RESOLVED:** (1) to approve and to adopt the Standing Orders (subject to amendments); and (2) to agree that the Standing Orders Relating to Contracts were no longer required.

*(Voting: unanimously in favour)*

### **9/380 SHCEME OF DELEGATION**

Members to approve and adopt the Scheme of Delegation as recommended by the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

**RESOLVED:** to approve and to adopt the Scheme of Delegation.

*(Voting: unanimously in favour)*

**9/381 FORWARD PLAN**

Members to approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda. The Mayor invited Councillors to indicate if they had anything that they would like to see on the forward programme. "Access for All" was suggested for after the election.

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

**Public Comment**

There was no public.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 9:25pm.

Signed:

Dated: