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Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7.00pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs P Lock (Chairman), K Gill, T Ledlie, E Potts-Jones, W Read and R Stickland.

Also Present: Cllrs J Conway (South Ward Member); M Lock (Milford Ward Member); T Lock (East Ward Member) and M Roper (East Ward Member).

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk).

There was one member of the public, and no members of the press present.

9/217. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies for absence were received from J Lowery (ill); F Purbrick (bereavement) and D Recardo (conflicting engagement).

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies with the reasons given.

9/218. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members declare Interests that accord with the Council's adopted Code of Conduct. This does not preclude any later declarations.

For the sake of transparency the Town Clerk declared an interest in item 9/220 – Love Yeovil (Request for Funding) in that she represents the Council on this group. She informed members that although she would be able to give facts she would not be able to give any recommendations to the Committee regarding this item.

There were no other declarations of interests at this time.

9/219. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Committee approved as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 10th July 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee held on 10th July 2018 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9/220. LOVE YEOVIL

At 7:05 pm Standing Orders were suspended

Members considered the request for funding towards a Marketing officer for Love Yeovil. David Woan, President of Yeovil Chamber of Trade and Commerce summarised the letter. He added that £7,500 had been awarded by South Somerset District Council.

The Town Clerk, Cllrs M Lock and R Stickland declared that they were all members of the Stakeholder Group for Yeovil Refresh. Cllr T Lock declared that he was a member of the Yeovil Refresh Board.

David Woan confirmed that the funding would be for one year, after which it was anticipated that the post would be self-sufficient.

At 8:05 pm Standing Orders were reinstated

RESOLVED: that the application for funding should go through the grants process via Policy, Resources and Finance.

At 8:10 pm David Woan left the meeting and did not return

At 8:15 pm the meeting was suspended and Cllrs J Conway, K Gill, M Lock and W Read left the meeting.

At 8:20 pm the meeting reconvened and Cllrs J Conway, K Gill, M Lock and W Read returned.

9/221. YEOVIL IN BLOOM UPDATE

The Chairman of Yeovil in Bloom Steering Group – Cllr M Roper gave a verbal update of Yeovil In Bloom. He praised the hard work that was carried out by the team at South Somerset District Council.

RESOLVED: to note the verbal update and the praise given to the team at South Somerset District Council.

9/222. PROPOSAL FOR A NEW YEOVIL IN BLOOM CATEGORY

Consideration was given to the proposal for the new Yeovil in Bloom Category. A number of questions were raised regarding what was required to judge this category.

RESOLVED: a) to note the matter; b) to agree in principle the new Yeovil in Bloom Category pending additional information; and c) to invite Nick Wadham from Bugfest to the next Yeovil in Bloom meeting to discuss the criteria further.

9/223. SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM PRESENTATIONS

Cllr M Roper read the update which had been prepared by Cllr D Recardo. He informed the Committee that both the Civic Evening and the presentation itself was very successful and enjoyed by everyone who attended. Yeovil had won a Gold Award and were awarded a trophy for the best municipal display (the Regimental display in St John's Churchyard) in the South West. Thanks was expressed to Cllrs P Lock and E Potts-Jones for their contribution to the party bags.

Congratulations were given to Yeovil in Bloom and to the team at South Somerset District Council.

RESOLVED: a) to note the verbal update; and b) to congratulate Yeovil in Bloom and South Somerset District Council for the awards.

9/224. UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Cllr J Conway gave a verbal update. The aims and objective have been revised to:

Aim: To bring the community together by promoting unity.

Objective: To encourage all groups within the town to evolve.

It was decisions that the Town Council would ensure that all events held should be made accessible to all communities and that collaborative projects to enhance exiting work would be welcomed.

RESOLVED: to note the verbal update.

9/225. YEOVIL SUPER SATURDAY SUMMARY

The committee considered the report of the Deputy Town Clerk (SF).

The Chairman expressed her thanks to all the staff at the Town Council and it was noted that this event would not happen if it was not for the work of the Town Council staff.

The plans for next year involved an organisation called Action Track who would help deliver a World Music Project which would involve children from secondary schools.

RESOLVED: a) to note the report of the Deputy Town Clerk; and b) extend a big thank you to all the staff at Yeovil Town Council for their hard work in the lead up and the delivery of Super Saturday.

9/226. PROPOSED SPONSORSHIP POLICY AND STRATEGY

The committee considered the proposed Sponsorship Policy and Strategy. Some amendments were recommended.

RESOLVED: to recommend the proposed Sponsorship Policy and Strategy subject to the amendments being implemented.

9/227. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – JUNE/JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2018

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 June 2018 to 30 September 2018.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement for the period 1 June 2018 to 30 September 2018 be approved.

9/228. DRAFT BUDGET 2019/20

The Committee considered the draft budget for 2019/20.

RESOLVED: to recommend the draft budget for 2019/20 to Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

Public Comment. There were no members of the public present.

The Chairman made some announcements.

- The Christmas Light Switch on is being held on Saturday 17th November, with the Lantern Parade gathering from 5pm.
- Milford Community Association is holding their Christmas Fayre on 1st December at Milford Community Hall.
- Members were encouraged to support Westfield Community Centre via the Aviva Community Fund.
- Members were encouraged to like and share the Yeovil Town Council Facebook page.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: