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Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 7.00pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs D Recardo (Chairman), P Chandler, P Lock, S Lowery, F Purbrick, M Roper and A Smith.

In Attendance: M Lock (Milford Ward Member), T Lock (East Ward Member), S Freemantle (Deputy Town Clerk) and Steve Fox (Principal Horticultural Officer – SSDC).

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

9/111. Apologies for Absence and to Consider the Reasons Given

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr W Read (working away) and Cllr D Shutler (conflicting engagement).

Resolved: To accept the apologies with the reasons given.

9/112. Declarations of Interest

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

There were no declarations of interests at this time.

9/113. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Committee approved as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th January 2017.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee held on 17th January 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9/114. Exclusion of Press and Public.

Due to the confidential nature of the business of item 9/121, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3, it is likely a motion to exclude members of the public and press during discussion of this item will be considered by the Councilors. [Public Bodies \(Admission to Meetings\) Act 1960 s3](#)

Resolved: That agenda item 9/121 is heard with the Public & Press excluded.

9/115. Yeovil in Bloom Update

Steve Fox apprised the Committee of the on-going work of the Yeovil in Bloom team which included winter visits to all sites and spraying and rotavation to prepare beds for the summer bedding and seeds. He added that he along with Cllrs Recardo and Roper and Lesley Jelleyman had attended the spring seminar and amongst some very good talks was one given by a lady from Brixham who turned the town around with community help, supported by the Harbour Master and the Local Authority.

Steve also informed the Committee that Lesley Jelleyman has been selected to be a National Judge for the RHS "In Bloom" initiative.

Resolved: (1) that the update be noted; and (2) that a letter be sent to Lesley Jelleyman, Yeovil in Bloom Promotions Officer to congratulate her on her achievement of the status of National Judge for the RHS "In Bloom" initiative.

9/116. Yeovil in Bloom Minutes

The Committee considered the minutes of the Yeovil in Bloom Steering Group meeting held on 6th March 2017. The Chairman summarised the minutes and extended an invitation to all members of the Promotions and Activities Committee to help judge the Yeovil Gardening Competition.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil in Bloom Steering Group held on 6th March 2017 be noted.

9/117. Unity in the Community (Formerly Celebration of Diversity) Working Group

Cllr Purbrick reported on a very good second meeting of the group and explained that as there was a national campaign for "The Great Get Together" on 17th and 18th June in Memory of the life of Jo Cox MP, the group had decided to hold an event that weekend. Each member of the group was working towards community involvement and Sally Freemantle has contacted a poet whose work involves integration and celebration of cultures and diversity who would attend on the day.

The Chairman commented on the number of flags required to represent the numerous nationalities living and working in our town.

Resolved: that the update be noted.

9/118. Christmas Lights

The Committee considered the Terms of Reference and the minutes of the Christmas Lights Working Party held on 24th January 2017.

Resolved: that the Terms of Reference of the Working Party and the minutes of 24th January 2017 be noted.

9/119. Super Saturday

The Deputy Town Clerk updated the Committee on the progress towards the next Super Saturday which would take place in the Town Centre on Saturday 23 September. It was confirmed that charity stalls would be welcome again.

Resolved: that the update be noted.

9/120. Financial Statement – December 2016/January 2017

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 December 2016 to 31 January 2017.

Resolved: that the Financial Statement for the period 1st December 2016 to 31st January 2017 be noted.

9/121 SLA and Proposed Savings Report

The Committee will consider a resolution (see item 9/114) 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 would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Resolved: that the elements of the report concerning Yeovil in Bloom be noted and approved (other elements will be considered by the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee on 20 March 2017).

Public Comment. There were no comments from members of the public.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed: (Chairman) Date: