



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of YEOVIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at 7.00pm in the Sanctuary, Yeovil Baptist Church, South Street, Yeovil.

Present: Cllrs D Shutler (Chairman & Mayor), D Recardo (Deputy Mayor), P Chandler, J Conway, G Freeman-Bell, A Kendall, T Ledlie, T Lock, G Oakes, E Potts-Jones, W Read, M Roper, A Smith and R Stickland.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk)

7:00 pm - The meeting commenced.

1 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd May 2016, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd May 2016 be signed as a correct record.

2 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 Gubbins (medical) and K Hussain (work commitments).

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies with the reasons given.

3 ADDRESS BY COUNCILLOR DARREN SHUTLER – MAYOR OF YEOVIL TOWN

The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Darren Shutler, welcomed those present to the meeting.

He then made a speech and gave a presentation, which outlined the Town Council's civic events and the many engagements that the Mayor and Mayoress had attended during the past year. This covered a range of engagements from early years' day care to the elderly care homes as well as the traditional events such as civic parades.

Mayors' Charities

The Mayor indicated that during the year, a total of £31,573.91 had been raised for the Mayor's Charities – St Margaret's Hospice Yeovil and School in a Bag. The School in a Bag

shop in the Quedam packed 555 bags (the target was 80) and now St Margaret's Hospice currently has a shop in the Quedam. He then presented a cheque in this sum to representatives from both charities who thanked the Mayor for his outstanding contribution, and for all the hard work that he had undertaken during the course of the year to raise funds, and to promote and publicise the charities. The representative from St Margaret's Hospice commented on how the contribution would be used to benefit the hospice and what a difference such a large contribution would make. The representative from School in a Bag announced that 11,383 bags had been distributed in 19 different countries, with 2,500 awaiting distribution during this municipal year. The Mayor packed bag number 37,054 last year and was presented with a photograph of the child in Romania receiving the bag.

Acknowledgement of Support

The Mayor thanked the Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, the Councillors, the staff at the Council, the mace bearer, his Cadets and his family and friends for all their help and support over the previous twelve months. He presented all with gifts as a token of his appreciation. In their absence, he also thanked Reverend Jim Pearce and his wife for being his Chaplain

The Mayor Award 2017

The Mayor announced that this year's award would be made to someone who had given many years of service to the community in the Town in a number of ways. The recipient of the award has been instrumental in developing and promoting the arts and culture in Yeovil, a founder in the Yeovil Community Arts Association, setting up a lunchtime book club, involved in a creative writer group, and an active member of Yeovil Art Group (being both a talented painter and mentor to new members). She has assisted in launching and promoting Yeovil Literacy Festival. She is also an active and invaluable member of the Yeovil in Bloom Team. The Mayor indicated that it gave him great pleasure to announce that this year's award would go to Liz Pike in recognition of her outstanding service to the community.

4 GENERAL DISCUSSION

No matters were raised.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 7:25pm.

Signed:

Dated: