

## **YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **PROMOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 10 September 2013**

(7.00pm to 8.15pm)

### **Present:**

Jon Gleeson – Chairman	Wes Read
Martin Bailey	David Recardo
Peter Brock	Manny Roper
Phil Chandler	Alan Smith
Mike Lock	

### **Also Present:**

Alan Tawse	Town Clerk
Juliet Sims	Assistant Town Clerk

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from members of the public.

### **8/177 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 July 2013, copies of which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **8/178 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Tristan Cobb and Clive Davis.

### **8/179 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **8/180 CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

### **8/181 YEOVIL IN BLOOM STEERING GROUP MINUTES**

The Committee considered the Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 July 2013, and the Chairman of the Yeovil In Bloom Steering Group updated the Committee on the latest news with regard to the Yeovil Flower and Gardeners Market. He indicated that the flowering baskets and planters would not be removed until after the event, which would take place on 28 September, and would continue to be watered in the meantime.

He also advised that a press release had been issued that day and that he had joined a successful meeting between the organiser of the Yeovil Food

Festival – Antonia Burt, together with the Assistant Town Clerk – Juliet Sims, and the Market Stalls Manager (South Somerset District Council) – Joy Streetin.

**RESOLVED**

that the minutes be noted.

8/182 **NEW INITIATIVES – TOWN CENTRE WI-FI**

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 6 refers).

Whilst supportive of the principle of a free town centre wi-fi service, it was noted that the installation and operating costs could be substantial. It was also pointed out that the advent of new technology and the increasingly flexible approach being taken by some broadband providers could result in the service being provided at no cost to the Town Council.

It was also felt that local Town Centre businesses could be encouraged to extend the range of their existing broadband, possibly with a small contribution from the Town Council.

The Committee further noted that an indication of anticipated costs would be known following the planned site visit by a company specialising in this type of installation.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the outcome of the planned site visit be reported to a future meeting.

8/183 **COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE**

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Town Clerk (Agenda item 7 refers).

**RESOLVED**

that the matter be noted.

8/184 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE /JULY 2013**

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 June to 31 July 2013 (Agenda item 8 refers).

**RESOLVED**

that the Financial Statement be noted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from members of the public.

### 8/185 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

#### **RESOLVED**

that the press and public be excluded 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.

### 8/186 **NEW INITIATIVES – PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT AREA**

The Committee considered the confidential report of the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk (Agenda item 9 refers).

The Town Clerk outlined the initial views of the Police on the matter and the need to consult a number of other organisations and agencies if the proposal were to be pursued.

During the ensuing discussion, Members considered the merits of the options set out in the report and the anticipated costs involved. It was felt that other designs needed to be investigated, which would allow the proposed structure to be easily installed and removed.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) that a meeting be held with the Police, the Highway Authority and the District Council to explore the options and the resource implications further and the outcome be reported to a future meeting; and
- (3) that the Chairman of the Committee and Manny Roper be appointed to represent the Town Council at the planned meeting, along with the Town Clerk and the Assistant Town Clerk.

### 8/187 **TOWN CENTRE DISPLAY**

The Committee considered the confidential report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 10 refers).

Members expressed their support for the principle of the proposal.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the recommendation set out in the report.

8/188 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Committee considered the confidential report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 11 refers).

Details of the quotation for the erection, installation and removal of the Christmas Lights display were outlined at the meeting.

During the ensuing discussion, Members welcomed the financial contributions made towards the display and potential additional contributions.

- (1) that the matters be noted; and
- (2) that acceptance of the single-price quotation be approved.

Chairman

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