

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PROMOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 11 March 2014**

(7.00pm to 8.30pm)

Present:

Jon Gleeson – Chairman
Phil Chandler
Tristan Cobb
Mike Lock
David Recardo
Manny Roper
Alan Smith

Also Present:

Sally Freemantle – Assistant Town Clerk
Marie Ainsworth – Neighbourhood Officer (SSDC)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

8/213 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 January 2014, copies of which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8/214 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Bailey, Peter Brock, Kris Castle, Clive Davis, Tony Fife, Wes Read.

8/215 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

8/216 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

8/217 YEOVIL TOWN CENTRE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the report by the Neighbourhood Officer (agenda item 5 refers) and discussion took place regarding various aspects listed in the programme, particularly regarding the replacement of paving slabs and the painting of lamp columns. With regard to the hanging basket trees in

Glovers Walk it was suggested that this may come under the umbrella of Yeovil in Bloom.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that a request be made to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee to carry forward as a planned underspend the uncommitted budget of £8,000 earmarked for Town Centre Environmental Improvements to the forthcoming financial year to allow this Committee the opportunity to reconsider the application for funding for this project once the draft maintenance schedule has been finalised, quotations have been obtained for the first year and other funding sources have been investigated fully.

8/218 **YEOVIL IN BLOOM STEERING GROUP MINUTES**

The Committee considered the Minutes of the Yeovil in Bloom Steering Group Meeting held on 3 March 2014.

RESOLVED

that the minutes be noted.

8/219 **CUSTOMISED SOUVENIRS**

The Committee considered the report by the Assistant Town Clerk and it was noted that £87 has been allocated to assist with the purchase of commemorative tea towels for the 20th anniversary of the first Town Criers' competition Yeovil.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that a request be made to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee to carry forward the total remaining budget of £453 for customised souvenirs to the forthcoming financial year.

8/220 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 2013/JANUARY 2014**

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 December 2013 to 31 January 2014 (agenda item 8 refers).

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statement be noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

8/221 **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.

8/212 **NEW INITIATIVES – PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT AREA**

The Committee considered the confidential report by the Assistant Town Clerk (agenda item 9 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) that the Assistant Town Clerk continues to investigate ways to provide a temporary cover for the bandstand and reports back to the Committee when the solution appears feasible; and
- (3) that a request be made to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for £735 to cover the cost of hiring a temporary marquee to be erected for three events at the Public Entertainments Area during the forthcoming year.

8/213 **NEW INITIATIVES – TOWN CENTRE WI-FI**

The Committee considered the confidential report by the Town Clerk (agenda item 10 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) to ask the Town Team to carry out a survey of the shops/businesses in the Town which provide wi-fi and the economic benefit the Town wi-fi would provide; and
- (3) to invite other authorities/groups to work in partnership with the Town Council and investigate suitable and relevant grant funding for this kind of project.

Chairman