

Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of ANNUAL MEETING OF YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7.00pm in the Sanctuary, Yeovil Baptist Church, South Street, Yeovil.

Present: Cllrs T Lock (Chair and Mayor); B Boyton; K Gill; E Hopkins; J Jimba; A Kendall; J Lock; J Lowery; G Oakes; K Parsons; E Potts-Jones; W Read; A Richards; J Snell; R Spinner; and R Stickland.

In Attendance: A Card (Chief Executive/Town Clerk); A Burgan (Director of Culture); K Menday (Director of Leisure & Environment); L Ryder (Deputy Town Clerk); T Short (Admin Officer); E Marsh (Community Warden); D Recardo (Mace Bearer) and Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain).

There were 46 members of the public and two members of the press present.

The Mayor of Yeovil, Cllr T Lock welcomed everyone to the Yeovil Annual Town Meeting.

7:30 pm - The meeting commenced.

11/266 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: Cllrs K Hussain (work commitment); A Soughton (conflicting engagement); H Stonier (personal reasons) and R White (family commitment).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

11/267 ELECTION OF MAYOR OF YEOVIL TOWN – 2026/27

Cllr Tony Lock, Mayor of Yeovil, called for nominations for the office of Mayor of Yeovil Town for 2026/27.

It was proposed by Cllr E Potts-Jones and seconded by Cllr R Stickland that Cllr Tony Lock be elected as Mayor of Yeovil.

At 7:32pm, the meeting was adjourned and Cllr T Lock left the meeting.

Cllr E Potts-Jones and then Cllr R Stickland spoke in support of the nomination.

Cllr T Lock returned to the meeting, which was then reconvened at 7:38pm.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Tony Lock be elected to serve as Mayor of Yeovil Town for the ensuing year.

Cllr Tony Lock then made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

11/268 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR OF YEOVIL TOWN – 2026/27

Cllr T Lock, Mayor of Yeovil, called for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Town for 2026/27.

It was proposed by Cllr T Lock and seconded by Cllr J Lowery that Cllr Wes Read be elected as Deputy Mayor of Yeovil.

At this point, Cllr Wes Read left the meeting.

Cllr T Lock and then Cllr J Lowery spoke in support of the nomination for Cllr Wes Read.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Wes Read be elected to serve as Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Town for the ensuing year.

Cllr Wes Read then made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

11/269 ADDRESS BY THE WORSHIPFUL MAYOR OF YEOVIL TOWN – CLLR TONY LOCK

The Mayor of Yeovil, Cllr T Lock announced the following:

- Mayor's Chaplain 2026/27: Rev Jim Pearce
- Mayor's Cadets 2026/27: Flight Sergeant Boris Velkov (Air Cadet) and Corporal Caitlin Rolls (Air Cadet)
- Mayor's Charities 2026/27: Yeovil Hospital Charity – Dementia Care; and Yeovil Freewheelers (Yeovil Blood Bikes)

A representative from both Yeovil Blood Bikes (Andrew Wiley - Chair) and Yeovil Hospital Charity (Amy Phelps – Community & Events Fundraiser) spoke of their charities.

11/270 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

It was proposed, and duly seconded that the meeting be adjourned until 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at Yeovil Town Council, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil, BA20 1PQ.

RESOLVED: that the meeting be adjourned until 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at Yeovil Town Council, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil, BA20 1PQ.

The meeting was adjourned by the Mayor at 7:55 pm.

Signed:

Date: