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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Buildings & Civic Matters Committee 20th July 2021 at 7.00pm held by video-conference using Zoom meeting software; and in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ.

Present (in person): Cllrs R Stickland (Chair); N Gage; D Gubbins (from 7:04pm); A Kendall; T Lock; D Recardo and H Stonier.

Present (virtually): Cllr T Ledlie.

In Attendance (in person): A Card (Town Clerk); S Freemantle (Deputy Town Clerk).

In Attendance (virtually): Cllr A Richards (Wyndham Hill Ward); PCSO Leanne Middleton and Ash Hunt (Emerald First Aid Training).

There was no member of the public and no members of the press present virtually.

Public Comment

PCSO Leanne Middleton updated the Committee on the work of the police in Yeovil. She highlighted the funding from the Home Office to fund an operation of Serious Violent Crime. This would pay particular attention to hot spots in Yeovil. PCSO patrols are highly visible for 15 minutes at a time following guidance to deter crime. She talked about County Lines and although some lines had been stopped, unfortunately new lines would find a way of getting into Yeovil. There has been an increase in demand from the service and the Neighbourhood teams were being called away to deal with fast response. The Neighbourhood work was being covered by PCSOs.

There has been a lot of anti-social behaviour in the Wyndham Hill/Newton Road area of Yeovil. This area falls just outside of the current PSPO area. There is a lot of work being carried out at the moment to gather evidence to extend the PSPO area. Councillors raised strong concerns about this area and had received many phone calls from concerned residents who are exasperated with the situation. It is important that all issues are reported to the police on 101 or 999 if it is an emergency.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk write to Paul Huntingdon (a) to voice the concerns of the Councillors; and (b) to ascertain timescales to extending the PSPO area.

7:37pm – PCSO Leanne Middleton left the meeting and did not return.

There were no comments from the public.

7:38pm – *The meeting commenced.*

10/147 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from: Cllrs K Gill (conflicting engagement) and E Potts-Jones (personal).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

10/148 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations at this time.

10/149 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting 25th May 2021.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2021 and that they be signed as a correct record.

10/150 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – APRIL 2021 / MAY 2021

Members considered the Financial Statement for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st May 2021.

The Town Clerk informed the Committee, that the Milford Hall income will reduce since the Pre-school had given notice.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st May 2021 be approved.

10/151 DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk regarding the defibrillator project and the overwhelming amount of support from some business' in Yeovil. Owing to donations and the crowdfunding page set up by Nationwide Building Society, the Town Council were now in a position to procure 6 defibrillator packages instead of the budgeted 4. There were other initiatives which could further increase this number.

The Town Clerk commented that she was going to contact the Royal Mail sorting office in Huish about the possibility of joint funding a defibrillator there. Conversations would also be held with Tamborinos.

At this point Cllr T Ledlie declared an interest being an employee of Royal Mail.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the correspondence; (2) to note the decision made in accordance with Standing Order Urgent Business 4/d/xiv to agree that a defibrillator be put on the external wall of the Cow and Apple, and that Yeovil Town Council funds the remaining 50%; (3) that the locations for further defibrillators be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair of this Committee); (4) that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the agreement to adopt the three telephone kiosks; (5) that a time scale for the installation of

the first defibrillator be provided and (6) that letters of thanks be written to the Nationwide Building Society; Man About Town; Emerald First Aid Training; the Cow and Apple; and Yeovil Crime Reduction Team.

10/152 COMMEMORATIVE BENCHES UPDATE

Members considered the report of the Deputy Town Clerk (SF) regarding the Commemorative Benches,

RESOLVED: to note the report.

10/153 REPAIR OF BENCH AT PENN HILL

Member considered the report of the Deputy Town Clerk (HF) regarding the repair of the bench at Penn Hill whose owner was unknown.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the report; (2) to renovate the bench; and (3) to arrange for the graffiti on the wall behind the bench to be removed.

10/154 100th ANNIVERSARY OF WAR MEMORIAL

Member considered the report of the Town Clerk regarding the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the War Memorial. An event took place at 11am on 14th July 2021 involving children from primary schools in Yeovil who lay posies, and Cllr S Lowery sung the hymn "Nearer my God to thee", replicating elements of the unveiling of the war memorial on 14th July 1921.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the report; (2) to thank local news report Steve Sowden for bringing the anniversary to the attention of the Committee; and (3) to thank all those who made the event possible.

10/155 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE REQUEST

Member considered the report of the Deputy Town Clerk (SF) regarding the request for a Speed Indicator Device (SID) on Meadow Road.

A request had been refused in January 2018 due to there not being a suitable post for the SID to be installed upon and also that was no suitable location for a post to be installed.

It was suggested that if members of the public were concerned with speed, that they start a Community Speed Watch initiative.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the report; and (2) that since the same conditions remain as in 2018, that the request be refused.

Public Comment

The member of public – Ash Hunt from Emerald First Aid Training commented that he thought it was fantastic that Yeovil Town Council were supporting defibrillators in Yeovil.

10/156 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 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 of agenda items 10/157 – 10/158 would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3

8:15pm – *Ash Hunt left the meeting and did not return.*

10/157 PETER STREET PUBLIC TOILETS: WATER HARVESTING SYSTEM (COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE)

The Committee considered the report of the Deputy Town Clerk (HF).

RESOLVED: (1) to note the report; (2) to reinstall the rainwater harvesting system; (3) to appoint WCI Wastewater Engineers to carry out the specified remedial works; and (4) to appoint WCI Wastewater Engineers to carry out a six-monthly service and maintenance of the system.

10/158 MONMOUTH HALL (CONFIDENTIAL)

Member considered the report of the Town Clerk regarding Monmouth Hall.

RESOLVED: (1) to note report; (2) to agree with the recommendations of the Monmouth Hall Working Party to carry out the specified works; (3) to agree with the re Town Clerk to appoint the recommended contractor; (4) to not reactivate the telephone line; and (5) to recommend to Policy Resources and Finance (2) and (3).

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

Signed:

Dated: