



Yeovil Town Council

Town House
19 Union Street
Yeovil
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BA20 1PQ

Culture, Events and Promotions Committee

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Tuesday 27th May 2025

7:00pm

Hybrid Meeting:

**Face-to-face at Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil
BA20 1PQ; and virtual using Zoom meeting software**

For further information on the items to be discussed, please contact
town.clerk@yeovil.gov.uk.

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Amanda Card, Chief Executive / Town Clerk
20th May 2025

This information is also available on our website: www.yeovil.gov.uk

Members of Yeovil Town Council are summoned to attend:

Tareth Casey

Karl Gill

Emma-Jayne Hopkins

Justice Jimba

Jamie Lock

Tony Lock (*Ex-Officio*)

Jane Lowery

Graham Oakes (Chair)

Wes Read

Ruth White

Dave Woan (Vice Chair)

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- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

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Disability	Religion or Belief
Gender Reassignment	Sex
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Sexual Orientation
Pregnancy and Maternity	

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A G E N D A

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

Due to the confidential nature of the business of item 11/196, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3, a motion to exclude members of the public and press during discussion of this item will be considered by the Councillors. *Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3*

11/187 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Council to receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons given. *LGA 1972 s85(1)*

11/188 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

11/189 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2025 (the March meeting was cancelled).

11/190 YEOVIL'S VIRTUAL MUSEUM THE 'A-Z OF YEOVIL'S HISTORY' WEBSITE

To consider the report by the Deputy Town Clerk attached at page 6.

11/191 PLANS FOR SUPER SATURDAYS

To consider the report by the Deputy Town Clerk attached at page 7.

11/192 FEEDBACK FROM VE DAY EVENT 8TH MAY 2025

To consider the report by the Deputy Town Clerk attached at page 8.

11/193 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT

To consider the report by the Deputy Town Clerk attached at page 9.

11/194 OUTTURN REPORT 2024/25

To consider the Outturn Report 2024/2025 to follow (if available).

11/195 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee will consider passing a resolution to exclude the press and public from the ***next item*** 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.

11/196 OPERATION MENAI BRIDGE (CONFIDENTIAL)

To consider the report by the Town Clerk/CEO attached at pages 10 to 14.

11/190. YEOVIL'S VIRTUAL MUSEUM THE 'A-Z OF YEOVIL'S HISTORY' WEBSITE

Bob Osborn, local historian, has created and compiled the '*A-Z of Yeovil's History*' Website. It is a free-to-use website with 2,300+ pages which Mr Osborn has researched, written and maintained, and to date has attracted millions of visitors, both locally, nationally and worldwide. As such, it is a significant resource which brings some national and international recognition to Yeovil. Members are recommended to look at the website, if they have not done so before: <http://www.yeovilhistory.info/>.

Mr Osborn has researched and created the website during his retirement. In 2019 he contacted the Town Council as he was concerned about the future of this valuable resource. He offered the custodianship of it to the Council to maintain its presence on the internet when he is no longer able to administer it himself, not to add to it but to ensure that the research already collated is preserved and available.

The Committee agreed in principle to the custodianship, and Mr Osborn is proposing that it is now appropriate to make the transfer. The costs involved are currently:

Annual Web Hosting £60 (paid until 14 November 2025)

Bi-annual domain name renewal is £44.73 (paid until 28 November 2025)

For information -

To date Yeovil's Virtual Museum has been viewed in 139 countries with over six million page views. The website contains more than 3,000 pages (equivalent to over 15,000 A4 printed pages) including over 14,250 images.

The Town Council could include a link to the A-Z website from its own website.

The '*A-Z of Yeovil's History*' website is an excellent resource both currently and for the future, not only for people working and living in and around Yeovil, but also for those interested in Yeovil for whatever reason around the world. As such, the closure of the website would be a great loss to the town, and therefore it is recommended that the Committee agrees to now accept the custodianship of the website.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED:**

(1) to note the report; and,

(2) to agree to the Town Council accepting custodianship of the '*A-Z of Yeovil's History*' website to safeguard it as a current and future resource.

(Sally Freemantle, Deputy Town Clerk – 01935 382424)

11/191. SUPER SATURDAY PLANS

The plans for September Super Saturday this year include: eat:festivals, circus skills, stilt walker, walkabout act, buskfest, local community stalls and traditional funfair stalls. There will also be performances (yet to be confirmed), demonstrations by Urban Displays bike display team and music. Local community groups have been invited to perform or demonstrate their skills.

The plans for the July event include activities taking place in St John's Churchyard including circus skills and community stalls, walkabouts acts, children's activities, and guided walks about 'Yeovil in Stone' by Somerset Geology Group.

It is **RECOMMENDED** to note the report.

*(Sally Freemantle, Deputy Town Clerk – 01935 382424 or
sally.freemantle@yeovil.gov.uk)*

11/192. FEEDBACK FROM VE DAY EVENT 8TH MAY 2025

A commemoration event to mark the 80th anniversary since VE Day took place on 8th May 2025 in St John's Church and Churchyard. Beacons were lit in St John's Churchyard and on Wyndham Hill, with the beacon on Wyndham Hill clearly being visible from the Churchyard.

Yeovil Town Council welcomed the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Nigel Beacom, and Base Warrant Officer Jason Walker who lit the beacon in St John's Churchyard on behalf of the town. RAF, sea and army cadets were present throughout the event.

The evening commenced with a fascinating heritage talk by Joseph Lewis and continued with music by soprano singer Teresa De Roberto, HMS Heron Volunteer Band and the Octagon Choir; the latter two joining to perform "I vow to thee my country" while the beacon was being lit. As part of a worldwide campaign by the Central Council of Church Bellringers – Ringing Out in Celebration of Peace – the church bells could be heard in Yeovil and the Town Crier performed a proclamation just before the beacon was lit.

Feedback from the community about the event was positive and the working relationship with St John's Church was excellent.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the report.

***(Sally Freemantle, Deputy Town Clerk – 01935 382424 or
sally.freemantle@yeovil.gov.uk)***

11/193. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT

The date of the Christmas Lights switch on event is 22nd November 2025. This will be the first year that the whole of the new Christmas Lighting scheme including the Christmas Tree in the Entertainments Area will be installed.

The Committee is therefore asked to consider confirming that the arrangements for the Christmas Lights Switch On event be organised by Yeovil Town Council.

The budget allocation for the event is £8,000.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** (1) to note the report; and (2) to consider confirming that the event be organised by Yeovil Town Council in accordance with the budget allocation.

*(Sally Freemantle, Deputy Town Clerk – 01935 382424 or
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