

Yeovil Town Council



Town House
19 Union Street
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Culture Committee

Culture Committee

Extra-ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 7th July 2026

7:30pm (or at the close of the Property & Community Committee meeting
– whichever is later)

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
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Cllr D Woan, Chair of Culture Committee

1st July 2026

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Members of Yeovil Town Council are summoned to attend:

Tareth Casey

Karina Parsons (Vice Chair)

Karl Gill

Evie Potts-Jones

Emma-Jayne Hopkins

Ashley Richards

Jane Lowery

Wes Read (*Ex-Officio*)

Tony Lock (*Ex-Officio*)

Dave Woan (Chair)

Graham Oakes

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A G E N D A

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

11/240 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

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

11/241 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).

11/242 DISCUSSION OF MOTION

To consider the motion as attached at pages 5 to 6.

11/242 MOTION

At its meeting held on 30th June 2026, it was resolved to refer the motion to both the Property & Community Committee and the Culture Committee, as elements of the motion were relevant to both Committees.

In addition, it was resolved that paragraph 1: Yeovil Town Council therefore resolves section (highlighted below in yellow) be removed, noting that the Council Leader had already discussed the matter with Somerset Council

It is **RECOMMENDED** that this Committee consider the elements of the motion relevant to this Committee.

TOWN COUNCIL – 30th June 2026

11/367 MOTION

Notice of Motion received from Cllr T Casey on 17th June 2026: *Standing Order s9*

The Council will debate the following motion:

Local Management of The Triangle and Associated Town Centre Assets

This Council notes:

- The significant investment made in Yeovil town centre through the Yeovil Refresh programme, including the Triangle public space, water feature, amphitheatre and large digital screen.
- Somerset Council's ongoing development of the Glovers Walk "Meanwhile Use" site, which is intended to provide community activities, events and public space whilst longer-term regeneration plans are developed.
- That these facilities are located at the heart of Yeovil and have the potential to support community events, cultural activities, family attractions, tourism, local businesses and increased town centre footfall.
- That recent concerns regarding the operation of the water feature, together with questions around the utilisation of the digital screen and wider public space, have highlighted the importance of active management, regular programming and local accountability.
- That Yeovil Town Council has recently strengthened its capacity through the appointment of an Events Officer, providing dedicated expertise and resource to support events, community engagement, place activation and partnership working across the town.

Proposal:

- That these facilities should be managed as part of a coordinated town centre offering rather than as separate assets.
- That decisions regarding events, use of the screen, operation of the water feature and programming of public spaces are best made at the most local level possible.
- That Yeovil Town Council is well placed to work alongside local businesses, community groups, schools, cultural organisations and residents to maximise the benefit of these facilities.
- That the Council's Events Officer provides a strong foundation from which to coordinate events, screenings, community activities, markets and wider town centre initiatives.
- That greater local control would improve accountability, increase utilisation of these facilities and help ensure public investment delivers the greatest possible benefit to residents and the local economy.

Yeovil Town Council therefore resolves:

1. To formally write to Somerset Council requesting discussions regarding the transfer of management responsibility for:
 - the Triangle public space;
 - the water feature;
 - the digital screen;
 - event booking and programming of the area;
 - and the future Glovers Walk Meanwhile Use site.
2. To request that officers of both councils undertake an initial feasibility assessment covering governance arrangements, operational responsibilities, maintenance obligations, staffing requirements, legal considerations and financial implications.
3. To assess how the Council's existing Events Officer role could support the management, programming and promotion of these facilities, with the aim of maximising community use whilst minimising any additional staffing requirements.
4. To seek opportunities to develop a coordinated programme of community events, family activities, cultural events, markets, public screenings and town centre initiatives across these spaces, ensuring they become vibrant and well-used assets for the benefit of Yeovil residents and visitors.