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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.00pm held in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ; and by video-conference using Zoom meeting software.

Committee Members Present (in person): Cllrs S Lowery (Chair); T Casey; A Kendall; J Lock; J Lowery; E Potts-Jones; W Read; and L Watts.

Committee Members Present (virtually): Cllr E Hopkins.

Members Present (virtually): Cllr T Lock (Lyde Ward).

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

Public Comment. There were no members of the public and two members of the press present. Steve Haigh (Radio Ninesprings) proposed that he run a song competition in the lead up to the King's Coronation.

7.03pm – Meeting Commenced

11/043. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies for absence (*LGA 1972 s85(1)*) were received from Cllrs J Cabell (work commitments) and E Hopkins who joined the meeting virtually (family commitments).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

11/044. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

11/045. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Committee approved as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th November 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee held on 8th November 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

11/046. YEOVIL CHRISTMAS EAT:FESTIVAL AND SUPER SATURDAY FEEDBACK

The Committee considered the verbal report from the Deputy Town Clerk about the Christmas eat:festival and Super Saturday. Positive emails were received from Yeovil Art Space, the Quedam and eat:festivals. It was reported that footfall was up (22% from the previous year) and there was a lovely community feel to the day.

It was a very cold day and the stilt walker was unable to make it due to the snow, but the animated puppet reindeer managed to get to Yeovil and was very popular.

Thanks were extended to the team for working hard to create a successful day.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the report; and (2) that thanks be extended to the team.

11/047. EAT:FESTIVAL PROPOSALS

The Committee considered the proposals.

RESOLVED: That the proposals from eat:festivals for the forthcoming year be noted.

11/048. YEOVIL CELEBRATES...

The Committee considered a verbal report by the Deputy Town Clerk regarding the two-day celebration event due to take place in May 2023.

RESOLVED: to not the update on the “*Yeovil Celebrates...*” event on 27th/28th May 2023.

11/049. YEOVIL IN BLOOM MINUTES

The Committee considered the minutes of the Yeovil in Bloom meeting held on 28th November 2022.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Yeovil in Bloom meeting held on 28th November 2022 be noted.

11/150. NEW BEACON

The Committee considered the proposals for a new beacon as explained by the Deputy Town Clerk. It was reported that no plans for Beacon Lighting on or around the King’s Coronation had been publicised to date.

RESOLVED (1) that the costings be noted; and (2) that no further action be taken at this time.

11/051. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2022

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1st October to 30th November 2022.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement for the period 1st October to 30th November 2022 be approved.

Public Comment. There were no comments from members of the public.

7.32pm – The members of the press left the meeting and did not return.

11/052. 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 the remainder of the agenda 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

11/053. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Verbal feedback was provided.

RESOLVED: (1) that the feedback be noted; and (2) that the Christmas Lights Working Party also consider the Christmas Lights Switch on Event 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: