



# Yeovil Town Council

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**Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 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; E Hopkins; A Kendall; J Lock; E Potts-Jones and W Read.

**Committee Members Present (virtually):** Cllr J Cabell.

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

**Also in Attendance (virtually):** Alice Edmonds (Love Yeovil); Steve Haigh (Radio Ninesprings).

**Public Comment.** Steve Haigh (Radio Ninesprings) attended the meeting to present a proposal for agenda item 11/028. Christmas Lights and Christmas Lights Switch-on.

**7.00pm** – Meeting Commenced

## **11/025. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN**

Apologies for absence (*LGA 1972 s85(1)*) were received from Cllrs J Lowery (conflicting engagement) and L Watts (work commitments).

**RESOLVED:** to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

## **11/026. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **11/027. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The Committee approved as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (the meeting scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> September was cancelled).

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Activities Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **11/028. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

Following being made aware of proposal by Steve Haigh (Radio Ninesprings), the Committee agreed to move this agenda item to the end of the meeting. Due to the (now) confidential nature of the business of item 11/028 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*

**RESOLVED:** to move this agenda item to the end of the meeting.

### **11/029. SUPER SATURDAY**

The Committee considered the verbal report from the Deputy Town Clerk. The event which was due to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> September had been postponed due to the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The new date is Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

The plans still include the following: eat:festivals, circus skills, stilt walker, walkabout act, buskfest, balloon modeller and local community stalls, however availability of some of the participants was yet to be confirmed.

It was explained that there would still be some restrictions on the areas of the town available for use this year due to Yeovil Refresh. Some of the budget had been used on advertising the September Super Saturday and paying cancellations fees for the event.

**RESOLVED:** (1) to note the report; and (2) to note the new date for the event.

### **11/030. FUTURE EVENT PROPOSAL**

The Committee considered the report by the Deputy Town Clerk and it was agreed that a two-day celebration event take place in May 2023.

With regard to charging for a “party in the park” style event, the Town Clerk reminded the Committee that the bands/performances were reasonably priced as they were supporting a community/charity event.

The Deputy Town Clerk reminded the Committee that they had considered the following future events at the last meeting:

- Armed Forces Day (next year)
- A similar event to “Yeovil Celebrates The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee” (next year)
- Country music festival (this financial year)

- Picnic in the park every year
- Assist Yeovil Together
- Regular events in The Triangle
- 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Yeovil Town Council

**RESOLVED:** (1) to hold a “*Yeovil Celebrates... The New King*” event on 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May 2023; and (2) that a revised cost for a two-day event be referred to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for confirmation of expenditure and inclusion in the 2023/2024 budget.

#### **11/031. EAT:FESTIVALS 2023**

The Committee considered the proposed dates for eat:festivals to come to Yeovil in 2023 and the associated cost.

**RESOLVED:** (1) that eat:festivals return for three events in 2023: 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 16<sup>th</sup> September and 9<sup>th</sup> December; and (2) that it be noted that the associated costs are included within the Promotions and Activities budget.

#### **11/032. YEOVIL IN BLOOM MINUTES**

The Committee considered the minutes of the Yeovil in Bloom meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

**RESOLVED:** to note the minutes of the Yeovil in Bloom meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

#### **11/033. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – JUNE AND JULY 2022**

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

**RESOLVED:** that the Financial Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 be approved.

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

#### **11/028. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

The Deputy Town Clerk read out an email regarding the Christmas Lights which suggested that given the national need to save energy it be considered whether the town should have Christmas Lights this year and if so, whether they should only switched on for short periods of time.

**RESOLVED:** that the Christmas Lights available (which may be reduced due to the Yeovil Refresh works) be switched on.

The Deputy Town Clerk read out a letter from Love Yeovil regarding the Christmas Lights Switch-on event which proposed that Love Yeovil organise the event.

**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 agenda item 11/028 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

*8.06pm Alice Edmonds (Love Yeovil) left the meeting (virtually).*

A proposal was presented by Steve Haigh (Radio Ninesprings) on the Christmas Lights Switch-on event.

*8.14pm Steve Haigh (Radio Ninesprings) left the meeting and did not return.*

*8.15pm Alice Edmonds (Love Yeovil) re-joined the meeting.*

Alice Edmonds (Love Yeovil) outlined a proposal on the Christmas Lights Switch-on event.

*8.20pm Alice Edmonds (Love Yeovil) left the meeting (virtually) and did not return.*

**RESOLVED:** (1) to request a more detailed proposal from Steve Haigh (Radio Ninesprings) by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at midday; (2) to agree to the proposal from Radio Ninesprings in principle, subject to a more detailed submission and delegate the decision to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman following consultation with Committee members, and; (3) that should the proposal be agreed, matching funding for the event be supported with a cap of £500.

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.

Signed: ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....