

Yeovil Town Council



Town House
19 Union Street
Yeovil
Somerset
BA20 1PQ

Promotions and Activities Committee

Tuesday 17th September 2024

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Card'.

Amanda Card,
Chief Executive / Town Clerk
11th September 2024

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

Promotions and Activities Committee

Members of Yeovil Town Council are summoned to attend:

Tareth Casey

Jane Lowery (Vice Chair)

Karl Gill

Vacancy

Emma-Jayne Hopkins

Graham Oakes

Andy Kendall (*Ex-officio*)

Dave Woan (Chair)

Jamie Lock

Ruth White

Tony Lock (*Ex-Officio*)

Public Comments at meetings

Members of the public may attend the meeting either physically or via zoom.

If you would like to join the meeting via zoom, please e-mail ytic@yeovil.gov.uk by 9:00am on Tuesday 17th September 2024. Instructions will be sent to you to view the meeting.

Equality Act 2010

The general public sector equality duty places an obligation on a wide range of public bodies (including town and parish councils) in the exercise of their functions to have due regard to the need to:

- 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

The protected characteristics are:

Age	Race
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 11/161 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*

11/154. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

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

11/155. 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).

11/156. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 12th March, 14th May and 17th June 2024.

11/157. EVENT FOR VE-DAY COMMEMORATION 8TH MAY 2025

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

11/158. SUPER SATURDAY

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

11/159 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

11/160. WESTLANDS PANTOMIME (CONFIDENTIAL)

To consider the report by the Chief Executive/Town Clerk and the Director of Culture, Events and Promotions, attached at pages 8 and 9.

11/161. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - CONFIDENTIAL

To consider a confidential report by the Deputy Town Clerk attached at page 10.

11/157. EVENT FOR VE-DAY COMMEMORATION 8TH MAY 2025

On 8th May 2025, commemoration events throughout the country will take place to mark the 80th anniversary of VE-Day.

Town and Parish Councils are being encouraged to join in by holding an event and lighting a beacon or lantern. The Committee is therefore asked to consider the organisation of an event on this date and decide the format and budget required for recommendation to the Policy Resources and Finance Committee and budget setting for 2025/26.

Please contact the Deputy Town Clerk (Sally Freemantle) for further information ahead of the meeting.

It is **RECOMMENDED** (1) to note the report; (2) to consider the format and budget of an event to commemorate VE-DAY 80; and (3) that if decided to arrange an event, to recommend the budget required to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

Feature
VE DAY 80

VE DAY 80, A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION, 8 MAY 2025

Beacon and lamp light lighting,
flags of celebration, garden
and street parties



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Bruno Peek

Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR – Pageantmaster, provides insights into the arrangements for the upcoming VE Day 80th anniversary celebrations, how local councils and others within their community can take part, and encourages everyone to make this shared moment of celebration on 8 May 2025 the biggest and the best to date.

VE Day 80, a shared moment of celebration, 8 May 2025

Following the enormous success of D-Day 80, in which over one thousand beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace were lit at 9.15pm on 6 June 2024, commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France, on 6 June 1944, we are now focusing our efforts on the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on 8 May 2025, celebrating the end of the war in Europe and WWII as a whole. We continue to encourage the lighting of beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace at 9.30pm, the raising of a unique VE Day



Feature
VE DAY 80

80 Flag at 9am, and where possible, holding parties of celebration throughout the day in the streets, gardens at home, church and village halls, pubs, clubs, hotels and all other manner of locations throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories. We also encourage the eating of fish and chips, as was part of D-Day 80 too, in tribute to the fisherman that fished the seas having to constantly avoid the mines laid around our shores and the prowling German submarines, as well as the farmers and land girls that tolled the fields not knowing if loved ones would return, to keep the nation fed during the dark days of WWII, along with the millions that paid the ultimate sacrifice during these dreadful dark days of war.



Beacon: Kneale Hill 2 June 2022.
A Bonfire Beacon Farmer

VE DAY 80 beacons (9.30pm)

There are four types of beacons being lit for the occasion:

- Bonfire Beacon
- VE Day 80 Bishops Frome Strawman
- VE Day 80 Beacon Brazier
- VE Day Gas-Fueled beacons

The details regarding these can be found on pages 6 – 10 of the 'VE Day 80 Anniversary Guide', which will be sent to all town, parish and community councils via county associations and One Voice Wales.

The Lamp Light of Peace



VE Day 80 Lamp Light of Peace (9.30pm)

In a similar way to D-Day 80, there are many local councils, churches, care homes, hospitals, pubs, hotels and individual families etc, that would like to take part in the VE Day 80 celebrations but are lacking resources or land to light a beacon. We encourage them to purchase a reusable 'Lamp Light of Peace', providing an extremely cost efficient, simple and meaningful way to take part, with the lamp's ruby red colour representing the ultimate sacrifice made by brave men and women throughout the world who sacrificed so much during WWII, fighting for the freedom we all enjoy today, and its flame representing the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of so many years of war. The lamp is such an ideal way for local councils and communities to take part at only a cost of £55.00 including VAT, post and packaging for one lamp (those with existing lamps are being asked to light these).

With this in mind, we would like to encourage every city, borough, district, community, town, and parish council to take part in this special celebration with a Lamp Light of Peace, using this celebration to pay tribute to those within their local communities that undertook so much for us all during WWII, especially as we must use every opportunity possible these days to help promote peace around the world.

We would like the lamps to be lit at **9.30pm** on 8 May 2025, coinciding with the lighting of the beacons that night, and once lit for this occasion, they can be re-lit again at 11am on 11 November in 'Remembrance' for many years thereafter. Please visit <https://lamplightofpeace.co.uk/> for more details.

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

11/158. SUPER SATURDAY PLANS

The plans for 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 two performances of “The Giant Wheel” by Autin Dance Theatre (collaboration with Octagon Theatre/Somerset Council) and four demonstrations by Urban Displays bike display team. Local community groups have been invited to perform or demonstrate their skills.

Whilst it was hoped that Super Saturday this year would be able to mark the opening of The Triangle, the area is still not quite ready so the performance spaces will be The Quedam and St John’s Churchyard.

The press release for the event is below.

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

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

September’s Super Saturday in Yeovil town centre, hosted by Yeovil Town Council will be a super exciting day of free activities and performances.

Eat:festivals will be bringing the very best West Country food & drink producers and artisans, so come along and sample a taste or enjoy a feast of local food and drink direct from the producers. St John’s Churchyard will not only have community stalls, music and circus skills, but also awe-inspiring performances by bike stunt specialists, Urban Displays. These are high-energy extreme sports shows where mountain bike athletes perform a series of daring feats on a purpose-built rig – feats that require incredible balance, accuracy and an element of crazy. Using head mics to communicate with the crowd, the riders will have the whole audience rooting for them to nail their manoeuvres.

There will be music throughout the town provide by Buskfest, as performers from near and far showcase their musical talent. Look out for the Buskstops which will be located in St John’s Churchyard, The Quedam and in Middle Street.

After the successful performance of ‘Out of the Deep Blue’ The Octagon Theatre and Westlands Entertainment Venue in Yeovil are, once again, working in partnership with Autin Dance Theatre for their performance of ‘Parade - The Giant Wheel’ which will take place at 12noon and 3pm in The Quedam. This will be complemented by performances from Yeovil’s local dance and performance schools, providing a full day of energy and awe to enjoy.

The fun starts at 10am on 21st September and continues throughout the day until 4pm. For further information, please visit Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/yeovilsupersaturday/>