



Yeovil Town Council

Town House
19 Union Street
Yeovil
Somerset
BA20 1PQ

Yeovil Town Council (Informal Meeting)

Tuesday 5th April 2022

7:30pm

Virtual Meeting using Zoom meeting software

Any members of the public wishing to make comments at Public Comments need to email ytic@yeovil.gov.uk by 9:00am on Tuesday 5th April 2022.

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

Amanda Card, Town Clerk
30th March 2022

Yeovil Town Council

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

Members of Yeovil Town Council are summoned to attend:

Evie Potts-Jones – Mayor of Yeovil Town

Andy Kendall – Deputy Mayor of Yeovil Town

Jade Dash

Tony Lock

Nigel Gage

Jane Lowery

Karl Gill

Sarah Lowery

Peter Gubbins

Graham Oakes

David Gubbins

Wes Read

Emma-Jayne Hopkins

David Recardo

Gordon Hunting

Ashley Richards

Kaysar Hussain

Jeny Snell

Terry Ledlie

Andy Soughton

Mike Lock

Roy Spinner

Pauline Lock

Rob Stickland

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- 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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Prior to the start of the meeting, Members are invited to join the Mayor's Chaplain in the Council Chamber for prayers.

A G E N D A

Rachael Whaites (Countryside Manager); Kristy Davies (Countryside Ranger) and Ed Chilcott (Community Heritage) will give an update on the work Yeovil Country Park.

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

10/223 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

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

10/224 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).

10/225 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 1st February 2022.

10/226 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

To note the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming engagements as attached at pages 3 to 5.

10/227 CORRESPONDANCE

To note any correspondence received.

10/228 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS

To note the meetings of each Committee, any resolutions and recommendations contained therein to be ratified at a future meeting of Town Council.

Planning Committee – 14th February 2022 and 14th March 2022.

Presented by Cllr Gordon Hunting

Promotions and Activities Committee – 8th March 2022.

The meeting was cancelled due to not being quorate.

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 7th March 2022.

Presented by Cllr Royston Spinner

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 15th March 2022.

The meeting was cancelled due to lack of business to discuss.

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 29th March 2022.

Presented by Cllr Graham Oakes

10/229 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Members who represent the Town Council on outside bodies should take this opportunity to report on any matters of interest.

10/230 FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan (attached at page 6) lists the items due to be discussed and the decisions due to be made by Yeovil Town Council.

The timings given are indicative and occasionally may be rescheduled and new items added as required.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that Yeovil Town Council approve the Forward Plan.

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

List of Engagements attended/to be attended by the Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones and the Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Andy Kendall from 1 February to 10 May 2022.

<u>February Engagements</u>
- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones gave Preston Primary School Council a tour of the Town House
- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones met with the High Sheriff, Thomas Sheppard to visit local businesses in the Town
- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones attended the Yeovil Town Football Club Business Breakfast
- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones attended the Art Engagement and Outreach Strategy meeting with the Octagon Theatre
- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones sponsored the ball at the YTFC -v- Solihull Moors FC match
- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones attended Wells Cathedral Choral Evensong to celebrate seventy years since the Accession of Her Majesty the Queen 1952 - 2022
- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones attended Blackmore Vale Line & Community Rail Partnership's Christmas Awards Ceremony
- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones joined the Dad's Club at the Library
- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones met with the Working Group and the Westfield Community Association Members
- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones met with the Residents of Pegasus Court
- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones attended the Town & Parish Council Conference
- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones welcomed the Red Watch Yeovil Fire Brigade after their marathon in aid of St Margaret's Hospice and the Fire Fighters Charity
- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones attended the Society of Friends Fleet Air Arm Museum evening Lecture

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones spent the Evening with Yeovil Street Pastors patrolling the Town Centre

March Engagements

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones attended the Street Pastors Annual General Meeting via Zoom

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones attended the Launch of the Emporium's new Brunch Menu

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones attended the One-off screening of 'Care as You Are'

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones celebrated International Women's Day with Yeovil Diversity Project

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones attended the Defibrillator Launch at St Peters Community Centre

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones attended Westfield's Community Garden's Official Opening

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones was Guest Speaker at the Holy Trinity Tea Party

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones hosted her Civic Evening at the Octagon Theatre, watching a production of 'Kinky Boots' by Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones celebrated the Festival of Colours HOLI Party at the Labour Club

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones attended the Legal Service at Wells Cathedral where Mrs Jennifer Duke made her Declaration of High Sheriff in succession to Mr Thomas Sheppard

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones met with Pastor Joseph Khisah

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones attended the GWRSA Club's Event to Celebrate Mother's Day

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones Officially Started the Yeovil Half Marathon, the Fun Run and then presented the prizes to the top 3 male and female finishers

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones attended the Haselbury Mill fundraiser for Ukraine

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones held a raffle at Nationwide Building Society in aid of her charities

April Engagements

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones will attend West Abbey Care Centre Tree Planting Ceremony to Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones will attend Taunton Deane Fundraising Event with the Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones will host a Charity Bingo to raise money for her chosen charities

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones will attend the Annual Town Criers Competition

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones will attend the St Georges Day Parade at St Johns Church

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones will host her Civic Day visiting Preston Academy and Yeovil Town Football Club

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones will Officially Open the Abbey Steam Hill Rally at the Yeovil Showground

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones met with the HomeFirst Community Agent from The Community Council for Somerset

May Engagements

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones will visit the Church Congregation at God's House International Centre, Yeovil

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones will attend Wimborne Minster Civic Thanksgiving Service

- The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones will assist with helping Yeovil Art Space promotional video

Date	Item
23 rd April 2022	Town Criers Competition
5 th May 2022	Elections
9 th May 2022 – 13 th May 2022	Councillor induction programme
Annual Town Meeting followed by Annual Meeting of the Town Council 17 th May 2022*	Address by Mayor about Charities and Mayor Award 2021 Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor
Annual Meeting of the Town Council (reconvened) 24 th May 2022*	Appointment of Committees and Other Bodies for 2022/23 Appointments of Representatives to Serve on Outside bodies for 2022/23 Members' Attendance for 2022/23 Reports and Recommendations from Council's Committees: Planning – 18 th April 2022
3 rd June 2022	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Yeovil Recreation Ground
5 th July 2022	Yeovil Refresh Update Approval of Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 Reports and Recommendations from Council's Committees: Planning – 20 th June 2022 Grounds and General Maintenance – 13 th June 2022 Promotions and Activities – 14 th June 2022 Buildings and Civic Matters – 21 st June 2022 Policy, Resources and Finance – 28 th June 2022

* Advice is being sought regarding whether these meetings must be face to face

Members have requested presentations from:

- South Somerset District Council – CCTV
- Ambulance Service
- Fire Brigade
- Yeovil Hospital

We are awaiting responses from these organisations.