



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the virtual meeting (informal) of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 7.30pm held by video-conference using Zoom meeting software.

Present: Cllrs E Potts-Jones (Chairman and Mayor); N Gage; K Gill; D Gubbins; E Hopkins; G Hunting; A Kendall; T Ledlie; T Lock; G Oakes; W Read; D Recardo; A Soughton; and R Stickland.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk); N Rand (Engagement Producer – Yeovil Art Space), Z Li (Project Director) and Rev J Pearce.

There was no members of the public and one member of the press present.

Public Comment

Natasha Rand and Zoe Li from Yeovil Art Space gave a presentation regarding their work. Yeovil Art Space is a group of local creatives, sharing ideas and bringing a number of initiatives and projects together. They spoke of their engagement work and how it connected people and generations. They are working on a number of commissions working on Youth (with Tom Goddard) and Public Realm Environmental (with Denman & Gould). They are also working on a Celebration: Jubilee Outreach project. They spoke of the importance of Art Culture and Heritage in Yeovil and developing a way to make heritage accessible to everyone.

8:00pm - The meeting commenced.

10/195 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

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

Apologies were received from: Cllrs P Gubbins (conflicting engagement); M Lock (conflicting engagement); P Lock (conflicting engagement); J Lowery (conflicting engagement); S Lowery (conflicting engagement); A Richards (conflicting engagement); and R Spinner (conflicting engagement).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

10/196 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).

There were no declarations at this time.

10/197 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 7th September 2021.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 7th September 2021 and that they be signed as a correct record at the next appropriate opportunity.

10/198 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESOLVED: to note the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming appointments and engagements.

10/199 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS

Planning Committee – 20th September 2021 / 27th September 2021 / 18th October 2021.
Presented by Cllr Evie Potts-Jones and Gordon Hunting.

The meeting held on 20th September 2021 was regarding the change of use to Acacia Lodge. There was a large public presence and a number of comments. It was resolved to defer the application to a future meeting subject to further information being made available. At the meeting held on 27th September 2021, 15 applications were discussed, with 14 being supported and 1 being objected. The 8 applications discussed at the meeting held on 18th October 2021 were all supported. There were no questions.

Promotions and Activities Committee – 14th September 2021.
Presented by Cllr David Recardo.

The next Eats: Festival is being held on 11th December 2021. There were no questions.

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 13th September 2021.
Presented by Cllr Gordon Hunting. Discussions were held regarding issues of a drain, fences, a wall and badgers. There were no questions.

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 21st September 2021.
Presented by Cllr Rob Stickland. He gave an update on the defibrillator project with the units now being available at Nationwide Building Society and Cow and Apple. The following link www.heartsafe.org.uk/aed-locations shows the locations of defibrillators if they are registered on this website. Cllr Stickland spoke of the Remembrance Sunday Civic parade and the video of the parade. There were no questions.

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 28th September 2021.
Presented by Cllr Graham Oakes. He reported that £2,271 had been awarded to St Michael's Church (Music at St Michaels); and that a donation of £5,000 had been made to the Lord's

Larder following a motion from Cllr T Ledlie. He re-iterated that Councillors should be using the @yeovil.gov.uk email address for Council business. There were no questions.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above Committee be noted together with any resolutions and recommendations contained therein but to be ratified at a future meeting of the Town Council.

10/200 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Members who represent the Town Council on Outside Bodies were invited to take the opportunity to report on any matters of interest.

Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee – 13th September 2021 (minutes previously circulated. Cllr T Lock gave a verbal update.

RESOLVED: to note the update.

10/201 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from Mat Callaghan – Operations Manager at the Lord's Larder Food Bank. He thanked the Council for the generous award and explained how it would help those in need of emergency food support in the local community.

RESOLVED: to note the letter.

10/202 FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED: to approve the forward plan.

Public Comment

Cllr G Oakes enquired whether a by-election would be called for the Westlands Ward. The Clerk informed Council that she was awaiting information from the Specialist – Elections at South Somerset District Council. Since then, she has circulated an e-mail to Councillors to inform them that a by-election has been called and the poll will take place mid-January 2022.

The meeting closed at 8:31pm.

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