



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7:30pm held by video-conference using Zoom meeting software; and in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ.

Present: Cllrs E Hopkins (in the chair); B Boyton; J Cabell; K Fieldsend; K Gill; T Lock; J Lock; G Oakes; E Potts-Jones; A Richards; A Soughton; R Spinner; R Stickland; H Stonier and D Woan.

In Attendance (in person): A Card (Town Clerk); H Ferdinand (Deputy Town Clerk); Rev D Crouch and A Locke (Mace Bearer).

In Attendance (virtually): Cllr J Snell (Westlands Ward).

There was 1 member of the public present.

Public Comment

Rev D Crouch gave his reflections.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr E Hopkins welcomed Cllr K Fieldsend to her first Town Council meeting.

The member of the public was a representative from Yeovil Bus Users Group and Somerset Bus Partnership. He spoke of the correspondence to be discussed in item 11/104. He reminded members that it was "Catch the Bus month", which would encourage more people to use buses. He asked that Councillors use the buses, encourage others to use buses and that councillors use their social media to show to the public that they are interested in maintaining bus numbers. He stated that bus user numbers had not yet returned to pre-COVID levels and one of the reasons that this has occurred is because there are less buses. He encouraged Councillors to attend the Super Saturday event where Yeovil Bus Users Group were running a community stall. He commented that Yeovil had not been well served by buses – with unreliable services and the cutting of services which further reduces the number of bus users. He asked the Town Council to write to various people and organisations regarding concerns about buses. He also requested the Town Council assist in both funding and producing a local bus timetable

7:44 pm The meeting commenced.

11/104 CORRESPONDENCE

Two items of correspondence had been received.

An email from a representative of the Bus User Group highlighted a request for the Council to support the protection of buses in and out of Yeovil.

An email had been received requesting that Fleet Air Arm Falklands Veterans be granted Freedom of Yeovil.

RESOLVED: (1) that the Town Clerk write to those bodies listed within the correspondence from the Bus User Group; and (2) that Council did not feel it was appropriate to grant Freedom of Yeovil but that some way had to be found to mark the service given by Veterans of the Falklands conflict.

7:57 pm The member of public left the meeting and did not return..

11/105 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS

Planning Committee – 17th July 2023 / 14th August 2023

Presented by Cllr Evie Potts-Jones. An update of planning applications was given to Council. There were no questions.

Promotions and Activities Committee – 11th July 2023

Presented by Cllr Evie Potts-Jones. She spoke of Yeovil Art Space, the Eats Festival, Yeovil Celebrates 2024. An update of planning applications was given to Council. There were no questions.

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 10th July 2023

Presented by Cllr Ashley Richards. He spoke of the allotment rent review whereby the price would increase from 49p per m² to 50p per m² from 1st October 2024, the Wessex Water inspections on the allotments, the allotment letting percentage. There were no questions.

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 18th July 2023

Presented by Cllr Rob Stickland. He reported on the defibrillator project and thanked the Chaplain for his hospitality at Holy Trinity. He also spoke of the dropped kerb project, Remembrance Sunday and the Millennium Clock time capsule. There were no questions.

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 25th July 2023

Presented by Graham Oakes. He spoke of the presentations from the providers of Youth Services. He mentioned the support of the Committee for the Dropped Kerbs project and the Yeovil Celebrates event. There were no questions.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above Committee be noted together with any resolutions and recommendations contained therein to be ratified.

11/106 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.

The minutes from the Local Community Network - Yeovil – 7th August 2023 ; Westfield Community Association – 8th June 2023 and Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee – 12th July 2023 had previously been circulated.

There were no other reports from representatives on Outside Bodies.

RESOLVED: to note the report.

11/107 MOTION FROM CLLR D WOAN

Cllr D Woan withdrew the motion and will submit at a later date.

11/108 FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED: to approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda.

Public Comment

There were no further comments.

Meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

Signed:

Date: