



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 7:30pm held at Westlands Entertainment Venue, Westbourne Close, Yeovil BA20 2DD.

Present: Cllrs E Potts-Jones (Mayor); A Kendall; B Boyton; T Casey; N Gage; K Gill; E Hopkins; K Hussain; P Lock; J Lock; T Lock; J Lowery; G Oakes; A Richards; J Snell; A Soughton; R Spinner; R Stickland; H Stonier and D Woan.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk); H Ferdinand (Deputy Town Clerk) and Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain).

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

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

7:41pm The meeting commenced.

11/018 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 Cllr J Cabell (work); S Lowery (conflicting engagement); W Read (unwell) and L Watts (work commitments).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

11/019 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).

Both Cllrs A Kendall and B Boyton declared a personal interest in 11/026 in that they were both hosting families from the Ukraine.

10/020 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 27th June 2022.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 27th July 2022 and that they be signed as a correct record.

11/021 INTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Council considered the report of the Town Clerk regarding three issues raised by the Internal Auditor.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the report and recommendations from the Internal Auditor; and (2) to make the appropriate changes to the minutes as detailed within the report.

11/022 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.

11/023 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS

Planning Committee – 30th May 2022 and 20th June 2022

Presented by Cllr Graham Oakes. He gave an update regarding the Planning Committee meetings. There were no questions.

Promotions and Activities Committee – 14th June 2022

Present by Cllr E Hopkins. She spoke of the successful Queen's Jubilee Event held at Yeovil Recreation Ground, the financial support of £2,000 for the Yeovil Together event, the support for Yeovil Arts Action Group and the Jubilee Lighting event. Other Councillors also spoke of the success of the Jubilee Event and thanked the team involved as well as the contribution of the Councillors. It was estimated that about 7,000 people attended the event. A round of applause was given to the team.

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 13th June 2022

Presented by Cllr Royston Spinner. Discussions were held regarding the upgraded skate parks (deferred until a future meeting), open spaces and electing a co-opted member. There were no questions.

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 21st June 2022

Presented by Cllr Rob Stickland. He spoke of the presentations by both the police and Yeovil Crime Reduction Team. He gave an update on the defibrillator projects and thanked both the Town Clerk and Yeovil Press for their contributions. He also spoke of the proposed Changing Place at Peter Street Public toilet. There were no questions.

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 28th June 2022

Presented by Cllr Graham Oakes. He spoke the grants that had been awarded to three organisations. He updated the Council on the financials. He also spoke of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Yeovil Art Space and of the opportunities it could bring. 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.

11/024 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.

Cllr A Kendall reported that the Yeovil Twinning Association had their first meeting in a while. He spoke of a visit from Herblay in November.

The Mayor, Cllr E Potts-Jones spoke of her recent visit to Taunusstein as they had their 50th Celebration of Taunusstein (made up of ten communities).

RESOLVED: to note the verbal reports.

11/025 REQUEST FOR TRUSTEE ON RSPCA – SOUTHEAST SOMERSET BRANCH

Members considered the request for a representative from Yeovil Town Council to become a Trustee for RSPCA – Southeast Somerset Branch.

RESOLVED: that Cllr E Potts-Jones be appointed as representative to Trustee for RSPCA – Southeast Somerset Branch.

11/026 MOTION FROM CLLR G OAKES

Cllr G Oakes introduced his motion regarding the local foodbank. Cllr G Oakes made an amendment to his motion.

RESOLVED: to agree the following, “The war in Ukraine has led to countless deaths and injuries. It forced millions of people to leave their homes and flee to neighbouring countries. A small number of refugees have arrived in Yeovil, and they are welcome. This Council will make a donation of £5,000 to help refugees from the Ukraine, here in Somerset to an appropriate body.”

(voting: 18 for, 2 abstentions)

11/027 FORMAL RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Members considered the report regarding the formal ratification of Committee resolutions and recommendations.

RESOLVED: to formally ratify Committee resolutions and recommendations as detailed within the report.

(voting: 19 for, 2 abstentions)

11/028 FORWARD PLAN

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

Public Comment

The Mayor, Cllr E Potts-Jones referred to the defibrillators stating that it was difficult to find appropriate buildings to install the defibrillators. It was agreed that the map highlighting the current locations would be circulated to all Members.

The Clerk also spoke of a meeting that she, the Mayor and Julie Turner (Senior Branch Manager at Nationwide Yeovil Branch) had with Yeovil Round Table in the hope that they would support the Defibrillator Campaign.

Meeting closed at 8:17 pm.

Signed:

Date: