



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 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 Potts-Jones (Mayor); A Kendall; B Boyton; J Cabell; T Casey; N Gage; K Gill; E Hopkins; P Lock; J Lock; T Lock; J Lowery; S Lowery; G Oakes; J Snell; A Soughton; R Spinner; R Stickland; H Stonier and D Woan.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk); H Ferdinand (Deputy Town Clerk); Rev J Pearce (Mayor's Chaplain) and Ian Timms – Yeovil Refresh Project Manager at South Somerset District Council.

In Attendance (virtually): Cllr W Read (Yeovil Summerlands Ward).

There was 11 members of the public and one member of the press present in person and 3 members of the public present virtually.

Public Comment

The Mayor, Cllr E-Potts-Jones congratulated Th Rt Hon Liz Truss MP for becoming the Prime Minister that day.

Ian Timms, Yeovil Refresh Project Manager at South Somerset District Council gave an update on Yeovil Refresh.

- Things are progressing with the Public Realms work in town, The triangle work commenced in the beginning of Summer, with utility diversions currently underway to enable the construction of the entertainment space which will include a fountain, large screen, amphitheatre style seating and significant planting.
- South Somerset District Council are working their way through signing contracts for the remainder of the streets, the last one being Wyndham Street.
- The programme of works being worked through will be release so that everyone is aware of the works that will happen over the next 18 months to 2 years.
- At Westminster Street, the other side of the street will now be worked on. There is an expectation that the work will start in about 4 weeks' time. South Somerset District Council are liaising with SCC over road closures. The road closures are likely to be at night.

- Another area of work will be the introduction of cycling and walking routes into the town centre, statutory consultation has taken place and now the detailed design is underway. The reversal of South Street and Stars Lane is currently with Active Travel England for review, waiting on commentary from them until further progress can be made. The link to Pen Mill Train Station which will be consulted on soon. The other routes are Hendford into town and the route on South Western Terrace.

Questions were raised by Councillors and members of the public.

The Mayor, Cllr E Potts-Jones passed on her condolences to the family of Mr Roy Margetts, a former Councillor of Yeovil Town Council from 1999 – 2006. A minute's silence was held.

8:01 pm *The meeting commenced.*

11/029 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 W Read (work commitments) who joined the meeting virtually and L Watts (work commitments).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

11/030 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).

Councillor	Reason	Interest
Cllr A Kendall Cllr T Lock Cllr G Oakes Cllr W Read Cllr J Snell Cllr A Soughton	Member of: Somerset County Council South Somerset District Council	Personal
Cllr K Gill Cllr P Lock Cllr R Stickland	Member of: South Somerset District Council	Personal
Cllr E Potts-Jones Cllr D Woan	Member of: Somerset County Council	Personal

There were no other declarations at this time.

RESOLVED: to note the declarations.

10/031 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 6th July 2022.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 6th July 2022 and that they be signed as a correct record.

11/032 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Cllr E Potts-Jones and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr A Kendall invited Councillors and the public to the Yeovil Twinning Association Open afternoon which the Mayor will be hosting on Wednesday 12th October between 1:00pm and 4:00pm at Town House.

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

11/033 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS

Planning Committee – 18th July 2022 and 15th August 2022

Presented by Cllr Jeny Snell. She gave an update regarding the Planning Committee meetings. There were no questions.

Promotions and Activities Committee – 12th July 2022

Present by Cllr Sarah Lowery. She spoke of a presentation from Yeovil Art Space outlining their future plans. An update was given about Super Saturday which would also include Eat:Festival. Future events were also discussed. Cllr G Oakes asked whether the Committee would consider holding a cider festival.

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 11th July 2022

Presented by Cllr Royston Spinner. Discussions were held regarding the upgraded skate parks where the Committee had agreed to contribute £50,000 to be split equally between Milford and Yew Tree skate parks. The Locality Team Lead from South Somerset District Council gave an update on the Play areas and the Schools Out Programme. There was a report on the allotment letting and availability. Cllr R Stickland enquired as to the number of vacant allotments – there were 27 allotments. Cllr B Boyton enquired on the percentage and was informed that the allotments were 92% full.

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 19th July 2022

Presented by Cllr Rob Stickland. He gave an update on the defibrillator project and announced that the sixth defibrillator in the Quedam Centre had been unveiled. He also spoke of the presentation that the Town Clerk, the Mayor and Julie Turner from Nationwide Building Society gave to Yeovil Round Table, resulting in the Round Table committing to fund a defibrillator for the following 3 years. A report was also given on the Speed Indicator Devices and the rotation of the devices. The Civic Guide was also discussed. There were no questions.

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 26th July 2022

Presented by Cllr Graham Oakes. He spoke the grants that had been awarded to three organisations. He updated the Council on the financials. The Service Level Agreement for the Octagon Theatre and Westlands Entertainment Venue was extended for a further 3 years. A

Working Group to put together a “Five Year Strategy” was also set up. 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.

11/034 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 Crematorium & Cemetery held on 13th July 2022 had been circulated. Cllr R Stickland stated that he was happy to answer and questions. There were no questions.

RESOLVED: to note the report.

11/035 FORWARD PLAN

The Town Clerk informed Councillors of a change in the date for the Budget Setting Workshop which would take place on 25th October 2022 and not 18th October 2022 as listed on the forward plan.

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

Public Comment

March, the Mayor of Yeovil on behalf of the Council and the Town wrote to the Queen. Rev Jim Pearce, read out, on the request of Mayor of Yeovil, Cllr E Potts-Jones the response that had been received from Buckingham Palace.

“The Queen has asked me to thank you for your kind message sent on the Seventieth Anniversary of Her Majesty’s Accession. In return, the Queen sends her best wishes to you all for a most enjoyable Platinum Jubilee year.

Victoria Tuke

Head of Private Office”

The member of the press raised issue with a comment that he found offensive which was made by a Councillor at the Area South meeting of South Somerset District Council.

A member of the public appreciated that Yeovil Pride was back this year.

Cllr T Lock raised concern that there was nothing on the agenda regarding the consultation regarding Local Community Networks (LCNs). The Clerk stated that an e-mail had been sent to all Councillors that afternoon regarding the consultation.

Meeting closed at 8:17 pm.

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