



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Yeovil Town Council held on Tuesday 24th January 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 Potts-Jones (Mayor); A Kendall; B Boyton; T Casey; K Gill; E Hopkins; K Hussain; T Lock; J Lowery; S Lowery; G Oakes; W Read; A Richards; A Soughton; R Stickland; H Stonier; L Watts and D Woan.

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

In Attendance (virtually): Cllrs P Lock (Summerlands Ward); J Lock (Yeovil College Ward); J Snell (Westlands Ward) and R Spinner (Yeovil College Ward).

There was 1 member of the press present virtually.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7:39 pm The meeting commenced.

11/055 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 J Cabell (work commitments); and N Gage (unwell).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

11/056 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.

11/057 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 6th December 2022.

11/058 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING

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

11/059 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS

Planning Committee – 12th December 2022 and 23rd January 2023.

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

Promotions and Activities Committee – 10th January 2023

Present by Cllr Sarah Lowery. She updated Council with the positive feedback from Super Santa Saturday. She reminded Councillors about the two-day event (Yeovil Celebrates....The New King" to be held on 27th/28th May 2023 at Yeovil Recreation Ground and that helpers would be required for setting up the event. There were no questions.

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee – 9th January 2023

Presented by Cllr Roy Spinner. The allotment lettings were at 88% which was to be expected at this time of year. At the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee meeting Cllr P Lock

gave feedback from the recent Allotment Association meeting that she had attended. There were no questions.

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee – 16th January 2023

This meeting had been cancelled due to staff sickness.

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 17th January 2023

This meeting had been cancelled due to staff sickness.

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

11/060 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 Westfield Community Association held on 5th December 2023 had previously been circulated. Cllr J Lowery informed Council of the tabletop sale that would be held on 4th February 2023 and that the next meeting of the Westfield Community Association would be held on 9th February 2023. There were no questions.

RESOLVED: to note the report.

11/061 BUDGET 2023/24

Members to approve setting Yeovil Town Council's budget and precept for 2023/24 at £1,335,693 as set out in the agenda. This would result in an increase on a Band D charge of £2.54 per year (5p per week) and increase from £142.59 to £145.13.

It was proposed by Cllr G Oakes and seconded by Cllr R Stickland that the budget and precept for 2023/24 at £1,335,693 as set out in the agenda.

The Chair reminded Councillors that only those physically present would be able to vote.

RESOLVED: to approve Yeovil Town Council's budget and precept for 2023/24 at £1,335,693, resulting in an increase on a Band D charge of £2.54 per year (5p per week) and increase from £142.59 to £145.13.

*(Voting: 17 for; and 1 against) **

** For (Cllrs E Potts-Jones; A Kendall; B Boyton; K Gill; E Hopkins; K Hussain; T Lock; J Lowery; S Lowery; G Oakes; W Read; A Richards; A Soughton; R Stickland; H Stonier; L Watts and D Woan); Against (Cllr T Casey)*

11/062 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2023/24

RESOLVED: to adopt the programme of meetings for 2023/24.

11/063 MAYOR ELECT AND DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT

RESOLVED: to defer until the next meeting of Yeovil Town Council.

11/064 FORWARD PLAN

The Clerk informed Council that Yeovil Country Park would be unable to give their presentation as indicated in the forward plan, and that another date would be arranged. Cllr G Oakes asked for the Clerk to chase those organisations listed for a date when they may be able to attend.

RESOLVED: to approve the forward plan as detailed within the agenda, noting the situation with Yeovil Country Park and the request to chase those other organisations listed.

Public Comment

Cllr R Stickland asked the Town Clerk to give an update regarding the defibrillators. The Town Clerk informed Council that defibrillator 7 (Birchfield Community Hall) and defibrillator 8 (Quicksilver Mail) had now been launched.

Meeting closed at 7:58 pm.

Signed:

Date: