



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of YEOVIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7.00pm in the Sanctuary, Yeovil Baptist Church, South Street, Yeovil.

Present: Cllrs A Kendall (Chair and Mayor); B Boyton; J Cabell; K Gill; E Hopkins; K Hussain; J Lock; T Lock; J Lowery; G Oakes; E Potts-Jones; W Read; A Richards; J Snell; A Soughton; R Spinner; R Stickland; R White; and A Wilkes.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk); T Cook (Director of Infrastructure (Property & Assets); K Munday (Director of Leisure & Environment); S Freemantle (Deputy Town Clerk); J Pang (Deputy Responsible Finance Officer); L Ryder (Assistant Town Clerk); L Baston (Finance Assistant); F Clarke (Finance Assistant); T Short (Admin Officer); D Creighton (Admin Officer); D Recardo (Mace Bearer) and Rev D Crouch.

There were 86 members of the public and members of the press present.

The Mayor of Yeovil, Cllr A Kendall welcomed everyone to the Yeovil Annual Town Meeting.

There was no public comment.

Rev D Crouch led those present in Reflection.

7:06 pm - The meeting commenced.

1 **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 T Casey (work commitment); J Jimba (work commitment); H Stonier (personal reasons); and D Woan (conflicting engagement).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

2 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS YEOVIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

To confirm as a correct record, the minutes of the previous Yeovil Annual Town meeting held on 17th April 2024.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous Yeovil Annual Town meeting held on 17th April 2024 be signed as correct record.

3 ADDRESS BY COUNCILLOR ANDY KENDALL – MAYOR OF YEOVIL TOWN

The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Andy Kendall, thanked everyone for attending. He thanked the Councillors for their support during his Mayoral term.

He proceeded to offer thanks to his PA – L Ryder (Assistant Town Clerk) and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

He spoke of his role of promoting Yeovil and also of his Civic Day when he invited many Mayors and Chairs from Somerset and Dorset to tour some of the facilities and services that Yeovil Town Council provided. He commented that they were amazed at what Yeovil had to offer.

Cllr A Kendall thanked Rev D Crouch for both the pastoral care he had given to Councillors and staff; and the Reflections he led at each Town Council meeting.

Cllr A Kendall thanked his Cadet – Jayden Hodgson, and presented him with a certificate of recognition. A special recognition was also awarded to Yeovil Press who support and promote Yeovil Town Council.

The Mayors Award 2025 was awarded to Karina Parsons in recognition of her support and commitment to local causes including the Maple Breast Cancer Unit at Yeovil District Hospital, MIND Somerset and Dementia UK.

The Mayor's Charity for 2025 was Yeovil4Families, and the proceeds of fundraising have been passed to the Charity.

The meeting closed at 7:38 pm.

Signed:

Date: