



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of YEOVIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held on Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 7.00pm in the Sanctuary, Yeovil Baptist Church, South Street, Yeovil.

Present: Cllrs E Potts-Jones (Chairman and Mayor); J Cabell; T Casey, N Gage; K Gill; E Hopkins; K Hussain; A Kendall; T Lock; J Lock; J Lowery; S Lowery; G Oakes; W Read; A Richards; J Snell; A Soughton; R Spinner; R Stickland; H Stonier; L Watts and D Woan.

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

7:00 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 B Boyton (conflicting engagement) and P Lock (conflicting engagement).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

2 ADDRESS BY COUNCILLOR EVIE POTTS-JONES – MAYOR OF YEOVIL TOWN

The Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Evie Potts-Jones, welcomed those present to the meeting.

She congratulated the Councillors on being elected and also thanked all candidates who put themselves forward but did not get elected.

Acknowledgement of Support

The Mayor thanked the consorts, the Deputy Mayor, her big team of helpers, the staff at the Council for their support. She presented gifts to the staff and the Mace Bearer.

Mayors' Charities

The Mayor indicated that during the year, a total of £10,000 (had been raised for the Mayor's Charities – SSAFA and Mind. She then presented a cheque in this sum to representatives from both charities.

She spoke of many visits to various places in Yeovil and interactions with many people. She spoke of the various engagements that she had attended from planning over two hundred trees in and around Yeovil, the opening of shops and the opening of a community garden. She spoke of her connections to established enterprises, celebrations of milestones and heritages

as well as diversity within the community. Engagements had been conducted both in person and on-line. She had also been working with students and Yeovil College and schools.

The Mayor Award 2022

The salver was presented to Nationwide Building Society – Yeovil Team. Julie Turner (Senior Branch Manager) and her team have raised over £6,000 for defibrillators in Yeovil, supporting the Town Council initiative. This has fully funded a defibrillator outside both the Nationwide Branch in Yeovil and the Ninesprings Café at Yeovil Country Park and are now working to fund an additional defibrillator in the Quedam. The team have also raised a substantial amount for Yeovil District Hospital Charity supporting the Breast Cancer Appeal. They collected Easter Eggs to give to the nurses at Yeovil District Hospital as a token of thanks and recognition for all their hard work during the COVID-19 period in 2021. This year they collected for the Children’s Ward. They have also supported the Lords Larder and Yeovil Freewheelers.

3 GENERAL DISCUSSION

No matters were raised.

The meeting closed at 7:16pm.

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