

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of **YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 7 April 2009**

(7.30pm to 8.10pm)

Present:

Wes Read – Mayor	John Hann
J Vincent Chainey	Steve Hawker
Philip Chandler	Simon Hester
Clive Davis	Andrew Kendall
Bridget Dollard	Ruth Kendall
Tony Fife	Tony Lock
Julian Freke	Pat Martin
Dave Gooding	Tom Parsley
Pete Goodman	David Recardo
John Grana	Alan Smith
Dave Greene	

Also present:

Sally Bing	Assistant Town Clerk
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PRAYERS

Reverend Ed Bangay led the Council in prayers on behalf of the Townspeople of Yeovil. The Mayor explained that Ed Bangay would be retiring as Chaplain for the Mayor at the next meeting of the Council in May, and thanked Ed for his work and ongoing support.

GRANTS PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor presented grant cheques to representatives of the following organisations for the purposes indicated:

Applicant	Amount	Purpose
South Somerset Mind	£1,000	Towards the core costs of running the organisation
Holy Trinity Scout Group	£3,000	Towards the costs of carrying out works to improve access for all users to the headquarters of the Scout Group and to create fully accessible toilet facilities within the building
South Somerset Association for Voluntary & Community Action Ltd (SSVCA)	£1,500	Towards core running costs

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

7/301 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 March 2009, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

7/302 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from John Cruddas, Peter Gubbins and Ian Martin. Apologies for absence were also received from the Town Clerk and Martin Carnell , Group Manager of Yeovil Support Team for Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service.

7/303 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

7/304 **MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Details of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's recent and forthcoming engagements and announcements were attached to the Agenda.

7/305 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Assistant Town Clerk reported receipt of the following items of correspondence:-

- Tree News – Spring/Summer 2009
- Yeovil Street Pastors – “On the Streets” Issue 1 (information about the Street Pastors scheme commencing in Yeovil on 10 April 2009)

7/306 **DEVON AND SOMERSET FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

Unfortunately the speaker had sent apologies, so it was agreed to defer the presentation to a future meeting of the Town Council.

7/307 **STANDING ORDERS REVIEW**

Council considered the report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 7 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the following Councillors:

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Chairman of Policy Resources and Finance Committee
Simon Hester
Clive Davis

be appointed to a Sub-Committee to review Standing Orders in accordance with the suggested terms of reference:

“To review the Town Council’s Standing Orders to ensure that they are relevant, easily understood and up to date, and to report their findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Town Council,”

in the next 18 months.

7/308 **BUS SHELTERS**

Council considered the report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 8 refers). Consideration was given to the matter, however it was felt that it would be more appropriate to determine representation of the proposed Sub-Committee at the May meeting because representation would need to be reviewed at the Annual Meeting in accordance with Standing Orders.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the representation on the Sub-Committee be deferred until the May meeting of the Town Council.

7/309 **TOWN MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

Council considered nominations for the office of Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

It was proposed by Tony Lock, seconded by Pat Martin and

RESOLVED

that Wes Read be nominated for the office of Town Mayor and Phil Chandler be nominated for the office of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Wes Read and Phil Chandler thanked the Council for their support.

(John Grana and Simon Hester requested that their vote against the passing of the above resolution be recorded).

7/310 **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEETINGS**

The Chairmen of the various Committees of the Council presented the Minutes from the previous cycle of meetings, drawing attention to specific references to Council, any matters of particular interest and answering any questions.

Planning and Licensing Committee

2 March 2009
16 March 2009

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee

9 March 2009

Promotions and Activities Committee

17 March 2009

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee

24 March 2009

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee

31 March 2009

7/311 **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Minutes of the following meetings of Outside Bodies were attached to the Agenda and Members were given an opportunity to raise matters relating to them:

Yeovil Youth Council

23 February 2009

7/312 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vivian Cornelius addressed the Committee regarding the Standing Orders Review and suggested that, as part of the review, the Town Council avoid the words included in the list of 200 words considered to be jargon, recently published by the Local Government Association.

Mayor