

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 5 February 2008**

(7.30pm to 8.50pm)

Present:

Tony Lock – Mayor
Philip Chandler
John Cruddas
Bridget Dollard
Tony Fife
Julian Freke
Pete Goodman
John Grana
Dave Greene
John Hann

Steve Hawker
Simon Hester
Andrew Kendall
Ruth Kendall
Ian Martin
Pat Martin
Tom Parsley
Wes Read
David Recardo
Alan Smith

Also present:

Alan Tawse – Town Clerk
Gavin Boyle – Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

PRAYERS

Reverend Ed Bangay led the Council in prayers on behalf of the Townspeople of Yeovil.

GRANT PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor presented grants to representatives of the following Organisations for the purposes indicated:-

Time Out Together	£500	Towards the cost of development of storage space for resources to equip the activity bus
Urban Warriors	£1,500	Towards the cost of purchasing new IT equipment and core funding

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

7/114 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 January 2008, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

7/115 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from J Vincent Chainey, Clive Davis, Dave Gooding and Peter Gubbins.

7/116 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

7/117 **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.

7/118 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Somerset Area Ramblers Association – 2007 Annual Report and Accounts
- South Somerset Association for Voluntary and Community Action (SSVCA) – Winter 2007 newsletter
- Thatch – The Rural Community Magazine for Somerset – Winter 2007
- Tree Talk – SSDC Conservation Unit Newsletter – February 2008

7/119 **YEovil DISTRICT HOSPITAL – PRESENTATION**

Gavin Boyle – Chief Executive of Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust attended the meeting and gave a short presentation on his role and the Hospital's plans for the future (a summary of the main points covered by Gavin during his presentation is attached to these Minutes).

Gavin drew attention to the recent achievements of the Hospital and to the arrangements that had been put in place to ensure that targets in respect of cleanliness were being met. He also referred to the importance which the Trust placed in partnership working with various stakeholders – including other hospitals and general practitioners.

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to ways by which hospitals were looking to improve levels of cleanliness by the use of materials with anti-bacterial qualities.

Attention was also drawn to the importance of having regard to demographic changes, patient choice and advancing medical technology in assessing the future provision of services at the Hospital.

Reference was also made to the importance of effective staff recruitment in providing high quality medical services.

The Mayor thanked Gavin for his interesting and informative presentation, and it was

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted.

7/120 **CONDUCT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS IN ENGLAND – CONSULTATION PAPER**

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

The Town Clerk drew attention to the draft response circulated by the Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC), a copy of which was attached to the Agenda, and suggested amendments to the proposed answers to Questions 4 and 14.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) that the draft response of the SALC be endorsed – subject to the following modifications to the proposed answers to questions 4 and 14.

Question 4

The time limit relating to the withholding of information in the circumstances specified should be the conclusion of the initial investigation by the Monitoring Officer/Ethical Standards Officer.

Question 14

There is a need for the inclusion of an additional provision whereby dispensations may be granted in circumstances where the number of Members disqualified from participating in any business is so great that it results in the body concerned being inquorate and thereby unable to make a decision on the matter; and

- (3) that the draft submission (as modified) form the response of the Town Council to the consultation paper.

7/121 **PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS – 2008/09**

Council considered the report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 8 refers).

RESOLVED

that the draft programme of meetings for 2008/09 be adopted.

7/122 **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, and matters of particular interest and answering any questions.

Planning and Licensing Committee

2 January 2008
14 January 2008

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee

7 January 2008

Promotions and Activities Committee

15 January 2008

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee

22 January 2008

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee

29 January 2008

7/70 **Grant Application Policy**

RESOLVED

that the grant application criteria be amended to allow applicants who are not in a position to provide the organisation's latest audited accounts and balance sheet (or, in the case of smaller organisations, a recent income and expenditure statement certified by a qualified accountant instead) to submit applications, subject to their reasons being included in the application and the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee, being satisfied as to the validity of those reasons.

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

7/123 **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Yeovil Twinning Association

13 December 2007
10 January 2008

Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee

16 January 2008

7/124 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

7/125 YEOVIL SKI AND ACTIVITY CENTRE

Council considered the confidential report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 11 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the further progress made in this matter be noted;
- (2) that the land and buildings owned by the Town Council be marketed as proposed, keeping all of the Town Council's options open; and
- (3) that the appointment of the preferred marketing agent be referred to a future meeting for consideration and determination.

7/126 STAFFING ISSUE

Council considered the confidential report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 12 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the developments be noted; and
- (2) that the action taken in response be supported.

Mayor



Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

**Gavin Boyle
Chief Executive**

**YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL
5 FEBRUARY 2008**



Overview

- Role of the Chief Executive
- Yeovil District Hospital
- Current achievements
- Challenges for the future



Role of the Chief Executive

- To lead the organisation
- The accountable officer
- To ensure the Trust meets its legal & financial duties
- To lead risk management in the Trust
- To lead the executive team

YEOVIL DISTRICT HOSPITAL



- 336 beds
- 1810 staff
- 20,000 patients admitted p.a.
- 100,000 outpatients seen p.a.
- 44,000 A&E attendances p.a.
- £90m turnover per annum

Tower block opened 1973

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL



- Maternity Unit
- SCBU
- Obs & Gynae
- Outpatients



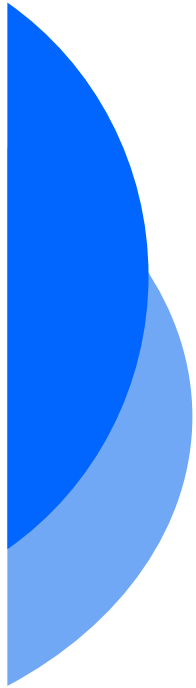
Opened 1968
Renovated 2003
Approx 1,500 babies
per year



NHS Foundation Trust

FT Status - 1 June 2006

- Benefits
 - More local freedom
 - Keep surplus to reinvest.
 - Better access to capital – borrow outside NHS
 - More public involvement – governors & members



Current Achievements

- **CLEAN**
- **SAFE**
- **ON TARGET**



Achievements: Clean

- MRSA
 - Very low numbers
 - 11 cases in 2006/7
 - 5 so far 2007/8
- Clostridium difficile
 - 30% reduction for last two years
- HOW?
 - Hand hygiene
 - Deep cleaning
 - Audits/Spot checks
 - Antibiotic prescribing

Achievements: Clean Facilities

- Improving the hospital
 - £7m capital development
 - Intensive Care Unit
 - Major internal refurbishment through Flying Colours





Achievements: Caring

- Patient survey
- iCARE@YDH
 - Communication
 - Attitude
 - Respect
 - Environment



Achievements: On target

- 18 Week Wait – referral to treatment
 - First in the country
- 4 hour wait for A&E – 98%
- Sexual Health 100% in 48 hours
- Cancer – 2weeks, 31 & 62 Days.



Achievements : National Rating

- Healthcare Commission
- Annual Healthcheck
 - Quality of Service - Excellent
 - Financial Management - Excellent
- Radiology – best performing
- Maternity – best performing



Future Challenges

- Maintaining performance
- Delivery our Strategy
 - Clinical Services
 - Estate



Clinical Strategy

- Consolidate core services
 - Emergency / Acute Medicine
 - Maternity & Paediatrics
- Develop our strengths eg
 - Laparoscopic surgery
 - Cardiac care
- Work in Partnership
 - Primary care
 - Other organisations



Estates Strategy

- Facility to match clinical services
- Improve General condition
- Car parking
- Residences



Conclusion

- Performing well
- Room for further improvement
- Clear direction for the future

