

## YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the meeting of **YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 1 June 2010**

(7.30pm to 9.20pm)

**Present:**

Philip Chandler – Mayor	John Hann
J Vincent Chainey	Steve Hawker
Clive Davis	Tony Lock
Julian Freke	Ian Martin
Dave Gooding	Pat Martin
Pete Goodman	Tom Parsley
Dave Greene	David Recardo
Peter Gubbins	Alan Smith

**Also present:**

Alan Tawse	Town Clerk
Martin Woods	Assistant Director (Communities) SSDC

### PRAYERS

Reverend Howard Davenport led the Council in prayers on behalf of the Townspeople of Yeovil.

### GRANT PRESENTATIONS

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

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Good Fellowship Club	£250	Towards the cost of transporting members of the organisation
Westfield Community Association	£1,000	Towards the costs of a community clean-up event in August 2010.
Octagon Theatre	£1,000	Towards the cost of the Annual Octagon Theatre Summer School
South Somerset DC	£500	To help fund the costs of the "Streetfest Yeovil" event in July 2010
Yeovil May Festival	£300	Towards the running costs of this year's Yeovil May Festival.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr Birchall referred to the proposed erection of a ranger centre in Yeovil Country Park on land adjoining the Goldenstones Leisure Complex Car Park.

He expressed his opposition to the planned development, which he felt would be unacceptably imposing and would have a detrimental impact on the area. He also outlined his concern at the level of noise that he felt the proposed use would create, and the potential precedent which he anticipated could be set if planning permission were granted.

Whilst he recognised the need for a ranger centre, he felt that the proposed location was unsuitable as it would result in the loss of an important amenity area used for various events, and that an alternative venue should be sought.

Mr Birchall claimed that his views were supported by a number of people whose opinions he had canvassed at the recent May Fayre, which had taken place in the Country Park.

7/483 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meetings held on 4 May (adjourned) and 11 May 2010, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

7/484 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Bridget Dollard, Tony Fife, Andrew Kendall, Ruth Kendall and Wes Read.

7/485 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

7/486 **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.

7/487 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Avon and Somerset Police Authority and Constabulary – Policing Plan 2010-13
- Letter of thanks from grant recipient – South Somerset Association for Voluntary and Community Action Ltd.

7/488 **YEOVIL VISION**

The Town Council considered the report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 6 refers).

A copy of a report by the Assistant Director (Communities), which outlined the proposed arrangements for the future delivery of the Yeovil Vision, had been circulated to all Members.

The Assistant Director gave a brief presentation on these proposals and drew attention to a number of recent and ongoing developments which impacted on the previous arrangements. These included changes in the level and source of funding contributions, the delivery of regional initiatives and the identification of Yeovil Vision projects.

He added that the Memorandum of Understanding was still under discussion and that a revised draft would be circulated to all the anticipated funding partners in due course.

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the Town Council's representation on the Project Management Board and the plans for the Board to develop a more strategic role in the future.

Members drew attention to the need to identify new Yeovil Vision projects, and to make sure that any future plans took into consideration the public's view and possible changes in funding availability.

Reference was also made to a recent announcement of Government funding towards the initiatives identified in the Yeovil Eastern Corridor Transport Study and how this could be used to help achieve a number of related aspirations.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that, a decision on the Town Council's proposed contribution to the Yeovil Vision in 2010/11 be deferred until receipt of the revised draft Memorandum of Understanding.

7/489 **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**

10 May 2010  
24 May 2010

**Grounds and General Maintenance Committee**

17 May 2010

**Promotions and Activities Committee**

18 May 2010

**Buildings and Civic Matters Committee**

19 May 2010

**Policy, Resources and Finance Committee**

25 May 2010

**Minute 7/247 - NALC Conference 2010**

During the ensuing discussion, attention was drawn to the fact that this year's Conference was a one-day event and was taking place in Bristol. Council noted the relatively low cost of £90 per person and recognised the importance of these events for member and officer development.

Details of the eight workshops that would be run during the Conference were outlined at the meeting.

Reference was also made to ways by which those attending conferences could share the information that they received with other Members of the Council.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that, in view of the relatively low cost of this year's event and the wide range of scheduled workshops, all interested Members and the Town Clerk be permitted to attend this year's Conference.

Minute 7/252 – John Cruddas

Members discussed the arrangements for considering and determining this matter having regard to the statutory requirements.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) that the views of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee be noted;
- (2) that arrangements be made for a special meeting of the Town Council to take place at 6.00pm on Tuesday 29 June 2010 for the purpose of considering the admittance of John Cruddas to the Roll of Honorary Freemen of the Town of Yeovil; and
- (3) that any such honour bestowed on John be presented to him at an informal gathering ahead of the July meeting of the Town Council.

7/490 **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 Twinning Association**

8 April 2010

**Yeovil Youth Council**

19 April 2010

Members who represented the Town Council on outside bodies were given an opportunity to report on any matters of interest.

7/491 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from members of the public.

Mayor