

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of **YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 2 March 2010**

(7.30pm to 9.45pm)

Present:

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

Also present:

Alan Tawse Town Clerk

PRAYERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

7/437 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 February 2010, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

7/438 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from John Cruddas, Andrew Kendall and Ian Martin.

7/439 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7/440 **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.

The Mayor drew attention to a forthcoming fundraising event for his chosen charities.

7/441 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- South Somerset District Council Quarterly Newsletter – Spring 2010
- Tree Talk Newsletter – February 2010

7/442 **YEOVIL RECREATION GROUND**

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

The Town Clerk outlined advice received from the Solicitor to the District Council who had confirmed that the proposal would not restrict the sale and consumption of alcohol during licensed events held at the Recreation Ground.

Members noted the position concerning licensed events and that the prohibition order, if implemented, would not make the public consumption of alcohol an offence per se, but that the failure to comply with a request from a police officer to stop drinking alcohol, or failing to hand over containers of alcohol, would constitute an offence.

During the ensuing discussion, Members considered the merits of the proposal, which had been requested by the Police to help control anti-social behaviour in the area. Reference was made to the possibility of seeking an order which applied during certain parts of the day. However, it was felt that such an arrangement would be unworkable in practice and would not achieve a reduction in anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the proposed designation be supported.

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

7/443 **TOWN MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

Council considered nominations for the office of Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

It was proposed by Steve Hawker, seconded by Tony Fife and

RESOLVED

that Phil Chandler be nominated for the office of Town Mayor for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

It was then proposed by Phil Chandler, seconded by Dave Greene and

RESOLVED

that Clive Davis be nominated for the office of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

Phil Chandler and Clive Davis thanked the Council for their support.

7/444 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

1 February 2010
15 February 2010

7/445 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

14 January 2010

Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee

10 December 2009

Yeovil Town Centre Consultative Panel

27 January 2010

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the possibility of giving Members who represent the Town Council on outside organisations an opportunity to report items of interest to future Council meetings, and the Town Clerk undertook to include the matter as an item for discussion on the agenda for the next meeting.

7/446 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

In response to a query by Mr Tucker of Marsh Lane, an explanation was given of the reasons for the Cemetery deficit and the method by which the costs involved were recharged to the constituent councils.

7/447 **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.

7/448 **FORMER YEOVIL SKI AND ACTIVITY CENTRE**

Council considered the confidential report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 10 refers).

The Town Clerk distributed a copy of recently circulated correspondence from the Town Council's Property Agent concerning the marketing of the site. Members were informed that, owing to a prior commitment, the Property Agent had been unable to attend the meeting.

During the ensuing discussion, Members considered recent developments regarding the proposed disposal of the site and the implications of these developments for the future use of the land.

Given the issues involved, it felt that the Agent should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Town Council in order that Members may discuss the options available with the Agent before making a decision on the future disposal of the site.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the recent developments concerning the proposed disposal of the site be noted; and
- (2) that the Property Agent be invited to attend the next meeting of the Town Council to discuss the options available, following which a decision be made regarding its future disposal.

Mayor

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8/3/2010