

## YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the **YEOVIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** held in the Sanctuary, Yeovil Baptist Church, South Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 4 May 2010**

(7.00pm to 8.14pm)

### **Present:**

Wes Read – Mayor  
J Vincent Chainey  
Philip Chandler  
Clive Davis  
Bridget Dollard  
Tony Fife  
Julian Freke  
Dave Gooding  
Pete Goodman  
John Grana  
David Greene

John Hann  
Steve Hawker  
Simon Hester  
Andrew Kendall  
Ruth Kendall  
Tony Lock  
Ian Martin  
Pat Martin  
Tom Parsley  
David Recardo  
Alan Smith

### **Officers:**

Alan Tawse – Town Clerk

#### 1. **PRAYERS**

Reverend Howard Davenport offered prayers on behalf of the Council and the Townspeople of Yeovil.

#### 2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 May 2009, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

#### 3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Gubbins.

#### 4. **MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

The Mayor of Yeovil, Wes Read, welcomed those present to the meeting.

He then made a speech (copy attached to the official minute book) and gave a presentation, which outlined the Town Council's main achievements over the past year and the significant civic events that had taken place during this period.

He concluded by thanking the Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, the Members and Staff of the Council, his Chaplain, his Cadets and his family and friends for all their help and support over the previous twelve months. He also gave thanks to the help and support given by his employer, which had enabled him to carry out his civic duties during the past year.

## **5. ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES 2009/10**

The Chairmen of the various Committees of the Council each gave a brief presentation on the main activities and achievements of their respective Committees during 2009/10. Details of each Committee's activities and achievements were set out in the Council's Annual Report, copies of which were circulated at the meeting and are attached to the official minute book and available on the Town Council's website: [www.yeoviltown.com](http://www.yeoviltown.com)

## **6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2009/10**

The Financial Statement for 2009/10, as submitted, was noted.

## **7. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Dave Gladding referred to the Financial Statement, and sought clarification on the level of income received in respect of the Joint Burial Fund, which he understood to be higher than that quoted. He also asked why the Town Council had felt it necessary to take out a loan during the year to fund various capital projects given the level of closing balances.

The Town Clerk explained that the Joint Burial Committee was required by law to produce a separate set of accounts, which included all the income and expenditure relating to the Crematorium and Cemetery. The reference in the Town Council's Financial Statement related solely to recharges payable by that Committee to the Town Council for support services provided on its behalf.

Turning to the level of balances, the Town Clerk indicated that these included a number of future capital and revenue commitments and creditor provision including the unspent proportion of the proceeds of the loan. He added that the Town Council was required by the External Auditor to maintain a certain level of balances to meet unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure that might arise during the year, and that all of these factors had been taken into consideration by the Town Council in deciding how to fund its future capital programme.

## **8. MAYOR'S CHARITIES**

The Mayor indicated that during the year a total of almost £15,500 had been raised on behalf of his two chosen charities – The Alzheimer's Society (Yeovil, Sherborne and District Branch) and Leukaemia Research (Yeovil Branch).

He then presented a cheque in the sum of £7,728 to a representative of Leukaemia Research, who thanked the Mayor for his outstanding contribution, and for all the hard work that he had undertaken during the course of the year to help promote and publicise their charity and its objectives.

He added that a cheque for the same amount would be presented to a representative of The Alzheimer's Society (Yeovil, Sherborne and District Branch) at a later date.

## 9. MAYOR'S AWARD 2010

The Mayor indicated that this year, the Mayor's Award has been a difficult choice to make and, after giving much consideration to those received, he had decided to make two awards.

He explained that the first award that he was going to make was to an individual who for many years had held a number of positions in voluntary organisations across the Town, and had devoted a substantial amount of her time to supporting these organisations in a variety of ways.

Some key paragraphs from the citation were read out at the meeting.

The Mayor indicated that it gave him great pleasure to announce that this year's first award would go to Rita Hedicker in recognition of her outstanding service to the community. Rita received the award and thanked the Mayor.

The Mayor indicated that the second award he was going to make was to a committed individual who had spent a considerable amount of her time in encouraging local children to participate in musical and drama activities, and had raised a substantial amount of money for local charities.

Some key paragraphs from the citation were read out at the meeting.

The Mayor indicated that it gave him great pleasure to announce that this year's second award would go to Lynn Lee Brown for her outstanding service to the community. Lynn received the award and thanked the Mayor.

Mayor