

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **YEOVIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** held in the Sanctuary, Yeovil Baptist Church, South Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 5 May 2009**

(7.00pm to 8.04pm)

Present:

Wes Read – Mayor
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
Tony Lock
Ian Martin
Pat Martin
Tom Parsley
David Recardo

Officers:

Alan Tawse – Town Clerk

1. **PRAYERS**

Reverend Ed Bangay offered prayers on behalf of the Council and the Townspeople of Yeovil.

2. **QUALITY COUNCIL STATUS PRESENTATION**

Cllr Mrs Jean Allgrove - Chairman of the Somerset Association of Local Councils – presented the Mayor with a certificate to confirm the Town Council's re-accreditation as a Quality Council under the Government's Quality Status Scheme.

Jean, who was accompanied by Peter Lacey – County Secretary of the Association, drew attention to the high quality of the Town Council's submission, which reflected the effective methods of communication and excellent working practices that the Council had put in place to serve the local community.

3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 May 2008, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

4. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from John Cruddas, Ruth Kendall and Alan Smith.

5. 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.

6. ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES 2008/09

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 2008/09. 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

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2008/09

The Financial Statement for 2008/09, as submitted, was noted.

8. GENERAL DISCUSSION

No matters were raised.

9. MAYOR'S CHARITIES

The Mayor presented two cheques each in the sum of £9,000 to a representative of the Fiveways School Hydrotherapy Swimming Pool Appeal and to a representative of the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA), which reflected the total amount (£18,000) that had been raised on behalf of the Mayor's two charities over the past year.

The representatives of each charity 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 respective charities and their objectives.

10. MAYOR'S AWARD 2009

The Mayor indicated that this year, the Mayors Award has been a hard 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 a voluntary organisation that to date had given 30 years service to the community - working virtually every day of the year, day and night, delivering all over Somerset and beyond.

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 Yeovil Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary

Service in recognition of their outstanding service to the community. Anthony Petty - Chairman and Wendy David – Chief Fundraiser received the award on behalf of the Organisation and thanked the Mayor.

The Mayor indicated that the second award he was going to make was to a committed individual who had given almost ten years of his time to help others be it collecting and delivering people, organising outings, arranging talks, visiting people in hospital, or at home. As well as founding the organisation with which he was involved, he acted as its secretary and treasurer.

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 Cliff Howell of the Yeovil Stroke Club for his outstanding service to the community. Cliff received the award and thanked the Mayor.

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