

## 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 November 2010**

(7.30pm to 8.25pm)

**Present:**

Philip Chandler – Mayor	Steve Hawker
J Vincent Chainey	Simon Hester
Bridget Dollard	Andrew Kendall
Tony Fife	Ruth Kendall
Julian Freke	Tony Lock
Pete Goodman	Pat Martin
John Grana	Tom Parsley
Dave Greene	Wes Read
John Hann	David Recardo

**Also present:**

Alan Tawse                      Town Clerk

### PRAYERS

Reverend David Meggers led the Council in prayers on behalf of the Townspeople of Yeovil.

### GRANT PRESENTATION

The Mayor presented a grant cheque to a representative of the following organisation for the purposes indicated:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Yeovil Chamber Choir	£40	Towards the hire costs of a concert venue

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

7/545 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 October 2010, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

7/546 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Clive Davis, Dave Gooding, Mike Lock, Ian Martin and Alan Smith.

7/547 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Tony Fife declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 12 (Former Goldcroft Allotment Site) by virtue of his association with the purchaser.

7/548 **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.

7/549 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Avon and Somerset Police Authority Newsletter – September 2010
- Avon and Somerset Police News – Autumn 2010
- South Somerset Voluntary and Community Action (SSVCA) Newsletter – Autumn 2010

The Town Clerk also announced that the Town Council had recently been awarded a 5 star grading by the organisers of the national "Loo of the Year Awards 2010" in respect of the public toilets, which it managed and operated in Peter Street, Yeovil. He added that this was the highest grading and had been awarded following an unannounced visit by an independent assessor.

7/550 **DRAFT CORE STRATEGY**

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

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) that no action be taken by the Town Council to submit a formal response to the consultation process; and
- (3) that individual members make representations, should they so wish.

7/551 **STANDING ORDERS**

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

The Chairman of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee drew attention to availability of the new model standing orders and proposed that the Sub-Committee appointed to review the Town Council's Standing Orders meet later in the month.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) that arrangements be made for the Standing Orders Review Sub-Committee to meet at 5.00pm on Monday 22 November 2010; and
- (3) that the outcome of the meeting be reported to the Town Council.

7/552 **CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OFFICE OPENING ARRANGEMENTS**

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

## **RESOLVED**

that the Town Council Offices be closed on Friday 31 December 2010, and that day be regarded as a statutory leave day for staff holiday purposes.

### **7/553 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**

27 September 2010  
11 October 2010

### **7/554 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 Youth Council**

20 September 2010

In response to a query, the Town Clerk indicated that subject to consultation with the Chairman of the Yeovil Recreation Charity Trust, he intended convening a meeting of the Trust within the next four weeks.

### **7/555 PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from members of the public.

### **7/556 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.

### **7/557 FORMER SKI AND ACTIVITY CENTRE**

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

#### **RESOLVED**

(1) that the recent developments in this matter be noted; and

- (2) that arrangements be made for the outcome of the discussions referred to in the above report to be submitted to the December meeting of the Town Council.

7/558 **FORMER GOLDCROFT ALLOTMENT SITE**

*(Tony Fife, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item, left the meeting during its consideration and took no part in the discussion and voting thereon).*

The Town Clerk gave a confidential update on recent developments regarding the disposal of the above land.

He added that, following consultation with the relevant members and in the interest of advancing the business of the Town Council, he had used the Council's Emergency Procedure to respond to a number of issues recently raised by the Council's Property Agent and the Council's Solicitor in respect of the matter.

He outlined the reply that had been received in response to this action and the financial implications, and he sought the Council's views on the best way forward.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the recent developments in this matter be noted;
- (2) that the purchaser be informed that the Town Council reserves the right to review its position if exchange of contracts does not take place within the next four weeks; and
- (3) that an update report be submitted to the December Town Council meeting.

Mayor