

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PROMOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 14 September 2010**

(7.00pm to 7.40pm)

Present:

Wes Read – Chairman
Steve Hawker
Ian Martin
Alan Smith

Also Present:

Sally Freemantle – Assistant Town Clerk
Ian Budd – Town Centre Manager
Steve Fox – Landscape Officer - SSDC

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

7/238 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 July 2010, copies of which been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7/239 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Philip Chandler, Clive Davis, Tony Fife, Dave Gooding, Ruth Kendall and David Recardo.

7/240 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7/241 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

7/242 YEOVIL IN BLOOM

Steve informed the Committee that they were approaching the end of the summer season and the baskets would be watered for a couple more weeks until 24 September.

The following week the baskets would be taken down followed by the flowers in the beds, starting with the roundabouts and working into the centre of town.

It was reported that some of the beds had suffered vandalism and required some minor reinstatement.

It was also reported that the presentations for the South West in Bloom competition would take place on 16 September and the Committee were looking forward to hearing the results.

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

7/243 **YEOVIL FLOWER AND GARDENERS' MARKET UPDATE**

The Committee considered the report and the budget (Agenda item 6 refers).

RESOLVED

that the matters and the budget to date be noted.

7/244 **NEW INITIATIVES BUDGET**

The Committee considered the report by the Assistant Town Clerk (Agenda item 7 refers).

It was felt that further investigation into a suitable cover for the Entertainments Area was required particularly in light of the time and labour required to erect and dismantle the marquee. It was suggested that an alternative option could be to create a bespoke permanent frame extending from the existing posts around the Entertainments Area, which would then take a temporary cover for events when required. It was hoped that this might reduce the time and labour for the erection of the cover but also maintain the versatility of the entertainments area.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted; and
- (2) that whilst this initiative was identified by the Committee as a potential project for the New Initiatives Budget, the matter required further investigation before being put forward to Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for consideration. Therefore it was agreed not to submit this new initiative to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee at this time but request that the Committee be aware of the proposals and the reasons for investigating the matter further.

7/245 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE/JULY 2010**

The Committee considered the report by the Finance Administrator (Agenda item 8 refers).

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statement for the period 1 June to 31 July 2010 be noted.

Public Comment

There were no comments from members of the public.

7/246 **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.

7/247 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Committee considered the confidential report by the Town Clerk (Agenda item 9 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the proposals set out in the report.

Chairman

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28/09/10