

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of **YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 7 September 2010**

(7.30pm to 8.50pm)

Present:

Philip Chandler – Mayor	Steve Hawker
J Vincent Chainey	Andrew Kendall
Clive Davis	Ruth Kendall
Bridget Dollard	Mike Lock
Julian Freke	Tony Lock
Dave Gooding	Tom Parsley
Pete Goodman	Wes Read
Dave Greene	David Recardo
Peter Gubbins	Alan Smith
John Hann	

Also present:

Alan Tawse	Town Clerk
James Divall	Community Health and Well-being Project Manager (SSDC)

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.

7/521 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 August 2010, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

7/522 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Tony Fife, Ian Martin and Pat Martin.

7/523 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7/524 **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.

7/525 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Somerset County Council Annual Report – 2009/10
- Community Council for Somerset – Review of the Year 2009/10

7/526 **COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

James Divall - Community Health and Well-being Project Manager (SSDC) attended the meeting and gave a brief presentation on the success of the recent Yeovil StreetFest event, and the level of deprivation in various wards in Yeovil and the work that was being undertaken in the local community to combat this issue.

(A summary of the main points covered by the presentation is attached as an appendix to these Minutes).

During his presentation, James drew attention to the aims and objectives of the Yeovil Inequalities Programme and he outlined a number of projects that were being undertaken as part of the initiative.

These included the Yeovil StreetFest event, which had been organised by the District Council and supported by a number of local organisations – including the Town Council – and which had attracted an estimated 7,000 people over the weekend of 24/25 July.

Examples of successful partnership working were given at the meeting and he referred to ways by which a number of stakeholders and community groups were actively engaging with the local community.

He also outlined a number of additional possible programmes which were being considered for future implementation.

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the current focus of the initiative, which was in the Milford and Birchfield areas of the Town. It was anticipated that, as new community associations developed, other parts of the Town would be included in future programmes.

Attention was also drawn to various programmes aimed at encouraging healthy lifestyles amongst older people and to the benefits that this achieved.

Reference was also made to ways by which developer contributions towards community initiatives could be secured via S106 agreements, and to steps which had already been taken to raise the awareness of planning officers to the potential opportunity which future developments may provide.

The Mayor thanked James for his interesting and informative presentation, and it was

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted.

7/527 **COUNCIL TAX REFERENDUMS**

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

The Town Clerk outlined the main proposals set out in the consultation paper and clarified a number of issues regarding the anticipated practical effects of the changes being put forward by the Government.

During the ensuing discussion, Members expressed their support for the issues identified by the Town Clerk in response to the Government's proposals.

It was also pointed out that, given the anticipated reductions in the services currently provided by principal councils, it was likely that even more demands would be made on town and parish councils to deliver additional services in their areas – as advocated by the Quality Council initiative and the Power of Well-being.

Consequently, it was felt that the proposed annual setting of council tax referendum principles by the Secretary of State would effectively diminish the role of town and parish councils, stifle their ambition and restrict their ability to respond to their local community's needs.

It was noted that the estimated cost of carrying out a referendum in Yeovil Town would be £10,000 and that the cost would fall on the Town Council.

Reference was made to the need for the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee to be kept aware of developments, as part of the budget-setting process, and assuming that the proposals were implemented, for arrangements to be made for the Town Council to set its precept *after* the Secretary of State had announced the set of principles.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the inclusion of the issues identified by the Town Clerk in the Town Council's response to the consultation paper and the drafting of the final response be delegated to the Town Clerk – in consultation with the Mayor and the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee; and
- (3) that arrangements be made for the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee to be kept aware of developments, as part of the budget-

setting process, and assuming that the proposals were implemented, for arrangements to be made for the Town Council to set its precept *after* the Secretary of State had announced the set of principles.

7/528 **STREET NAMING**

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the response of the developer be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the proposed name being amended to "Tanyard" which it is felt identifies the past links of the area with the gloving industry in an appropriate manner; and
- (3) that the District Council be advised of the Town Council's suggestion.

7/529 **NORTH DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL PRESENTATION**

Council considered the report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 9 refers).

The Town Clerk also drew attention to a recently circulated invitation from the County Council for a representative to attend a forthcoming focus group meeting on the future delivery of the Library Service.

RESOLVED

- (1) that Bridget Dollard, Wes Read and the Town Clerk be appointed to attend the North Dorset District Council presentation on 13 September; and
- (2) that David Recardo be appointed to attend the Library Service Focus Group meeting on 30 September.

7/530 **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

2 August 2010

7/531 **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

10 June 2010

Yeovil Youth Council

26 July 2010

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to a presentation being given by the Youth Council on their activities to a future meeting of the Town Council.

Members who represented the Town Council on outside bodies were given an opportunity to report on any matters of interest.

7/532 PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

Mayor

Yeovil Inequalities Programme

Year 11 24th & 25th July 2010
12am, Yeovil Recreation Ground

Streetfest 2010

Entry is FREE!

Streetfest is a 2 day festival celebrating all forms of street dance, street arts and culture.

This free community event has something to offer everyone. Bringing together some of the top dancers from across the country, including free-running, skate demonstrations, live bands and much more.

Find us on Facebook

For more information contact us on 01935 413325 or WWW.MILFORDFESTIVAL.COM

FEATURING: PERFORMING ON STAGE & RUNNING WORKSHOPS

Event Organisers: AKA NEMESIS, PORTLAN, O.B.T.K.

Official Partners: yeovilunited, yeovilfc, yeovilrangers

GET SET GROW & GET SET COOK
The price is right! Monday 19th April 6-8pm @ St Marks Church garden

CURRENT & FUTURE EVENTS
St Marks Church is pleased to announce the start of the 'Get Set Grow & Get Set Cook' course...

PREVIOUS MCA EVENTS
The MCA has been busy over the last few months with a variety of events...

MILFORD SPRING CLEAN!
The MCA is pleased to announce the start of the 'Milford Spring Clean' initiative...

INSIDE (FOOTBALL SKILLS)
The MCA is pleased to announce the start of the 'Inside (Football Skills)' course...

IT'S MY HOME TOO
The MCA is pleased to announce the start of the 'It's My Home Too' course...

TAKE THE PLUNGE
The MCA is pleased to announce the start of the 'Take the Plunge' course...

GET FIT & FABULOUS!
The MCA is pleased to announce the start of the 'Get Fit & Fabulous!' course...



Say goodbye to the Milford Hall at

The Milford Community Association

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!

Santa's Grotto (Santa arrives at 12 noon)
Christmas Fayre, Chocolates, Christmas Presents
Local Dignitaries, Raffle, Christmas Workshops
Jewellery and Paintings Stall
And Much, Much More!

12th December 2009
10am - 3pm

Milford Hall in Milford Park

For details: 01935 473113 or 01935 411325

MILFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION presents

GET SET GROW & GET SET COOK

LEARN HOW TO GROW AND COOK YOUR OWN FOOD

EVERYONE WELCOME!

This FREE 6 week course begins on
Monday 19th April 6 - 8pm
@ **St Marks Church garden**

All equipment and produce provided

For details and bookings contact: Amanda England 07929 657813

Somerset Community Food The Methodist Church South Somerset together

SOUTH SOMERSET

Making a difference where it counts

Introductions



James Divall (Community Health & Well Being Project Manager)

- NHS (Primary Funder)
- Local Strategic Partnership (Project Management)
- South Somerset District Council (Project Lead)
- **Targeting** : Health, social & economic inequalities with Milford & Birchfield neighbourhoods in Yeovil.
- Bottom up approach / partnership working / stop duplication
- Community ownership / Sustainability / Cost effective

Milford & Birchfield – how are we engaging?

- **Central Focus:** Milford Community Association & Birchfield Residents Association (their meetings & events)
- **Community groups:** Yarlington Housing Group, Good Fellowship Club, Playgroups, Children centre sessions, Schools, E-mails & telephone calls from residents, door to door, Church meetings, scouts, etc
- **Partnership meetings:** Community Associations, Training advisors network, Smokefree Alliance, Steering Groups, User group meetings, etc

Projects – What's going on?

Milford Community Garden?

- Community idea (Milford Community Association)
- Partnership (SSDC / St.Marks Church / MCA)
- Land use behind the church – possible linking to YHG
- Registration for 1 Yr (support from a P/T worker)
- Growing education / mental health / social cohesion / links with local schools & children centre / targeting hard to reach.
- Steering group developing the programme



Streetfest Yeovil



- July 2010 (7,000 estimate attended over the weekend)
- Opportunity for young people to showcase talent on stage
- community cohesion – bringing communities together
- Partnership engagement
- Dance centres development – holiday courses & classes – increased numbers over the summer as a result.
- Possible future development – link with the schools federation – 10 schools running 9 week street dance workshops
- More people, more active, more of the time! – review planned for next week – report will go to SSDC South regarding the event.

Community Café & Newsletters



- Important communication link with their residents (Milford)
- Newsletters (3 times a year / partnership input / development into e-news)
- Community Café – Milford (Tuesday morn) / Birchfield churches (Friday)
- Partnership drop ins: Police beat surgery, health walks, NHS health trainers
- Numbers have gone up with partner programmes as a result of newsletter
- Future development looking at website for a joint community news and this Yeovil inequalities programme.

Yeovil Friendly Breast Feeding Project

- Partnership NHS / Yeovil Town Centre Partnership / Children Centres
- Launched on Breast feeding awareness day (linking to County & NHS UNICEF award programmes – Somerset baby friendly status)
- Auditing & Sign up of Yeovil key venues
- Development of a booklet for new mums – Hospital & Children Centres
- Sign posting / supporting the mother / stopping isolation
- Result from reactions & feedback of breast feeding mothers in Yeovil, promotion of health benefits for breast feeding – long term development for health inequalities.



FRESH STARTS FAIR!



- 18th September 2010 (1pm – 5pm) @ Bucklers Mead
- Community developed programme – one of a kind
- Promotion of key areas to help make a difference in their lives – Careers & Jobs, Training & education, Volunteering, Health & well being and ‘My community’
- Free event for all
- Bath & West show mixed with a jobs fair mixed with a community fete!
- **Partnership involvement:** Police, Fire, Yarlington Housing Group, Community Associations, Training providers, Connexions, South Somerset Mind, Children Centres, Job Centre, etc

Other programmes currently running:

- Birchfield Primary School health week & open day
- 50+ consultation & activity programmes
- Welcome packs – new homes in Milford
- Neighbourhood volunteering programmes
- Health bus road shows
- Drug free your child courses
- Lyde Road needs analysis
- Community & village halls audit (Research document into provision)
- Links to Bucklers Mead Aspire programme
- Family Connections (Somerset Film programme in East Ward)

Possible Future programmes:

- Audit into the provision of growing spaces & allotments in SSDC
- Community training courses
- Community action against smoking project (Smokefree alliance)
- Teenage pregnancy programme (Links with Aspire project)
- Youth Discount card
- Asthma mini marathon event for schools
- Community Cook Book
- Community internet shopping programme for older people.