

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 June 2009**

(7.30pm to 8.10pm)

Present:

Wes Read – Mayor
J Vincent Chainey
Philip Chandler
John Cruddas
Clive Davis
Bridget Dollard
Tony Fife
Julian Freke
Pete Goodman

Dave Greene
John Hann
Steve Hawker
Andrew Kendall
Tony Lock
Tom Parsley
David Recardo
Alan Smith

Also Present:

Alan Tawse
Alan Guy
Alan Partington

Town Clerk
Chair of Yeovil Street Pastors
Vice-Chair of Yeovil Street Pastors

PRAYERS

Reverend Howard Davenport led the Council in prayers on behalf of the Townspeople of Yeovil.

GRANTS PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor presented grant cheques to representatives of the following organisations for the purposes indicated:

Applicant	Amount	Purpose
Yeovil Illuminated Carnival Ltd	£1,325	To meet the costs of public liability insurance
Good Fellowship Club	£250	Towards transport costs
South Somerset Disability Forum	£1,000	Towards rent, publicity and administration costs
Yeovil Temple Salvation Army Band	£1,000	Towards costs of purchasing various instruments

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

7/332 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meetings held on 5 May (adjourned) and 12 May 2009, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

7/333 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Dave Gooding, Peter Gubbins, Ruth Kendall, Ian Martin and Pat Martin.

7/334 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7/335 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.

The Mayor also drew attention to a forthcoming charity event that he was organising.

7/336 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Avon and Somerset Police Authority Policing Plan – 2009/12
- Notification of South Somerset District Council (Area South) Annual Meeting with Town and Parish Councils – 9 July
- Playing Field – Newsletter of the Somerset Playing Fields Association – Spring 2009
- Walk – Magazine of the Ramblers' Association – Summer 2009

7/337 YEOVIL STREET PASTORS

Alan Guy – Chair of the Yeovil Street Pastors gave a presentation on the aims and objectives of the Yeovil Street Pastors' initiative, their experiences to date and their plans for the future (a summary of the main points covered during the presentation is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes).

A DVD of a similar scheme operating in Aberdeen, where it had developed into an important community safety initiative, was also shown at the meeting.

Alan indicated that the initiative had been introduced into Yeovil on 11 April 2009, and that to date 28 volunteers had been recruited who were providing a regular befriending and support service in the Town Centre. Examples of the type of assistance given by the Street Pastors were outlined at the meeting.

During the ensuing discussion, Members expressed their support for the new initiative, which it was felt would provide an effective way of achieving further community safety improvements in Yeovil - as a result of the Street Pastors befriending vulnerable visitors to the Town Centre thereby helping to defuse potentially difficult situations and avoiding alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour.

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and

- (2) that a further presentation be arranged in twelve months time to give Members an opportunity to learn about the organisation's achievements over the coming year.

7/338 **SOUTH SOMERSET TOGETHER**

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that any Member wishing to attend either of these events contact the Town Clerk before 12 Noon this coming Friday in order that places may be reserved.

7/339 **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

11 May 2009

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee

13 May 2009

Promotions and Activities Committee

18 May 2009

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee

19 May 2009

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee

26 May 2009

PUBLIC COMMENT

In response to a query by Mr Tucker of Marsh Lane, it was indicated that an announcement was expected to be made on 8 June by the South West Region Development Agency (SWRDA) regarding their pledged financial contribution towards the redevelopment of Milford Community Hall.

Mayor



Yeovil Street Pastors

Yeovil Town Council
meeting 2nd June 2009

agenda

Introduction.

dvd – 6 minutes.

quick recap; how we got here.

- Aims and objectives.
- Experiences to date.
- Plans for the future.

Q&A.





Street Pastors

“An Inter - denominational church
response to urban problems”

A photograph of three individuals, identified as Street Pastors, standing at night. They are wearing dark clothing with bright, reflective vests that have the words "STREET PASTOR" printed on the back in two lines. The background is dark, showing a brick wall and some graffiti. The scene is illuminated by a strong light source, possibly a flashlight or a bright light, which creates a high-contrast effect, highlighting the reflective vests and the text on them. The overall mood is serious and focused.

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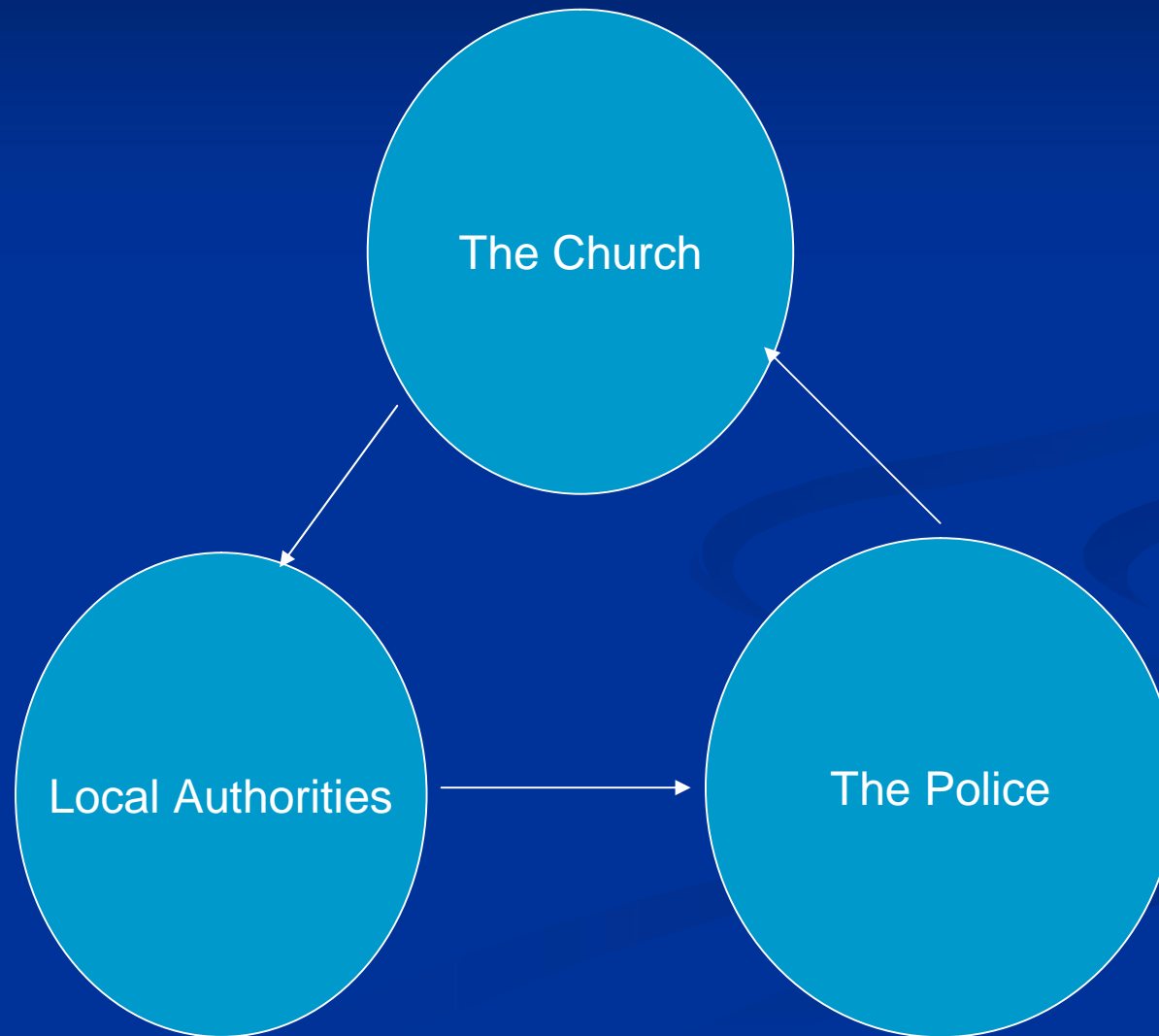
**There are over
2,000 Street Pastors
working in the UK**

Weston s Mare street pastors



Would it work in Yeovil ? Key question

Urban Trinity



Result = 28 Street Pastors (volunteers) from 9 churches in/around Yeovil
Management team of 7 including 1 co-ordinator



Aims & Objectives

- Earn the credibility of our community.
- Engage with people on the streets to care, listen and help in unconditional way.
- Fill gap between care & duty of licensed premises & responsibilities of police & ambulance service.
- Be a visible presence on streets (eg domestics)
- Offer practical help when needed
eg (taxis, flip flops/spikeys)
vulnerable/young people/marginalised etc.
- Safety of street pastors very important

Experiences to date

- Patrolling Saturday nights since 11 April
22:00 to 04:00.
- Overall huge welcome on streets.
- Curiosity – who? & why ?
- Positive noises – car horns , waving, ”we love you fruit pastels”.
- Negative comments seem minor so far.
- Much practical help given already by the teams.
(bus shelter man ,man tied up in car,18th birthday)

Plans for future

- Maintain support from Police, & local authorities - key
- Recruit more street pastors autumn 09
- Double number
- If demand – Friday nights
- School Pastors ?

“we want to enjoy a Saturday night out in Yeovil without the minority who spoil it “

Thank you.
Q&A.

www.streetpastors.co.uk

