

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2022 FROM 7.00PM – 7.10PM AT POOLE COURT, YATE

PRESENT

Councillor Karl Tomasin – Town Mayor/Chair

Members of Yate Town Council and South Gloucestershire Council – Councillors Ruth Davis, Tony Davis, Mike Drew, Alan Monaghan, Ben Nutland, Wully Perks and Ray Perry.

Sean White and Angharad Baynham – Avon and Somerset Police

Town Clerk, Finance Manager & RFO and Service Support Officer - Yate Town Council.

Apologies were received from Yate Town Councillors and South Gloucestershire Councillors (SGC): John Davis (SGC), John Emms, Sandra Emms, John Gawn, Louise Harris (SGC), John Ford, Cheryl Kirby, Margaret Marshall, Jane Price, John Serle, Penny Thoyts and Chris Willmore.

1 NOTICE OF MEETING

It was confirmed that the notice of meeting had been advertised according to the law. The Chair declared the meeting to be a properly constituted meeting.

Councillor Karl Tomasin commented that it was nice to be able to hold a face-to-face meeting following the last few years of living under COVID-19 restrictions.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting held on 27 April 2021 (as **NOTED** at the Yate Town Council meeting on 22nd June 2021) were received and were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

3 CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Councillor Karl Tomasin presented a written report providing an overview of Town Council business and his experience as Mayor and Chair for the period 2021 – 2022.

4 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

A detailed statement of the Town Council's accounts for period ending 31 March 2021 were presented to the meeting by the Finance Manager and RFO, along with the external audit report.

RESOLVED The Town Council's statement of accounts for period ending 31 March 2021 be accepted by the Annual Town Meeting.

5 ANNUAL REPORT FROM CHAIR OF YATE TOWN COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

A report prepared by Councillor Alan Monaghan (Chair of the Environment and Planning Committee) was received and **NOTED**. Councillor Monaghan commented that COVID-19 has continued to present challenges for the town but that it was wonderful to see residents and local groups continue to rise to the challenge of pulling together and supporting one another.

6 ANNUAL REPORT FROM CHAIR OF YATE TOWN COUNCIL'S FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

A report prepared by Councillor Cheryl Kirby (Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee) was received and **NOTED**.

7 ANNUAL REPORT FROM MEMBER OF YATE TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A report prepared by Councillor Chris Willmore (member of the Planning and Transportation Committee) was received and **NOTED**.

8 CHARITY REPORTS

8/1 Wills Davis Atwell Charity

A report from the Wills Davis Atwell Charity was received and **NOTED**.

8/2 Yate United Charities

A report from Yate United Charities was received and **NOTED**.

8/3 Yate & District Heritage Centre Trust

A report from Yate & District Heritage Centre was received and **NOTED**.

Councillor Karl Tomasin passed on thanks to all the charities who work within the local community.

9 REPORTS FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Written reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors John Gawn, Ben Nutland, Ruth Davis, Tony Davis and Louise Harris were received and **NOTED**.

Councillor Mike Drew provided a verbal update to the meeting, explaining his role within SGC and how he has lobbied to help improve facilities within the local community. Councillor Drew spoke of his work on the SGC Planning

Committee and input into the New North Yate Community Building project in encouraging SGC officers to give the project additional funds due to the large population the facility will serve. Councillor Drew has also been involved in resolving issues with local developers charging residents money to manage play areas and open spaces, some of which are open to the public and are not exclusively for residents.

It was **NOTED** that Councillor John Davis's report would be published upon receipt to the annual report.

The Chair of Yate Town Council gave thanks to all the South Gloucestershire Councillors for Yate for representing Yate / Dodington to get the best for our town and our community.

10 TOWN AFFAIRS

No matters were raised.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.10pm.

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