

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 APRIL
2018 FROM 7.30PM – 8.00PM AT POOLE COURT, YATE**

PRESENT

Councillor John Ford – Town Mayor/Chair

**Members of Yate Town Council and South Gloucestershire Council –
Councillors Ian Blair, Ruth Davis, Tony Davis, Mike Drew, John Gawn, Cheryl
Kirby, Ben Nutland, Wully Perks, John Serle, Sue Walker and Chris Willmore.
2 members of the public.**

**Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer and Service
Support Manager - Yate Town Council.**

**Apologies were received from Yate Town Councillors John Davis, Alan
Monaghan and Karl Tomasin. Alan Lawrance (Trustee of Wills Davis Atwell)**

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.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting held on 25 April 2017 were
received and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

3 CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Councillor John Ford presented a written report providing an overview of Town
Council business and his experience as Mayor for 2017 – 2018.

4 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

A detailed statement of the Town Council's accounts for period ending 31 March
2017 were presented to the meeting by the Deputy Town Clerk/Responsible Finance
Officer.

RESOLVED The Town Council's statement of accounts for period ending 31 March
2017 be accepted by the Annual Town Meeting.

**5 ANNUAL REPORT FROM CHAIR OF ENVIRONMENT AND
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

A report prepared by Councillor Alan Monaghan (Chair of the Environment and
Planning Committee was presented to the meeting by Councillor John Ford) and
received and **NOTED**.

6 ANNUAL REPORT FROM CHAIR OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

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

7 CHARITY REPORTS

7/1 Wills Davis Atwell Charity

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

7/2 Yate United Charities

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

7/3 Yate & District Heritage Centre Trust

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

8 REPORTS FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Written reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors Ian Blair, Mike Drew, Ruth Davis, Tony Davis, John Davis, Gloria Stephenson and Sue Walker, were received and **NOTED**.

Councillor Blair spoke of his year as Chair of South Gloucestershire Council and how Yate was promoted where ever possible.

Councillor Ruth Davis drew attention to the Members Awarded Funding – each South Gloucestershire has £3,000 to award to good causes.

Councillor Drew drew attention to the proposed need for savings at South Gloucestershire Council, to the concern of those present at the meeting, and the work of NALC in negotiating with central government to pass on the benefit of grants to Local Authorities.

9 TOWN AFFAIRS

9/1 S106 bids for improvements to Town Council Sports/Outdoor Facilities

Councillor Chris Willmore formally requested details from the Town Clerk in respect of any assistance that had been given by the local MP in respect of securing successful bid from S106 funds for improvements to Town Council Sports/Outdoor facilities. The Town Clerk responded that no assistance from the local MP had been received.

9/2 Councillor Ruth Davis – South Gloucestershire Council Lead

Councillor Willmore proposed the following thanks be recorded which was unanimously supported by those Councillors present:

“We thank Councillor Ruth Davis who has led the South Gloucestershire Councillors who represent our area on Sought Gloucestershire Council since 2005 in standing up for Yate.”

9/3 Transport Matters

- a) Councillor Blair raised his continuing concerns in respect of the lack of forward planning by South Gloucestershire Council in respect of traffic in Yate, no strategic plan has been created to plan ahead although Yate Town Council and South Gloucestershire Councillors continue to push for this.
- b) Councillor Willmore advised the meeting that an approach had been made to the Metro Mayor to request use of the metro bus slip road to enable a bus from Yate (once an hour) to call at UWE, providing a valuable stop for students, employees and those changing for different routes), this request was supported by First Bus. However a negative response has been received as this was “not in the agreement” despite this route being funded by public money and this request would be at zero cost.

9/4 Vote of Thanks

The Mayor formally thanked the Staff of Yate Town Council for their work in what has been a busy year and the Councillors of Yate Town Council for their support.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm.