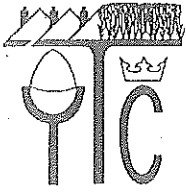


YATE TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2011/2012

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2012
AT POOLE COURT, YATE.

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Friday 13 April 2012

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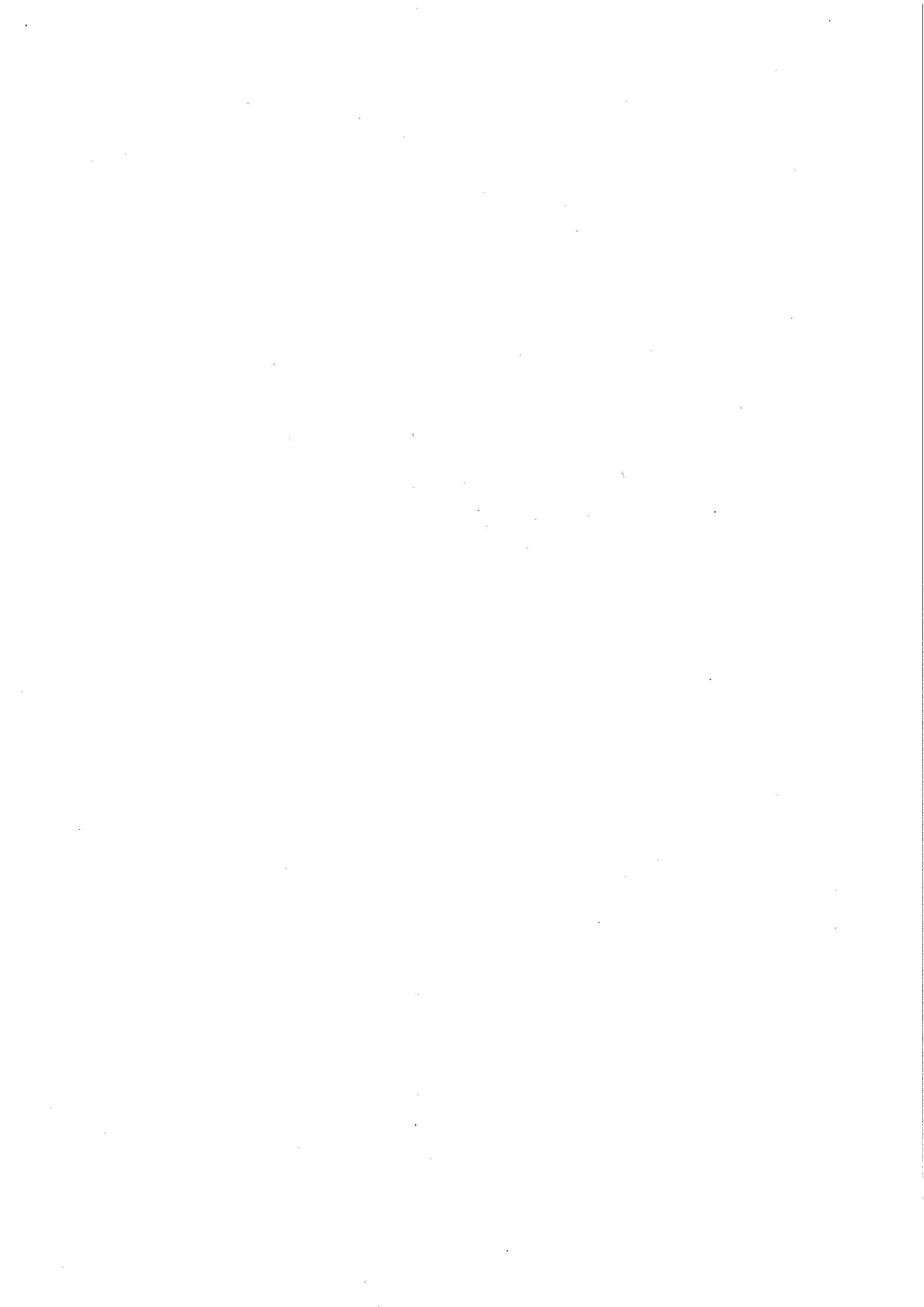
1. To confirm that the notice of meeting has been advertised according to the law.
2. To note the minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday 26 April 2011. *(The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record at the Town Council meeting held on 17 May 2011, minute no.7).*
3. To receive the Yate Town Council annual report comprising of:-
 - (a) annual report from Councillor Martin Monk, Chair of Yate Town Council and Town Mayor;
 - (b) statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011;
 - (c) annual report from Councillor John Ford, Chair of Yate Town Council's Environment and Planning Committee;
 - (d) annual report from Councillor Alan Lawrance, Chair of Yate Town Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee.
4. To receive annual reports from parochial charities:-
 - (a) Wills Davis Atwell Charity;
 - (b) Yate United Charities;
 - (c) Yate & District Heritage Centre Trust.
5. To receive annual reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors for Yate:-

Councillor Ruth Davis	Yate Central
Councillor Sue Walker	Yate Central
Councillor Ian Blair	Yate North
Councillor Mike Drew	Yate North
Councillor Mike Robbins	Yate North
Councillor Dafydd Holbrook	Dodington
Councillor Alan Lawrance	Dodington
6. Town Affairs.

Signed:

Councillor Martin Monk, Yate Town Council Chair & Town Mayor

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**ANNUAL REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF YATE TOWN COUNCIL AND
TOWN MAYOR MARTIN MONK 2011-2012**

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Much has been achieved over the past forty years, due to the hard work and vigour of its Councillors, ably backed by a very professional staff.

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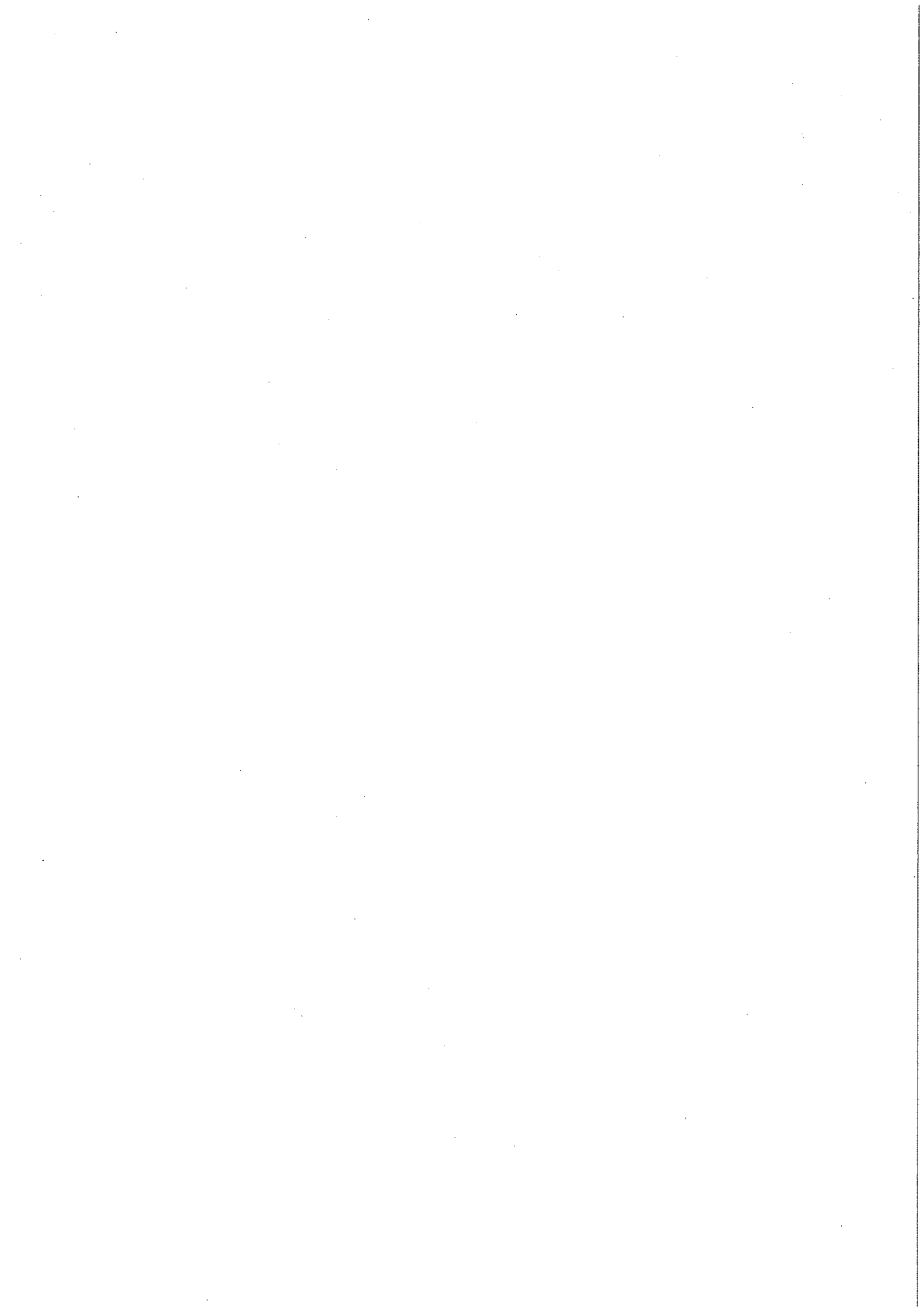
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I would like to acknowledge staff that have left Yate Town Council, Mark Williams Estates Officer, Julie Clay Senior Administration Officer and Susan Tubey Town Clerk (covering maternity leave) and thank them for their work. I would also like to welcome new staff, Tony Moore Estates Officer, Lucy Holtum Senior Administration Officer and Julia Alden Senior Administration Officer (covering maternity leave).

Chair of Council Martin Monk
April 2012



MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2011 FROM 7.30PM – 8.45PM AT POOLE COURT, YATE

PRESENT

Councillor Ian Blair – Town Mayor/Chair

Members of Yate Town Council and South Gloucestershire Council - Councillors Arthur Adams, Tony Davis, Mike Drew, Dave Evan-Jones, Sue Evan-Jones, John Ford, Alan Lawrance, Martin Monk, Mike Robbins, Cleo Trotter, Sue Walker, Chris Willmore and Ruth Davis.

5 Members of the public.

Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk/RFO and Senior Administrative Officer, Yate Town Council.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kay Crowe and Margaret Marshall. Councillors Aziz Chowdhry, Wully Perks and Joe Hughes were absent.

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 2010 were received and NOTED having been approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record at the Town Council meeting held on 11 May 2010 (minute number 122).

3 CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Councillor Ian Blair reported on his experience as Mayor during 2010/2011 and gave a presentation of Yate Town Council achievements during the last year. Thanks were expressed to Sally Johnston, Administrative Assistant, for putting together such an interesting presentation.

4 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

A detailed statement of the Town Council's accounts for period ending 31 March 2010 was presented to the meeting. The Assistant Town Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer offered to respond to any questions, but none were received.

RESOLVED The Town Council's statement of accounts for period ending 31 March 2010 be accepted.

5 ANNUAL REPORT FROM CHAIR OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

A member of the public commented that he had taken his Grandchildren to the 2010 Community Music Festival in Kingsgate Park, and expressed concern about the charges for some of the inflatable rides and also the attitude of some of the staff operating them. Mr Harper was advised that a maximum tariff is being levied for this year's music festival which operators will need to comply with.

6 ANNUAL REPORT FROM CHAIR OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

A report prepared by Councillor Martin Monk (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**. It was pleasing to note that far more young people applied for grants in 2010 than in previous years and the 2011 application form now contains a Yate Parish map to make it clear who is entitled to apply for a grant.

7/2 Yate United Charities

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

7/3 Yate & District Heritage Centre Trust

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

8 REPORTS FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Written reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors Ruth Davis, Sue Walker, Ian Blair, Mike Drew, Mike Robbins, Kay Crowe and Alan Lawrance were received and **NOTED**.

It was reported that Councillor Kay Crowe will be standing down this year after representing the town for approximately 30 years. Thanks were expressed to Kay for her hard work and commitment during this time.

9 TOWN AFFAIRS

9/1 Yate and District Community Transport

A representative of Yate and District Community Transport read out a statement in relation to the group's Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Town Council.

The meeting was advised that payment for the 2010/2011 SLA had not been forthcoming as the following information was required by the Town Council before payment could be made:-

- how much it costs to run the Ring and Ride scheme?
- which towns and parishes are serviced by the scheme?
- how much is the shortfall to run the scheme?
- what additional services will be provided to Yate residents for the money, that is not provided to residents of other parishes?

It was commented that the Town Council is not able to justify paying the grant requested, unless it can be demonstrated that the funding would be of benefit to Yate residents and not merely to subsidise other parishes within South Gloucestershire.

Yate and District Community Transport has been advised that the funding has been set aside for the SLA, but if they cannot provide the information requested they may wish to apply for a grant for a capital item as an alternative. In addition, the Town Council would be willing to meet again with representatives of Yate and District Community Transport in order to find a solution.

9/2 Proposed New Housing

RESOLVED The Annual Town Meeting resolutely opposes proposals for:-

- 3,000 new houses north of Brimsham Park;
- release of the Frenchay Hospital site for housing.

9/3 Kingsgate Park

A local resident expressed concern about the amount of dog fouling within Kingsgate Park and suggested that notices are placed at the entrances asking people to clear up after their dogs.

Councillor Sue Walker advised that she had been asked by a member of the public whether the Town Council could re-consider locking the toilets at the weekend.

RESOLVED:-

- The Town Council to display appropriate dog fouling signage at all entrances to Kingsgate Park.
- The Friends of Kingsgate Park be consulted on extending the park's byelaws to ban dogs from entering the new water feature area.
- The Town Council's Environment and Planning Committee to re-consider locking the toilets at the weekend.

9/4 Ridgewood Out of School Club

Representatives of Ridgewood Out of School Club addressed the meeting, advising that, as the club now comes under the umbrella of OFSTED, it will be required to extend play areas for children and improve qualifications of staff. The club is a much

needed provision in Yate and the representatives asked for some support and advice about fundraising and also how it might be able to access the open space behind the Ridgewood Centre.

The club were advised to contact CVS South Gloucestershire who provides free advice to groups, which includes fundraising.

It was commented that there are conservation issues associated with the land behind the Ridgewood Centre and Councillor Ruth Davies offered to make enquiries of South Gloucestershire Council to see whether it would be possible to gain public access to the land.

Members wished to thank Councillor Ian Blair for his successful term of office as Mayor and Chair of Yate Town Council.

The Mayor thanked members and staff of the Town Council for their hard work and dedication to the town. Councillor Chris Willmore was particularly thanked as the chair of the Armadillo project group which has been a major achievement for the Town Council and has provided a usable space for people of Yate to visit and enjoy.

Susan Tubey was also thanked for all her hard work whilst covering the Town Clerk's maternity leave and was presented with a gift. Susan wished to thank members and Town Council staff for their help and support during this period.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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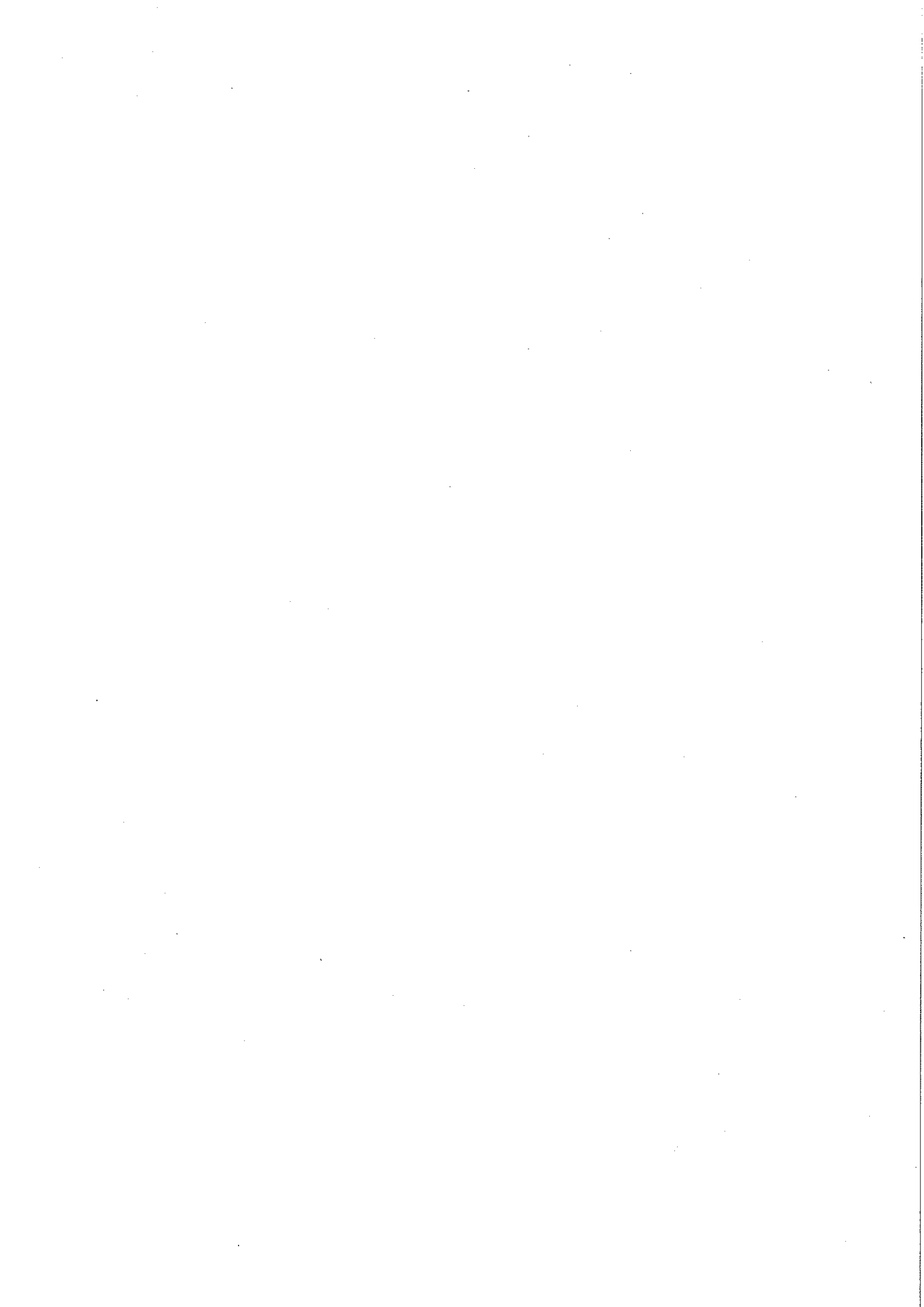
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April 2012





YATE TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011

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YATE TOWN COUNCIL

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YATE TOWN COUNCIL

Council Information

Mayor:

1 Councillor Ian Blair

Councillors:

2 Arthur Adams
3 Aziz Chowdhry
4 Tony Davis
5 Mike Drew
6 Joe Hughes
7 David Evan - Jones
8 Sue Evan - Jones
9 John Ford
10 Alan Lawrance
11 Margaret Marshall
12 Martin Monk
13 Wully Perks
14 Mike Robbins
15 Cleo Trotter
16 Sue Walker
17 Chris Willmore

Clerk:

Susan Tubey

Responsible Finance Officer:

Stephanie Davies

Auditors:

Mazars LLP, Regency House, 3 Grosvenor Square, Southampton, Hampshire, SO15 2BE

Internal Auditors:

South Gloucestershire Council

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Section 4 – Annual internal audit report to

YATE TOWN COUNCIL

The council's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ended 31 March 2011.

Internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the council's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the council.

Internal control objective	Agreed? Please choose from one of the following Yes/No/Not covered
A Appropriate books of account have been kept properly throughout the year.	Yes
B The council's financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	Yes
C The council assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	Yes
D The annual precept requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	Yes
E Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	Yes
F Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	Yes
G Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with council approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	Yes
H Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	Yes
I Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	Yes
J Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	Yes
K Trust funds (including charitable) The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.	//

For any other risk areas identified by the council (list any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed) adequate controls existed:

Name of person who carried out the internal audit HILARY GREENE CPFA
 Signature of person who carried out the internal audit Hilary Greene Date 16/06/2011

Note: If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed)

Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed)

YATE TOWN COUNCIL

**Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31 March 2011**

	Notes	2011 £	2010 £
INCOME			
Precept on District Council		769,985	753,914
Agency Services	3	3,440	3,117
Loan and Capital Receipts		2,870	541,000
Interest and Investment Income	2	9,031	970
Leisure and Recreation		27,537	29,551
Open Spaces and Public Rights of Way		5,029	4,924
YTC Grants and Community Support		-	-
Transport Initiatives		1,354	
Establishment/General Administration		86	1,916
Civic and Demographic		1,030	551
Other Services		7,658	1,253
Heritage Centre		2,597	3,809
Parish Hall		12,288	9,925
Pop Inn Café		38,547	40,685
Poole Court		69,399	78,432
		<u>950,851</u>	<u>1,470,047</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Establishment/General Administration	5	231,053	220,069
S137 Expenditure	6	1,494	3,144
Capital Expenditure	8	466,399	21,519
Loan Charges	14	55,942	18,124
Lease and HP repayments		-	-
Operational Expenditure:			
Leisure and Recreation		26,424	26,483
Childrens Play Areas		13,104	15,861
Open Spaces and Public Rights of Way		8,863	10,166
Estates Department		170,086	164,032
Grants and Community Support		79,802	98,111
Transport Initiatives		2,181	7,364
Civic and Demographic		3,300	3,968
Other Services		38,205	32,171
Heritage Centre		54,305	51,972
Parish Hall		11,434	17,948
Pop Inn Café		38,972	39,309
Poole Court		61,765	62,935
Youth Café		1,379	-
		<u>1,264,708</u>	<u>793,176</u>
General Fund			
Balance as at 1 April 2010.		463,341	438,815
Add: Total Income		950,851	1,470,047
		<u>1,414,192</u>	<u>1,908,862</u>
Deduct: Total Expenditure		<u>(1,264,708)</u>	<u>(793,176)</u>
		149,484	1,115,686
Transfer (to) other Reserves	15	301,307	(652,345)
General Reserve Balance at 31 March 2011		<u>450,791</u>	<u>463,341</u>

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YATE TOWN COUNCIL

**Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2011**

	Notes	2011 £	2011 £	2010 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets			6,842,787	6,727,973
Current Assets				
Stock	10	-		-
Debtors	11	62,369		19,205
Cash at Bank and In Hand		823,550		1,195,377
		<u>885,919</u>		<u>1,214,582</u>
Current Liabilities				
Creditors and accrued expenses	12	(51,284)		(66,090)
Net Current Assets			834,635	1,148,492
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>7,677,422</u>	<u>7,876,465</u>
Long Term Liabilities				
Creditors - More Than One Year	14		(660,684)	(685,015)
			<u>7,016,738</u>	<u>7,191,450</u>
Capital and Reserves				
Council Resources Invested in fixed Assets			6,182,103	6,042,958
Earmarked Reserves	15	383,844		685,151
General Reserve		<u>450,791</u>		<u>463,341</u>
Council Resources Available			<u>834,635</u>	<u>1,148,492</u>
			<u>7,016,738</u>	<u>7,191,450</u>

The statement of accounts represent fairly the financial position of the council as at 31 March 2011 and reflects the Income and Expenditure for the year.

These accounts have been approved by the Council.

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Councillor Martin Monk
Mayor

Date 29-06-2011

Stephanie Davies

.....
Stephanie Davies
Responsible Finance Officer

Date 20 June 2011

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YATE TOWN COUNCIL

Notes to the Accounts 31 March 2011

1 Principal Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Guidance Notes for Local Council (the Guide) issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) as applicable to a medium sized council.

As a consequence the latest accounting policies, as set out in the Guide and so far as they apply to this council, have been adopted for the council's statement of account.

Fixed Assets

All expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of fixed assets is reported in the notes to other accounts, provided that the fixed asset yields benefits to the authority and the services it provides, for a period of more than one year. Fixed assets are valued on the basis recommended by CIPFA. The year end values are stated on the following basis:

land, operational properties and other operational assets are reported in the accounts at current insurance values as approximating to the lower of net current replacement cost and net realisable value.

certain community assets are the subject of restrictive covenants as to their use and/or future disposal. Such assets are therefore considered to have no appreciable realisable value and are included at a nominal value only.

Debtors and Creditors

The revenue accounts of the council are maintained on an accrual basis in accordance with the guide. That is sums due to or from the council during the year are included whether or not the cash has actually been received or paid in the year. Exceptions to this are payment of insurance premiums and regular quarterly accounts (e.g. telephone, electricity). This policy is applied consistently each year. Therefore, it will not have a material effect on the year's accounts or on the council's annual budget.

Stocks and Work in Progress

All stocks have been treated as consumed because their value was not material.

External Loan Repayments

Details of the council's external borrowings are shown at note 14.

Leases

Details of the council's obligations under finance leases are shown at note 13.

Reserves

The council maintains certain reserves to meet general and specific future expenditure. The purpose of the council's reserves is explained in note 15.

Interest Income

All interest receipts are credited initially to the general funds.

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YATE TOWN COUNCIL

**Notes to the Accounts
31 March 2011**

Pensions

The pension costs that are charged to the council's accounts in respect of its employees are equal to contributions paid to the funded pension scheme for these employees.

These contributions are determined by the fund's actuary on a triennial basis and are set to meet 100% of the liabilities of the pension fund. In accordance with the relevant government regulations.

The last actuarial valuation took place on 31 March 2010 and any changes in contribution rates as a result of that valuation will take effect as from 1st April 2011.

2	Interest and Investment Income	2011	2010
		£	£
	Interest Income - General Funds	9,031	970
		<u>9,031</u>	<u>970</u>

3 Agency Work

During the year the council undertook the following agency work on behalf of other authorities:

Commissioning Authority and Nature of Work	2011	2010
	£	£
Dodington, Downend & Bromley Heath, Frampton Cotterell, Mangotsfield, Pucklechurch, Sodbury & Westerleigh Parish and Town Councils - Administration of Joint Parish Meetings	3,439.50	3,117.00
	<u>3,439.50</u>	<u>3,117.00</u>

Commissioned Authority and Nature of Work	2011	2010
	£	£
South Gloucestershire Council - Internal Audit	651	645
South Gloucestershire Council - Printing	556	208
South Gloucestershire Council - Landscape Consultancy	1,000	460
South Gloucestershire Council - Training	95	-
South Gloucestershire Council - IT	-	139
South Gloucestershire Council - Directional Signs Kingsgate Park	-	500
South Gloucestershire Council - Installation Lights Peg Hill	-	1,295
South Gloucestershire Council - HR Advice	-	200
South Gloucestershire Council - Detached Youth Work	49,555	49,034
	<u>51,857</u>	<u>52,481</u>

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YATE TOWN COUNCIL

**Notes to the Accounts
31 March 2011**

4 Tenancies

During the year the following tenancies were held:

Council as landlord

Tenant	Property	Rent p.a.	Repairing/Non Repairing
CPRE	Office, Poole Court	1,200	Non - repairing
South Gloucestershire Council Registrar	Office, Poole Court	10,250	Non - repairing
Steve Webb MP	Office, Poole Court	6,000	Non - repairing
South Gloucestershire Deaf Association	Office, Poole Court	3,041	Non - repairing
South Gloucestershire Council Registrar	Office, Poole Court	2,379	Non - repairing

Council as tenant

Landlord	Property	Rent p.a.	Repairing/Non Repairing
South Gloucestershire Council	Land for Bus Shelter	£ 2	N/A
South Gloucestershire Council	Play Area Land Brimsham Park	Nil	N/A
South Gloucestershire Council	Land at Wellington Road	Nil	N/A
South Gloucestershire Council	Land for Kingsgate Park	1 Peppercorn	N/A
South Gloucestershire Council	Land at Yate Common	1 Peppercorn	N/A
South Gloucestershire Council	Land for 3 Play Areas	1 Peppercorn each	N/A
South Gloucestershire Council	Land at Fromebank Junior School	£1 per annum	N/A

5 Publicity

Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1986 requires the council to disclose expenditure on publicity. Details are shown under the following broad categories:

	2011 £	2010 £
Other Advertising	-	1,447
Publicity	1,447	760
	<u>1,447</u>	<u>2,207</u>

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YATE TOWN COUNCIL

Notes to the Accounts 31 March 2011

6 Section 137 Expenditure

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) enables the council to spend up to the product of £6.15 per head of the electoral roll in any one year for the benefit of the people in its area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by others.

	2011 £	2010 £
The total amount available for this purpose was	101,051	101,131
Expenditure was incurred for the following purposes:		
Grants, Gifts and Donations	1,494	3,144
	1,494	3,144

It should be noted that grants to bodies such as the Citizen Advice Bureau are made under other specific legal powers and so are not included in the above figures.

7 Pensions

For the year of account the council's contributions equal 15.90% of employees' pensionable pay. These contributions will remain at 15.90% until revaluated by the funds actuary.

8 Fixed Assets - Additions and Disposals

	2011 £	2010 £
	Cost	Cost
Freehold Land and Buildings	-	-
Vehicles and Equipment	-	-
Infrastructure Assets	-	-
Community Assets	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

No assets were disposed of during the year, other than by way of scrap.

In 2010/2011 Yate Town Council has been working in partnership with South Gloucestershire to have a Youth Venue and Café built in Yate. As at 31 March 2011 this asset was still held by the construction company and is due to be passed to the funding partners upon completion expected end April 2011.

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YATE TOWN COUNCIL

**Notes to the Accounts
31 March 2011**

9 Fixed Assets	2011	2010
	£	£
At 31st March the following assets were held:	Value	Value
<u>Freehold Land and Buildings</u>		
Poole Court	3,127,374	3,066,053
Eggshill Lane/Station Road Parish Hall	521,229	511,009
Broad Lane Sports Complex	14,000	14,000
Sunnyside Sports Pavilions	752,887	738,124
Sunnyside Bowling Green	42,840	42,000
Heritage Centre	445,940	437,196
Pop Inn Café	231,657	227,115
Tennis Courts at Sunnyside and Howard Lewis	215,000	215,000
	<u>5,350,927</u>	<u>5,250,497</u>
<u>Vehicles and Equipment</u>		
Community Buildings Furniture and Equipment	108,649	94,943
Office Equipment	43,568	43,397
Estates Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	52,456	51,949
Play Equipment	1,019,959	1,019,959
	<u>1,224,632</u>	<u>1,210,248</u>
<u>Infrastructure Assets</u>		
Bus Shelters	31,627	31,627
Footpaths	3,900	3,900
Skateboard Park	175,000	175,000
Fencing and Gates	27,487	27,487
Teenage Shelter (Longs drive)	3,967	3,967
St Mary's Wall	21,157	21,157
	<u>263,138</u>	<u>263,138</u>
<u>Community Assets</u>		
Council Regalia	4,000	4,000
Lye Field	1	1
St Mary's Green	1	1
Village Green (Goose Green)	1	1
Village Green (Yate Rocks)	1	1
Play Areas (4)	4	4
Litter Bins	50	50
Dog Bins	12	12
Seats	20	20
	<u>4,090</u>	<u>4,090</u>
	<u>6,842,787</u>	<u>6,727,973</u>

The basis of valuation of the above assets is set out in the Accounting Policies (Note 1)

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YATE TOWN COUNCIL

**Notes to the Accounts
31 March 2011**

10	Stocks	2011 £	2010 £
		-	-
		-	-

11	Debtors	2011 £	2010 £
	Trade Debtors	5,694	1,187
	Booking Deposits	50	100
	VAT Recoverable	48,453	5,651
	Other Debtors	149	1,400
	Payments and Accrued Income	8,023	10,867
		<u>62,369</u>	<u>19,205</u>

12	Creditors and Accrued Expenses	2011 £	2010 £
	Trade Creditors	33,613	36,639
	Accruals and Deferred Income	17,171	29,001
	Booking Deposits Received	500	450
		<u>51,284</u>	<u>66,090</u>

13 Hire Purchase and Lease Obligations

At 31st March the following hire purchase agreement(s) and lease/leases were in operation:

Hirer/Lessor	Purpose	Annual Lease/Hire Payable £	Year of Expiry
South Gloucestershire Council	Estates Crewcab Truck	3,982.15	2014
Lloyds TSB Auto Lease	Estates Ford Ranger Pickup	2,627.40	2014
Ing Lease	Estates Ransomes Mower	9,390.00	2012
Lloyds TSB Auto Lease	Estates Astra Van	2,252.88	2012
BNP Paribus	Photocopier	1,610.96	2011
New Holland Finance	Estates Tractor	25.00	None
ING Lease	Estates Mower	104.71	None

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**Notes to the Accounts
31 March 2011**

14	Long Term Liabilities	2011	2010
		£	£
	Public Works Loan Board	660,684	685,015
	HP & Lease Creditors	-	-
		660,684	685,015

At the close of business on 31 March 2011 the following loans to the council were outstanding:

Lender	Amount	Years Remaining
	£	
Public Works Loan Board	176,726	15
Public Works Loan Board	483,958	19

15 Earmarked Reserves

	Balance at 1/4/2010	Contribution to reserve	Contribution from reserve	Balance at 31/3/2011
	£	£	£	£
Capital Earmarked Reserves	651,987	154,000 (463,270)	342,717
Other Earmarked Reserves	33,164	18,465 (10,502)	41,127
	685,151	172,465 (473,772)	383,844

The Other Earmarked reserves are credited with amounts set aside from revenue to fund specific known commitments of the council.

For details see page 12.

16 Capital Commitments

The council had no capital commitments as 31st March 2011 not otherwise provided for in these accounts.

17 Contingent Liabilities

The council is not aware of any contingent liabilities at the date of these accounts.

18 Other Accounts

Yate Town Council also administers the following accounts:

1) Joint Parishes Youth Forum Steering Group Account. This account holds contributions from each member Council: Dodington, Sodbury, Westerleigh and Yate to fund the Joint Parishes Youth Forum Development Worker. See details page 13.

2) Youth Café Account. This account holds monies which have been granted to the Youth Café fit out and sponsorship for young peoples training. These funds will be spent in the 2011/2012 financial year. See details page 14.

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MOVEMENTS ON RESERVES 2010/2011

Earmarked Reserves

Description	O/Bal April 2010	From ER to GR	From GR to ER	Earmarked Reserves 2010/2011
Park Upgrades				
Kickabout Projects				
Yate West Kickabout Project	2,648			2,648
Howard Lewis Park	88000	13244		74,756
Buildings				
Building Fund	19,000		4,000	23,000
Poole Court Refurb	26,339	2,616		23,723
Youth Café	516,000	447,305	150,000	218,695
Committed Revenue Expenditure				
Elections	12,000		6,000	18,000
Garden Competition	154	154		0
Public Rights of Way	7,910		1,590	9,500
Fundraiser	10,000	10,000		0
Grant Funding	0		10,875	10,875
Bal Friends of Yate Common	307	307		0
Yate Community Plan (Other Services)	2,793	146		2,647
	685,151	473,772	172,465	383,844

General Reserves

General Reserves as at 31.03.11	450,791
Less recommended reserves (3 months net plus £25,000 contingency)	238,381
The remaining funds carried forward to fund planned expenditure in the 2011/2012 budget	212,410

JPYFSG RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO 31 MARCH 2011

Chq No	Bfwd	2010/2011		Balance
		Receipts	Payments	
		£ "	£ -	£ 3,399.30
18	SGC Youth Forum Development Worker (Jan - March 2010)		£ 324.61	
	Sodbury Town Council	£ 1,350.45		
	Westerleigh Parish Council	£ 675.23		
	Dodington Parish Council	£ 1,350.45		
	Yate Town Council	£ 1,350.45		
19	SGC Youth Forum Development Worker (April - June 2010) plus room hire		£ 448.49	
20	SGC - Youth Forum Development Worker (July - September)		£ 117.12	
21	SGC - Youth Forum Development Worker (Oct - Dec)		£ 934.36	
		<u>£ 4,726.58</u>	<u>£ 1,824.58</u>	<u>£ 6,301.30</u>

Represented by

Current a/c balance as at 31 April 2011

£ 6,301.30

£ 6,301.30

The 2010/2011 contract with South Gloucestershire Council is in the sum of

£ 7,700.00

YOUTH CAFE FUNDRAISING RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO 31 MARCH 2011

Description	Receipts	Payments	Balance
Donation	50.00		
Frome Valley Community Action Group	5,000.00		
Yate Town Council	1,000.00		
Britton Trust	1,000.00		
Westerleigh Parish Council	500.00		
Sodbury Town Council	1,160.00		
Domain Name - Youth Café Website		38.44	
Business Manager Advert		84.00	
Business Manager Advert		300.00	
	<u>8,710.00</u>	<u>422.44</u>	<u>8,287.56</u>

Bank Statement Balance Dated 11.03.11		8,455.56
Transfer not yet showing		132.00
Cheque not yet presented	-	300.00
		<u>8,287.56</u>

**ANNUAL REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE ENVIRONMENT
AND PLANNING COMMITTEE 2011-2012
COUNCILLOR JOHN FORD (YATE CENTRAL)**

Yate Town Council has had a very busy and interesting year despite the recession.

The Youth Café

HRH Prince Edward, Duke of Wessex, officially opened in December. The landscaping of the garden area is being designed and will soon be tendered. After a slow start, it has really caught on and attendance has escalated to make it the best attended youth venue in the region.

Play Areas

Kingsgate Park two day music event held in June 2011 was an outstanding success. Saturday weather was not so kind this year but was vibrant, with an estimated 5,000 revellers in attendance. Sunday was spirited and halcyon and the sun shone all day. My thanks to all who came, making it a fantastic event with community spirit in abundance and Christ the Rock for their organisation and hard work on the Sunday and the musicians on the Saturday, who gave their time and talents for free.

It will be held again this year on 23 and 24 June.

Millside and Longs Drive have benefitted after Yate Town Councils commitment and had work by the Estates Staff.

Annual Town Spring Clean

Councillors and volunteers cleared litter in two areas this Spring:-

- o The Frome and pond area adjacent to the Link Road
- o Brinsham Park

The public attendance was good this year. My thanks to Chipping Sodbury Baptist Church, Friends of Brinsham Park and members of the public.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt was held in Kingsgate Park on Easter Monday. Despite the rain, an estimated 450 children brought their families along and great fun was had by all.

My thanks to the Friends of Kingsgate and Councillor Martin Monk and his friends who got up early and erected the marquee and made this a successful event.

Allotments

The Town Council is still trying to find and negotiate land for allotments. Currently there are two sites that look very favourable.

I would like to offer my thanks to all members of the Environment and Planning Committee and Council staff for their hard work and support during my year as Chair of the Committee.

Councillor John Ford
Chair of Environment and Planning Committee

April 2012

Annual report 2011/2012

Finance and General Purposes Committee

For all Councils the last two years have demanded more careful consideration of the finance and cost to provide for the Community. The Town Council have always sought to continue its process of developing opportunities for all residents while realising the pressures both on households and the Council to finance that which has been provided or planned.

There are many community groups and local organisation within the town that truly help Yate to be a pleasant place in which to live. The Town Council have supported many of these organisations through grant funding – more than £12,000 has been utilised in this manner. More noticeably significant finance has enabled the further development of the work of the Heritage Centre, celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Pop Inn Café and realised the Royal opening of the Armadillo and the great opportunity now provided for young people.

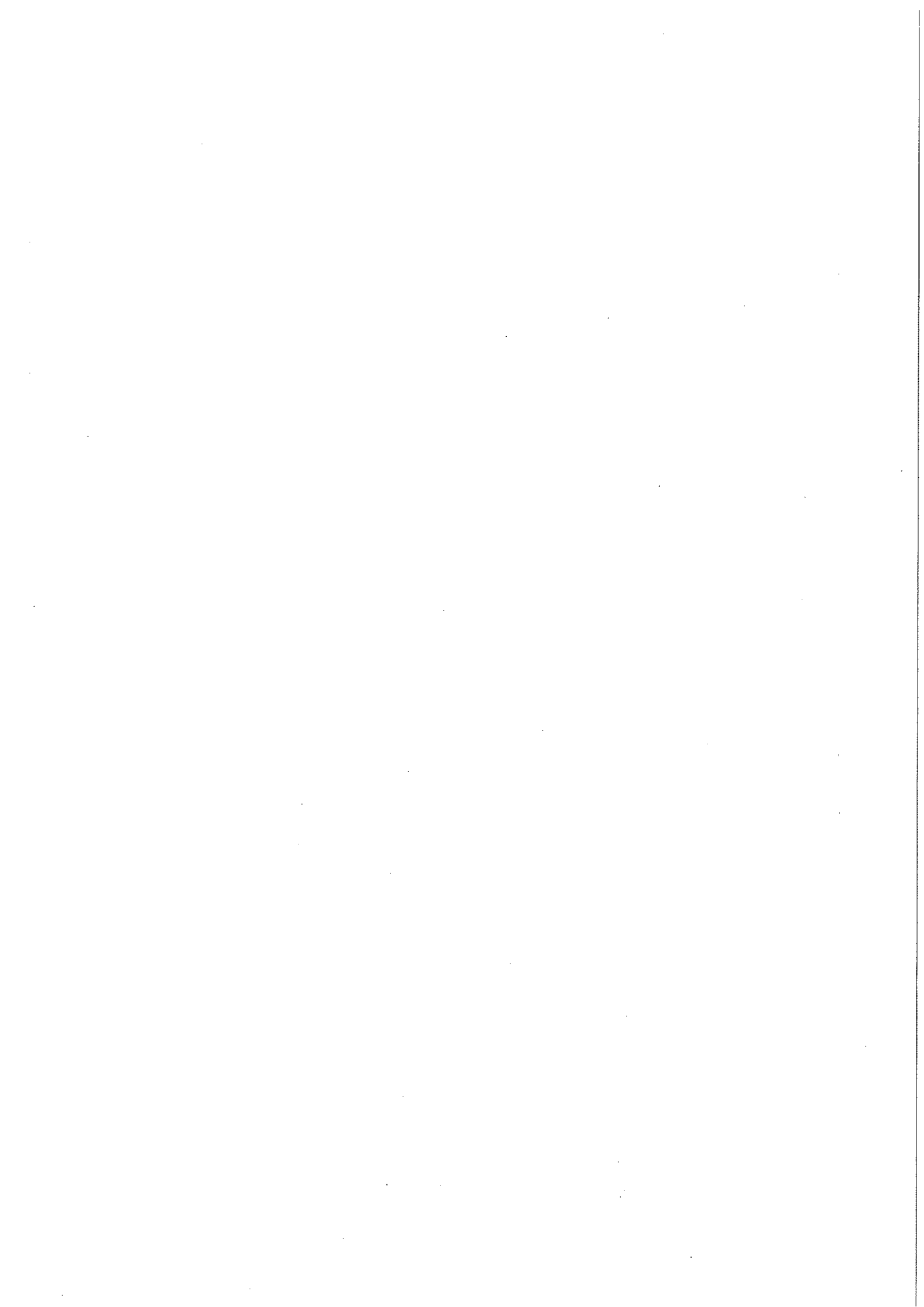
Kingsgate Park has been central to so many family activities. Having achieved a lottery grant a water feature has now been added to the pleasures of the area and once more the Easter Egg Hunt and the Music Festival have been appreciated by many hundreds of residents. Whilst continuing to finance these events the Town Council now have taken responsibility for the Longs Drive Open Space and have plans for Brinshan Fields. The Council also maintain the numerous play areas and some sporting opportunities throughout the town.

There are many residents who would wish to develop an allotment and the Council are in negotiations to find suitable land. We believe we can provide for all these developments in these various areas at a lower cost than that potentially charged by a higher authority.

Residents will recognise that care of Yate can be expensive, but the Council has always sought to provide wisely within monies available. The Council is fortunate to have officers who always work conscientiously and seek to maintain and further improve on the quality of services provided. My thanks, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, go to all our officers and also many of my councillor colleagues who give a great deal of their personal time freely to assist the development of our town.

Alan Lawrance

Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
4th April 2012



WILLS DAVIS ATWELL CHARITY

ACCOUNTS AND REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

Trustees: Rev Canon David Harrex, Cllr Mike Drew and Cllr Alan Lawrance

ASSETS		EXPENDITURE	
Balance Brought Forward		Expenditure	
1yr Fixed Rate Bond	50,830.36	Grants Paid	2,341.37
Business Reserve	22,493.74	Admin Costs	500
Current Account	2,417.33	Hedge Flailing	132
COIF Investments	5,065.04	Unpresented cheque	nil
Income units held 31.12.10 502.21			
Total	<u>£80,806.47</u>	Total	<u>£2,973.37</u>

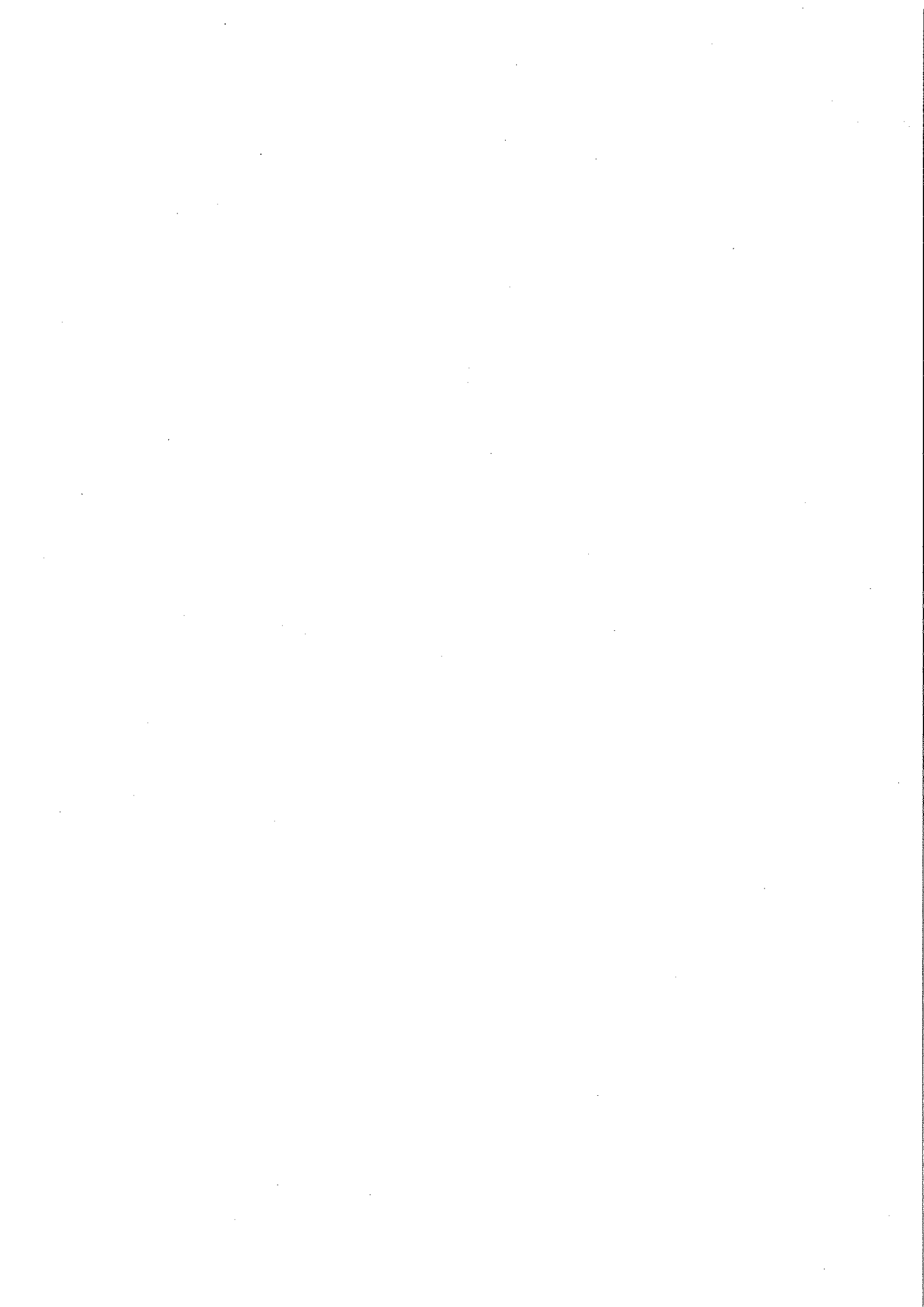
Income		Balance Carried Forward	
COIF Interest	224.32	1 yr F/R Bond	50,000.00
Bank Interest	13.00	Community Direct	5,575.59
Fixed Rate Bond Interest	1,502.35	Business Reserve	.57
Rent	170	Current Account	23,976.32
Sale of COIF Investments 502.21	-5,065.04		
COIF Units encashed	4,874.75		
Total	<u>£1,719.38</u>	Total	<u>£79,552.48</u>
	<u>£82,525.85</u>		<u>£82,525.85</u>

The Charity owns two parcels of land, one is currently let on an agricultural tenancy and the other is currently vacant.

The yearly income of the Charity is applied by the Trustees in assisting young people under the age of 21 years and a bona fide resident in the Parish of Yate, to further their education or training to purchase the necessary equipment for their advancement in life or to enable them to earn their own living.

The availability of the Trust Fund is advertised widely through the Town Council Annual Newsletter and web site, on notice boards in local schools, through the Youth Service, Leisure Centre, Library, Shopping Centre, local colleges and businesses.

If you know of any young person who may be eligible for a grant please ask them to telephone the Town Council Office 01454 866506 or email info@yatecouncil.gov.uk



YATE UNITED CHARITIES ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Financial Statement Year Ending 31.3.12

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
01.04.11 Balance at Bank	479.59	06.06.11 Payments to individual beneficiaries	45.00
01.06.11 Dividend from Shareholdings	35.20	09.06.11 Payment to Woodleaze Elderly Peoples Home	62.00
27.06.11 Credit at Bank	15.00	27.06.11 Payment to Wapley Court Elderly Peoples Home (Scheme Rules 28 (4))	63.00
30.08.11 Dividend from Shareholdings	39.70	Balance at Bank	495.23
30.11.11 Dividend from Shareholdings	39.70		665.23
29.02.12 Dividend from Shareholdings	56.04		665.23
	<u>665.23</u>		<u>665.23</u>

Value of Shareholdings held as at 31.12.11

	£
Account Number 4531 8000 1B	551.83
Account Number 4531 80001T	389.73
Account Number 4531 80002T	2608.17
	<u>3549.73</u>

Trustees

The Trust's Scheme as registered with the Charities Commission determines there shall be seven (7) Trustees. Currently these posts are held by:

Canon The Rev'd David Harrex
Councillor Cleo Trotter
Mrs Margaret Bracey
Miss Monica Nelson
C J Boulton, BEM
R M McGork
R G Hawkins

ANNUAL REPORT BY COUNCILLOR RUTH DAVIS 2011/2

(SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR YATE CENTRAL)

I continue to deal with casework and take an active interest in Yate Common.

I regularly attend the Frome Vale Area Forum as a local member and am leader of the Liberal Democrat group, so attend the monthly cabinet meetings, although I am not a member, and other committees when sensitive issues are discussed.

I attend the Local Strategic Partnership, where South Gloucestershire works closely with other agencies, such as the Primary Care Trust, North Bristol Health Trust, and the voluntary sector, to get better local solutions to challenges in our area.

Locally I belong to the Town Centre Strategy Group which includes all organisations with an interest in the centre. The new Tesco is now open and the new bus station shelter has been put in, albeit not to the specification agreed! This is being followed up to see if further improvements can be made.

Waves has opened and Wetherspoons will be shortly.

Despite some shops closing, the shopping centre continues to attract new businesses, including a Marks and Spencers food hall.

The Armadillo Youth Café is now open on the back of the Leisure Centre, complete with its new cinema.

The Leisure Centre is considering changing some of its hall use to accommodate the expanding gymnastics club, which will mean the bowls club will no longer be able to use the centre. This has not yet been agreed and local members are trying to find a way to accommodate both sports in the immediate area.

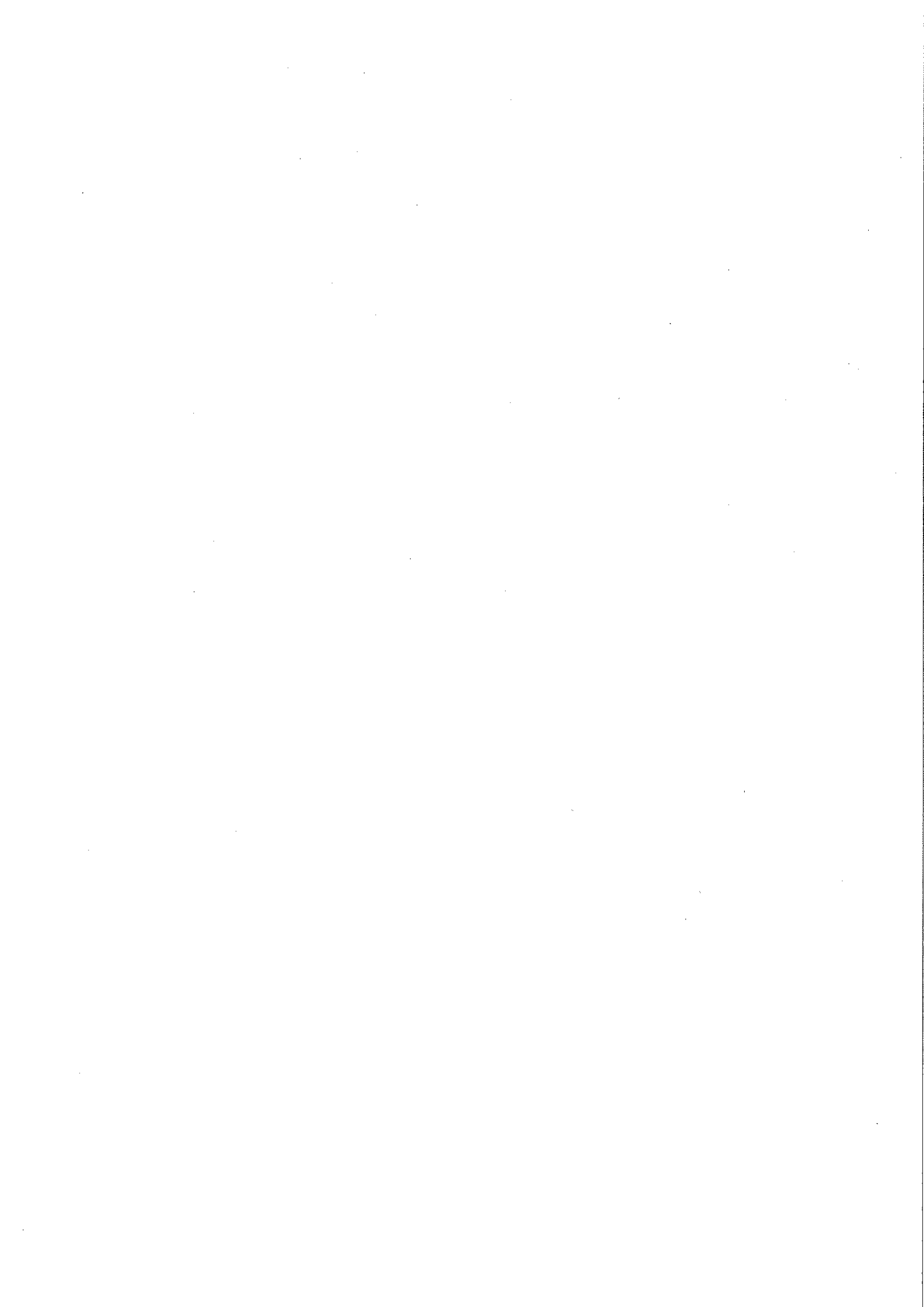
Yate International Academy's new building has started taking shape and will bring much needed additional community facilities to the area.

There are two housing development sites in the ward that are progressing, Elswick Park on the Sea Stores site and Cooper's in Westerleigh Road. The whole of the Cooper's site is now likely to be redeveloped.

South Gloucestershire Core Strategy has assumed the Yate/Sodbury area will provide an additional 3000 homes. Although I am against this north Yate development I continue to work with other members and officers to get the best deal we can for additional facilities for residents from any additional housing that we do get allocated

Councillor Ruth Davis

7th April 12



ANNUAL REPORT BY COUNCILLOR SUE WALKER 2011 – 2012

(SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR YATE CENTRAL)

South Gloucestershire Councillors recently logged their workload and this indicated that my Council duties average 20-25 hours per week. The workload is heavily biased towards casework which brings me into very regular contact with residents of Yate.

My Committees include:-

- Joint Consultative Committee (liaison between Trades Union and Council officers);
- Central Health and Safety;
- Board Member of the Lower Severn Drainage Board
- Licensing and General Purposes Committee;
- Various Complaints Panels.

I take a keen interest in local sport and represent teams and individuals to the Leisure centre and Yate

Outdoor sports Complex. Recently much time has been given to meeting representatives of the Bowling Club and Gymnastics Club as Circadian who run the leisure centre are considering replacing the Bowls club with the Gym club. My main concern is that the process is open and fair and that the consultation and process is transparent and unbiased.

The U3A continues to grow and go from strength to strength with almost 700 members and new groups
Starting up

As chair of Yate Station I can report that the extra train stopping on a morning is popular although the lack of seating is still a promise and the extra carriage does not always materialise. The help point is working well and C.C.T.V. is now in place. The new bike stands are agreed but not yet in place. The planting has been popular and users are looking forward to the next stage of improvements.

Yate and Dodington in Bloom are already busy working on their projects this year although they are keen to involve all the community as it is the whole town which will be judged. The emphasis is on environmental projects, recycling and sustainability and the group would like to hear about any environmental projects that can be included.

The planting at Ridgewood Community Ass and the Heritage Centre proved popular last year and were appreciated by residents and user groups and the achievements of Abbotswood junior school deserve special mention for their allotment and wild life area which won the West of England Cup.

On to this year.....Yate and Dodington in Bloom is already well advanced with plans for this year with grants from South Glos Council, Merlin Dodington and Yate as well as local businesses.

The group have worked in partnership with the payback team, South Glos Council, and local residents to clear the land at the end of Sundridge Park opposite Lidl. This will be planted with a pictorial flower meadow this year then finished next year. It will be called Jubilee Gardens and will greatly benefit the elderly residents nearby.

Other major projects include the Station and Station Rd and Cranleigh Court. We have a 3 year safer stronger grant for this work and the 'Welcome To Yate' Mosaic being designed and made by the In Bloom Group and Tyndale School is already well underway and will be fitted on the Gloucester Platform where most passengers arrive. The group will be working with Guides and Indesit on the area outside the factory using recycled tumble dryer drums as decorative planters.

In Bloom volunteers have spent hundreds of hours working to improve areas of our town. Almondsbury garden centre recently donated plants bulbs and plugs and volunteers planted over 1,000 bulbs in Kingsgate park and 700 in Station Rd. Residents groups have adopted areas of open space near their homes. Jacobs Wells Church group are also doing excellent work in the St Nicks Family Centre Community Garden. There are too many projects to name – trusting this will continue to transform our community.

Finally I would like to thank all the Town Council staff for their help, support and hard work– they are truly dedicated

Councillor Sue Walker
11 April 2012

Annual Report to Yate Town Council – April 2012

South Gloucestershire Committees:

Children & Young People Select Committee
Frome Vale Area Forum
Licensing & General Purposes Committee

I continue to chair the Children & Young People Select Committee. The Schools Act and the Education Act along with the Child Poverty Strategy have had a huge impact on how Children & Young People's Services – a whole system reform. These national developments sit alongside budgetary cuts and transformation programme going on with the Department. The final decisions on how these services will be delivered are still to be determined.

The committee has had a varied work load including

Policy Development: The Children & Young People's Plan, Sustainable Community Strategy, Commissioning Places Strategy

Performance Monitoring: Social Care, Education Standards, Adoption Service

Partnerships: Examining the work of the Children's Trust Board, the Local Safeguarding Board, Health Services for children & Young People.

A number of public concerns were brought to the committee and the Executive Member was advised of members' views. Issues included support for undergraduates in the Authorities care, potential impact of the development of the University Technical College, Youth Concessionary Card.

I regularly attend meeting of Frome Vale Area forum and the Licensing Committee.

The Armadillo is now fully open and I continue my involvement with the project as member of the management committee. The Armadillo has proved popular with many young people in Yate and the district, being used by young people across a wide age range. Now that there is the ability to show films will mean even more young people using the facility.

Development and the threat of further massive development are of concern across Yate. I have been involved along with other members in discussions with South Gloucestershire officers and others to try to ensure that Yate gets the best deal possible gaining improvements in the infrastructure and public amenity.

I continue to be an LEA governor of Tyndale Primary School.



Ian Blair (South Gloucestershire Member Yate North)

Annual Report by Councillor Mike Drew 2011-2012

South Gloucestershire Councillor for Yate North

This year has been a very busy year for me as alongside being ward councillor for North Yate I have served as Chair of the Council. This is not a political role, and carries no power, beyond chairing full council. It is a civic role and has given me a wonderful opportunity to see the amazing things going on in communities right across South Gloucestershire, and an opportunity to thank the volunteers, employees and employers who contribute to making this area a great place to live.

I have attended a large number of events representing South Gloucestershire from Armed Forces Day to Christmas on the Hill.

A priority for me was to visit schools, particularly primary schools, to help them develop an understanding of the importance of democracy, and how councils work. I have found the children very interested and enthusiastic (with a lot of Chairs of Council in the making!) A number of the visits were during the time the schools were electing their school councils which added relevance. We also visited schools to hand out certificates to the pupils who named the new gritters which had been bought to cope with future bad winter weather, with names such as Snowy, or the driver's favourite "SS Great Gritter".

I have officially opened a number of buildings including schools and shops, including the Launch of the Construction Phase of the Airbus Aerospace Park at Filton and the topping out at Yate International Academy. But my favourite must be the opening of the Armadillo at which I welcomed Prince Edward to Yate, our first public royal visit for 20 years. In terrible storms he flew down by helicopter to meet the young people and the residents, community groups and businesses who contributed to the Armadillo.

One role of the Chairman is to welcome new citizens at Citizenship Ceremonies. It is a privilege to be able to share this event with those becoming citizens. They have each taken the decision to commit to Britain. Whereas I was born here, so my commitment to Britain is automatic, individuals applying for citizenship have taken a deliberate decision to throw in their lot with us, to choose us as the country and people to whom they are committed. They have to take an examination, and the process is pretty expensive. It is humbling to hear the stories of the families involved and the contribution they now make to our community.

During the year, we have held a number of awards ceremonies particularly The South Gloucestershire Sports awards and the South Gloucestershire Community Awards. The dedication and commitment of a large number of people in our communities is staggering. This year the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire added to the event by making two special awards of her own.

In addition to my Chair's duties I still remain a member of the Fire Authority where I am a Trustee of Gambia and Avon Fire Services in Partnership (GAFSIP). I also continue to sit on South Gloucestershire Employee Appeals panel and Complaints Panel; Avon Pension Committee; South West Provincial Employers.

Using the powers under the Localism Act South Gloucestershire has decided to scrap the Leader and Cabinet model for running the council and reintroduce the Committee system from the Annual

Council Meeting in May. I am a member of the Working Party charged with producing the new constitution, which should return us to a model in which the public really can influence decision making through their local members. Whilst I have enjoyed the year, I am looking forward to getting back to working in Yate for residents in Yate North.

As the Chair's Charity for the year I chose GAFSIP because of its connections with the Fire Authority and Yate (Items including fire engines, kit and medical equipment are stored at Yate Fire Station prior to being shipped to the Gambia). At the end of the week I am holding a Charity Dinner at Yate Fire Station to raise funds for the charity. I am hugely grateful to the schools, businesses, groups and individuals who have contributed to the fund. Over Easter Chris and I visited the Gambia with the Chief Fire Officer for Avon Fire & Rescue Service - Kevin Pearson – (at our own expense) to hand over the keys to a Fire Engine transported in December and to see first hand the difference this partnership is making in relation to road accidents, fires, and well accidents (in the rural areas falling into a well or, worse, a latrine well is life threatening) – and now also in terms of medical care and the provision of blood analysis technicians to support the medical clinics being opened at the fire stations. What makes this partnership unique, and particularly valuable, is its consistency: almost every fire engine in the country has come from Avon, meaning they can be interchanged more effectively, there is a clear supply line for spare parts and the mechanics are used to them. The engines are backed up with equipment from fire kit to cutting gear, and Avon Fire & Rescue Service staff give up their own time to travel there at their own expense to train crews. It is this integration of equipment with regular top up training, with long standing friendships and support links between staff and the consistency of equipment supply that makes the partnership so valuable.

Whilst there we were able to give some equipment to the Day Centre, and most importantly, Old Sodbury football kit to Genieri, Yate's link village from the Yate Genieri Link Committee. We are grateful to Sue Walker, and Old Sodbury Football Club for the kit (photo below!)



YATE TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2011 TO 2012
Cllr Mike Robbins North Ward

After a considerable time a year in fact , the bus station has reached a point where the towns people can shelter from the rain .Provision to offload the disabled in a sheltered area with easy access to the bus appears to have evaded the notice of the builders, this is not surprising it has taken them 12 months to get this far

Dispite the rain St Georges Day was enjoyed by all Raysfield Dancers deserve a special mention braving the rain to complete their Act took courage had it happened on a Cricket Pitch you would not have seen an adult for the steam

The Ridge footpath is making slow progress The need to have a plan to to link the Ridgewood to Brimsham Fields to improve the wild life corridor along the RUPP should be considered before The Barrett Homes Development is built and fails to fit in with the previous plans

The town council has drawn up plans for By-Laws to improve the control of The Brimsham Field and Lake The Camping ,Fire Lighting which disturbs the local population the Fishing Practices that are causing pain and suffering and death to the wild life by poor housekeeping, leaving the vegetation decorated with discarded fishing tackle complete with baited hooks

The maintenance of the park has improved considerably ,the treatment of the rats has sorted out that problem but the treatments will need to continue.

Would like to see some flowers planted around the edges the Bluebells hav started to grow quite well but some Primroses ,Daffodills and Cowslips especially in the respite areas

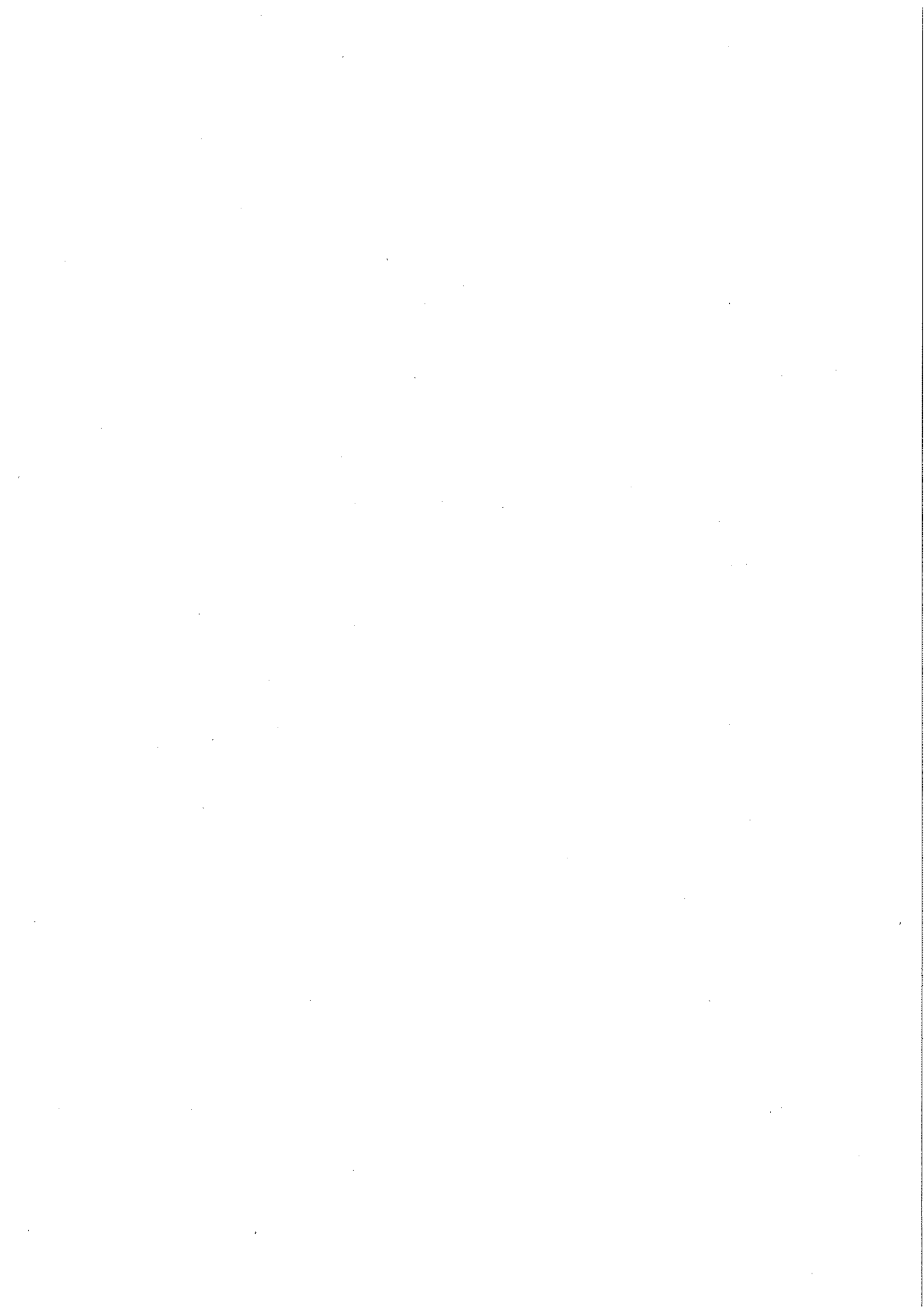
Control of the cutting down of the Hedgerows for firewood is necessary or people need to be taught that Blackthorn and Hawthorn does not make good firewood

Would like to see a plan for the attenuation pond that will be needed for the Barretts Plan should it come to fruition to be connected to Brimsham Lake and if possible to be filterd through pond no2

The Hanson plan to build in Barnhill would seem to be going ahead Waitrose and Houses would like to see some contribution from Sodbury to improve the trees on the ridge and to replace the ones felled by the vandal who cut down some with a chain

Regards





**ANNUAL REPORT BY COUNCILLOR ALAN LAWRANCE
2011/2012**

South Gloucestershire Councillor for Dodington

It is pleasing to know that South Gloucestershire Council will be returning to a Committee Governance system from May 2012 following a vote in Council in March. At the moment "power" rests in the hand of a small number of councillors who are members of a Cabinet. From May all 70 councillors will now decide issues in various committees, emphasizing the need for greater responsibility and accountability.

I continue to work on the D.C. East (Planning & Sites) Committees, the Licensing, Regulatory and General Purposes Committee and the Corporate Co-ordination and Audit Committees. I sit on Licensing and Employee Appeal Panels and locally join other councillors on the Frome Vale Area Forum.

Part of the Dodington ward has been designated as a Priority Neighbourhood deserving greater support. At the moment we are pursuing and seeking extra resources from the Authority to provide funding for pertinent projects. The Abbotswood Action Group continue to seek improvement in that area and minor works have made the precinct safer and local groups are working hard to improve the appearance.

Despite petitions to save Wapley Court the establishment is now closed and awaiting demolition. Consultation has taken place to consider how the land might now be used. Prinknash Court's future has been in doubt though there are now indications that it will be converted into flats rather than being demolished.

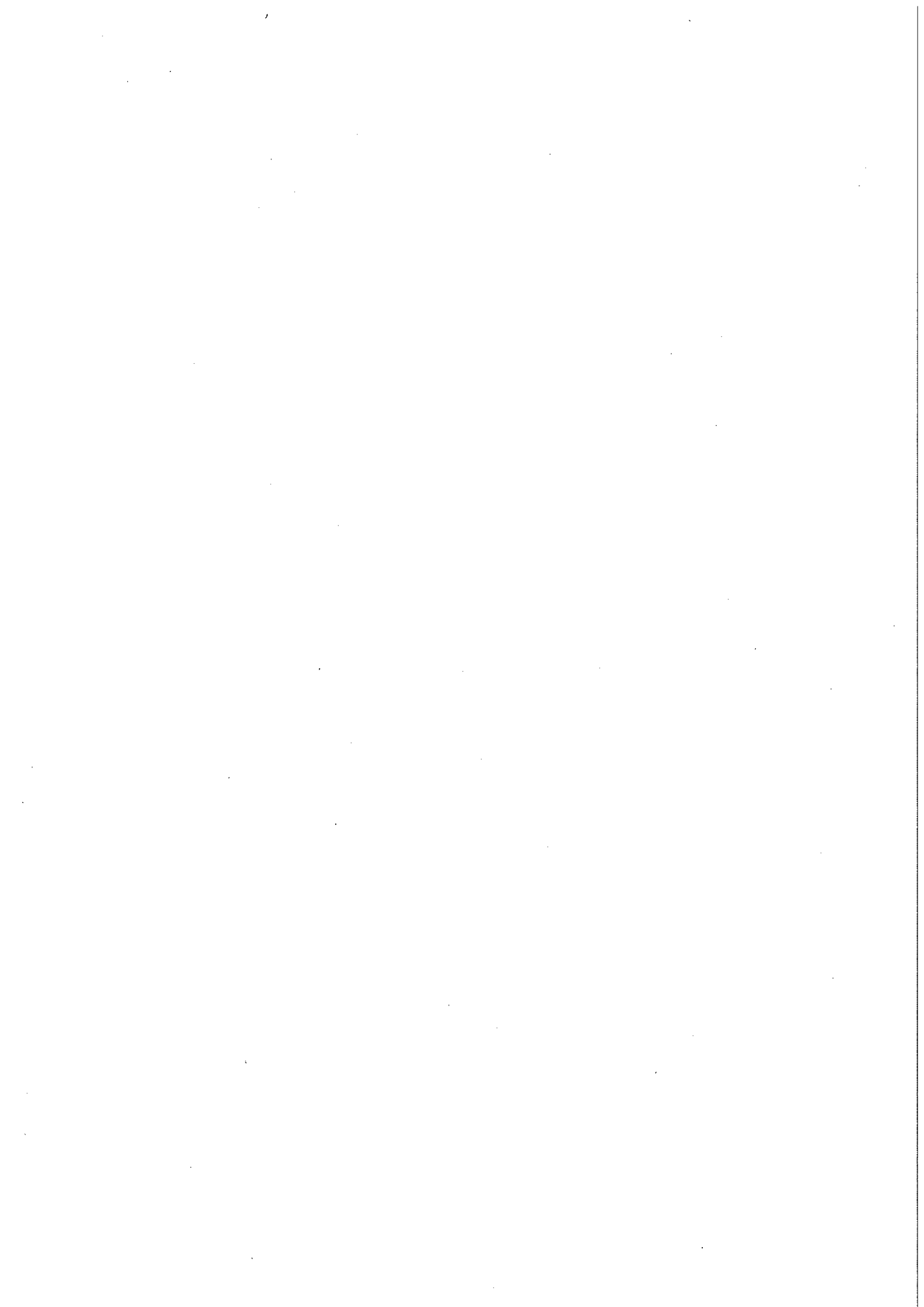
Rodford School has now been demolished and we await sight of any development plans and the hand over of the playing fields to the Town Council.

In November we will elect a Police Commission who will replace the Avon and Somerset Police Authority. I have much enjoyed being a member of the Police Authority for over 8 years, serving as Chair of the Performance and Audit Committee and a member of the Governance Board, Standards and Appointments Committees while also undertaking lead duties with Operations and issues relating to Bristol Airport and Hinckley Point.

It is pleasing to report that recorded crime has reduced by 26% since 2004 – equating to more than 40,000 fewer victims – and the detection rate has almost tripled in that period. Whether the Force will be able to continue and improve on such a performance may well be determined by resources provided or lack of them.

During the last year I have been impressed by the engagement of local Parish and Town officers and councillors in the future of Dodington and I welcome the arrival of "new blood" in Dafydd Holbrook as colleague councillor for the area.

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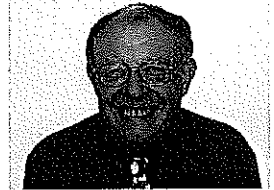
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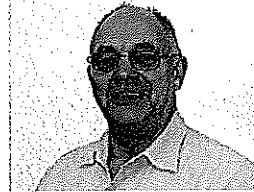
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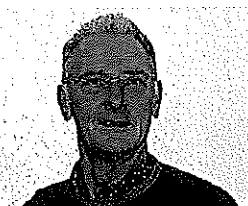
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