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Mayor Cllr. Garry Shortland **Deputy Town Clerk Tracy Lamb**

COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the Full Town Council held on Monday 14th January 2019 in the Town Hall, Chard

Present: Cllrs Shortland (Chairman), Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Glynn, Mrs. Dowell, Mrs. Kenton, Kenton, Warwick, Bulmer and Baker

In Attendance: Tracy Lamb (Deputy Town Clerk/RFO)

There were No. #1 member of the public and No. #0 members of the press present.

The meeting started at 8:23 pm

Chaplain's 'Thought for the Day'

Public Participation Time

2019/01. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given (If you cannot attend please telephone or email your apologies to the Town Clerk). LGA 1972 s85 (1).

Cllr O'Brien - Prior commitment
Cllr Mrs Broom - Prior commitment

Agreed unanimously

Resolved: That the apologies and the reasons given should be accepted.

Cllr Carnell - Absent

2019/02. Declarations of Interest. Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 SI No.1159. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

Councillor	Personal	Prejudicial	Agenda Nos.	Reason
None				

2019/03. To resolve to exclude members of the press and public - To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960

Withdrawn, there being no confidential items to discuss

2019/04. Council Meeting – minutes - To confirm and sign the minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 17th December 2018 LGA 1972, Sch 12 para41 (1)

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 17th December 2018 be signed as a correct record.

The Chairman signed the minutes.

2019/05. Council Meeting – minutes - To receive and note the minutes of the following meetings and approve any recommendations if required: LGA 1972, Sch 12 para 41(1).

Planning and Highways 17th December 2018

RESOLVED – To receive and note the minutes and approve the recommendations made.

2019/06. Election of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Mrs Dowell was nominated and accepted the nomination of Deputy Mayor

RESOLVED – that Councillor Mrs Dowell be elected Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman of Chard Town Council unless she resigns or becomes disqualified, shall hold office until immediately after the election of the Chairman of the Council at the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

2019/07. To receive nominations for two Appointments to the Planning and Highways Committee. (Standing Order # 5 j[vii]), with appointed deputies. LGA 1972 s101

There was only one nomination made.

Proposed: Cllr. Mrs Glynn Seconded: Mrs Morrison

Agreed Unanimously

Resolved – That Cllr Mrs Morrison become a Full member of the Planning and Highways committee (previously being the reserve member)

2019/08. To receive nominations for the Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee. (Standing Order # 5 j[vii]), with appointed deputies. LGA 1972 s101

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Mrs Morrison be nominated as the Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee and Cllr Morrison accepted the nomination. Cllr Morrison was also nominated as a member of the personnel subcommittee. The Proper officer advised members that the personnel subcommittee membership was not included of this agenda item. Members decided to proceed with the nomination

A member caused a disruption making derogatory comments about the Proper Officer which she deemed to be inappropriate and unjustified. The proper officer indicated that she would withdraw if the behaviour continued.

The chair instructed members to move to a vote and the meeting continued.

Proposed: Cllr. Mrs Kenton Seconded: Mrs Glynn

Agreed Unanimously

Resolved – That Cllr Mrs Morrison be the Chair of the Planning and Highways committee and also be appointed as a full member of the Personnel Sub Committee

2019/09. Finance – to receive and consider the recommendation from the Finance & Personnel Committee and resolve to set a budget for the financial year 2019 - 2020

Proposed: Cllr. Mrs Dowell Seconded: Cllr. Mrs Morrison

For: 7 Against: 1

RESOLVED – To approve the recommendations and that Chard Town Council set a budget of £788,614 for the financial year 2019 - 2020

2019/10. Finance – to set the precept for the 2019 – 2020 financial year

A report outlining a number of options had been circulated to Members for consideration and it was agreed that Option 1 be approved; with the Precept Demand of £629,500 and a deficit budget set of £159,144 to come from general reserves.

Proposed: Cllr. Bulmer Seconded: Cllr. Dowell

For: 7 Against: 1

RESOLVED - that Chard Town Council set a precept demand of £629,500 which equates to a zero increase in the Band D Equivalent

2019/11. In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is likely that the press and public will be excluded during consideration of this item (Item #2019/03 above refers)

Withdrawn

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:36 pm.