CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 1PP
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Mayor: Councillor Victoria Bates

AGENDA

Date of Publication:Thursday 7th November 2024

To: Councillors Baker (Chair), Bulmer, Grief-Page, Hussey, J Kenton, Richter, Shortland, Watson (Vice Chair) and Williams

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Amenities and Events Committee** of Chard Town Council that will be held on **Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7pm** in the Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP.



Kevin Dyer, Operations Manager and Proper Officer

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19.00 Public Participation Time
To receive any questions from the public about matters relating to the agenda. This section may last up to 15 minutes and members of the public are requested to keep their questions within a 3 minute limit.

AGENDA

2024/41 **Apologies for Absence**
To receive any apologies from members who are unable to attend the meeting.

2024/42 **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any updates from members for declarations of interests which are not currently entered in the Register.

2024/43 **Committee Meeting Minutes**
To approve the Minutes of the meetings on 14th May 2024, 1st July 2024 and 10th September 2024. (See attachment 1)

2024/44 To consider the following matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting on 10th September 2024:

Item 2024/35 Update on the lease on Bath St toilets
Somerset Council has declined a request for an asset transfer of the building or for a lease of longer than 25 years.

Item 2024/37 Update on funding the repairs to the War Memorial
No budget was set aside for this work in 2024/25. EMR funds are available of £137,339.95 for the Cemetery extension and councillors could consider a virement of any funds remaining after the works are completed.

2024/45 **Budget 2025/26**
To discuss the draft Guildhall, Cemetery, Allotments and Operations Department Budgets for 2025/26. (Attachment to follow)

2024/46 **Devolution**
To note the list of assets and services from Somerset Council that could be available for devolution and to produce a Town Council plan for engaging in discussion. (See Attachment 2)

2024/47 **Cemetery**
a) To note that routine memorial safety testing will take place in January 2025 at an estimated cost of £5,896, excluding VAT.
b) To approve the designs for new cemetery gates and railings. (Sent via email)

2024/48 **Amenities Team Base/Depot**
To discuss the requirement for a base and equipment store for the Amenities Team, including receiving a quotation for creating a mess room in the Cemetery. (Quotation will be presented at the meeting)

2024/49 **Guildhall**
a) To note that the management of Guildhall events now falls under the Operations Manager.
b) To receive an update on forthcoming events in the Guildhall. (See Attachment 3)
c) To discuss the need for additional caretaking hours to ensure that Guildhall events conform with legal requirements.

2024/50 **Chard Football Club Changing Rooms Upgrade**
To receive an update about the project to upgrade the Jocelyn Park changing rooms.

2024/51 **Chard Town Signs**
To discuss the renewal of the Chard Town Signs.

2024/52 **Chard Fingerpost installation**
To review progress on the planned installation of finger posts in the town following a grant from Somerset Council in 2022.

2024/53 **Bleed Kits**
To receive a proposal from Councillor Webb about the installation of first aid bleed kits alongside the town's defibrillators. (See Attachment 4)

2024/54 **Date of next meeting**
The next meeting of the A&E Committee will be on Tuesday 10th December 2024 in The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP commencing at 7pm.

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AMENITIES & EVENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities & Events Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 commencing at 19:00 hours in the Auditorium, The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP.

PRESENT: Cllr. Williams, Cllr. Bulmer, Cllr Richter, Cllr Watson, Cllr. Baker, Cllr Kenton, Cllr. J. Kenton

ALSO PRESENT: Operations Manager (OM): Kevin Dyer, Events Officer (EO); Tim Bickham, Proper Officer; Neil Bloomfield, Senior Caretaker Gary Huish

Public Participation Time
No members of the public were present.

2024/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from: Cllr Hussey (work) and Cllr Bates (holiday)
Committee accepted all the apologies.

2024/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr Baker – devolution
Cllr J Kenton – devolution
Cllr Bulmer – member of Rotary Club

2024/24 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
There were no confidential items for discussion.

2024/25 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Proposer: Cllr J. Kenton Seconded: Cllr Williams
Abstained: 2 For: 5

2024/26 MANAGER REPORTS

(a) Operations Manager

1.1 T&F group put forward – Cllr. Baker, Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Williams, Cllr Richter, Cllr Watson, Cllr J. Kenton, Cllr Kenton

1.2 Chard sign restoration – motion amended to Operations Manager to contact Cerdic Foundries
Proposer: Cllr Bulmer Seconded: Cllr Kenton
Unanimous

1.3 Operations Manager to carry out a case study and take back to committee

1.4 Operations Manager to carry out tree work
Proposer: Cllr Bulmer Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

1.5 Operations Manager to go back to lead planner, John Hammond and a task and finish group comprising Cllr J. Kenton, Cllr Greif Page and Cllr Richter to work on flood prevention with Operations Manager
Proposer: J. Kenton Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

Operations Manager to investigate safety of the chapel before work undertaken
Proposer: Cllr Baker Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

Allotments

Operations Manager to organise a patch repair with view to budget and also to review charges for plots.
Proposer: Cllr Bulmer Seconded: Cllr. J. Kenton

(b) Events

Members agreed to help Guildhall Caretaker to develop events under “friends of the Guildhall”

Chard market report to be revisited.

Lighting desk to be replaced under recommendation from Guildhall Caretaker, as outlined.
Proposer: Cllr Baker Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

2024/27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting of the Amenities & Events Committee would be held on **Monday 1st July** in the Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP commencing at 19.00.

There being no other business the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:45

CHAIR / VICE CHAIR: **DATE:**

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AMENITIES & EVENTS COMMITTEE

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PRESENT: Cllr Hussey, Cllr Baker (Chair), Cllr Grief-Page Cllr J Kenton, Cllr G Shortland, Cllr A Kenton (Ex Officio), and Cllr Richter.

ALSO PRESENT: Operations Manager (OM): Kevin Dyer, Events Officer (EO); Tim Bickman, Democratic Service Officer (DSO Beverley Newman

Public Participation Time
No members of the public were present.

2024/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from: Cllr Watson, Cllr Bulmer and Cllr Williams (all Personal)
Committee accepted all the apologies.

2024/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr Baker – Unitary Councillor in respect to agenda item 2024/26 (b) 1.1
Cllr J Kenton – Unitary Councillor in respect to agenda item 2024/26 (b) 1.1
Cllr Richter Lives at Crib Close in respect to agenda item 2024/26 (b) 2.1

2024/24 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
There were no confidential items for discussion.

2024/25 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Cllr Baker as Chair of the Amenities & Events Committee deferred this item as no minutes were presented.

2024/26 MANAGER REPORTS

(a) Town Clerk Report
List of projects –

Cllr Baker as chair of Amenities & Events committee confirmed the following were for consideration only, that no decision as required at this time.
Committee then considered the list of potential projects suggested in the Proper Officer report. Below are a summary of comments made per potential project:

- *A program of redecoration with a more contemporary feel without loosing sight of the building's history*.

  Check English heritage for authentic colours

  - *Replace or repair damaged items on a rolling program.*
    This could be appropriate for smaller scale items but potentially not so for larger items.

  - *Consider a free lease to the café area with a % of profit to CTC.*
    This has potential problems; Existing clients would no longer have access and we could lose good will, a full-time regular company may wish to store all their equipment which there isn't room for.

  - *Upgrade the auditorium to a full surround cinema. Buy current blockbuster movies and create a Chard Cinema starting with two shows on a Saturday.*
    It was felt that a conversation should be had with Cinema Chard club to see if this is something they could advice and partner

  - *Installing sound absorbing panels*
    It was felt this would benefit all events held at the auditorium.
    Committee asked the Events Officer to obtain costs.

  - *Consider showing major sporting events with the bar open.*
    Potential issues with this idea were; Sky subscription fees, detrimental to other businesses, sports and alcohol can be challenging to manage.
    A potential positive Was – profit sharing between hirer and CTC but not for sporting events, instated shows pantomimes etc.

  - *Better use of the office accommodation. Consider providing an area of rentable hotdesk space*.
    Two committee members present thought this was a good idea.
    It was further stated that the Town Clerk / Proper Offcier had some good ideas for this.

  - *The front entrance has the go ahead and will include changes to reception. A touch through glass information screen available 24 hours a day.*
    The majority of committee members present though this was good idea.

Consideration of how Council wishes to consult on service provision in relation to the £250k set aside for devolution acquired services.

Concerns were raised in spending monies allocated to the possible services acquired via the devolution process for other work. Not using funds specifically for these services could be counter to the Financial Regulations.

It was suggested the *Action Summary Review* document be reinstated. This helps Council keep a track on what work has been agreed, expected time frames and costs etc.

Financial Commitment of £50k to Open Spaces.

Proposed: Cllr J Baker Seconded: Cllr Hussey

Unanimous.

RESOLVED: That the Operations Manager contact the grant / award organisations I.E. Green Flag to undertake a survey on all of our parks and open spaces providing a report on each individually with potential costings and provide information on how much grant is available to fund this.

(i) BAR FRANCHISE

Proposed: Cllr J Baker Seconded: Cllr Grief-Page

Unanimous.

RESOLVED: That

i) A rolling contract with Somerset Mobile Bars as outlined in their e-mail dated 11/05/24 should commence 1/7/24 for 12 months i.e. total cost of £300 per year. Further that the Events Officer will source three tenders for the A&E December committee meeting providing a 6 month period to review.

ii) The Events Officer will endeavour to trace the existing tender previously used for Somerset Mobile Bars.

(b) OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

1.1

Proposed: Cllr Hussey Seconded: Cllr Shortland

For: 7 Abstain: 2

RESOLVED: That the OM begin negotiations with Somerset Council to ascertain what grass cutting they are committed to for

the reminder of the season in order to determine the extent of the work required by Chard Town Council.

It was further suggested that Council agree at the next Full Council meeting 22nd July 2024, a list of possible devolution services CTC would be interested in undertaking and further agree priority.

2.1

Proposed: Cllr Baker Seconded: Cllr Hussey

For: 6 Abstain: 1

RESOLVED: That the Proper Officer be given delegated authority to process the emergency work and the Operations Manager provided 2 other quotes for non-essential work.

Cllr Grief-Page left the meeting at 20.05

(c) EVENTS OFFICER REPORT

Committee noted the EO's report.

In addition, positive feedback was provided to the Events Officer by Cllrs Baker and Hussey in respect to the Helmstedt Civic Reception and Town Crier's competition. Cllrs received comments about how well organised and how enjoyable these events were, from attendees and those taking part in the events.

2024/27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting of the Amenities & Events Committee would be held on **Tuesday 13th August** (this being the 2nd Tuesday of the month) in the Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP commencing at 19.00.

There being no other business the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:20

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PRESENT: Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Hussey, Cllr Baker (Chair), Cllr J Kenton, Cllr A Kenton (Ex Officio), Cllr Richter & Cllr Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Temporary Town Clerk Neil Bloomfield**,** Operations Manager (OM): Kevin Dyer, Events Officer (EO); Tim Bickman, Democratic Service Officer (DSO); Beverley Newman.

2024/29 Public Participation Time
No members of the public were present.

2024/30 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from: Cllr Watson, and Cllr Shortland (Personal)
Committee accepted all the apologies.

2024/31 Declarations of interest
The following declarations of interest were made:

- Cllr J Kenton – Unitary Councillor in respect to agenda item 2024/34 & 35
- Cllr Baker – Unitary Councillor in respect to agenda item 2024/35 & 35 and in respect to agenda item 2024/37 Cllr Baker is a member of the PPC

2024/32 Committee meeting minutes

Cllr Baker as Chair of the Amenities & Events Committee deferred this item as minutes for the 14th May were incomplete and still wished to clarify minutes from 1st July.
Action Point: DSO re-send draft minutes for the 1st July.
No action was agreed regarding the 14th May minutes

2024/33 Officer Reports

(a) Operations Manager

The Operations Manager gave an overview of the non-confidential items in his report points: 1.2 & 1. Council noted these and commented positively on Operations Manger *Green book* stating it could be useful in terms of replicating in other key areas of the Officer work.

(b) Events officer

Committee noted the EO's report:

Point 2.0 of the EO's report - Action Point EO to arrange another Guildhall Task & Finish Group meeting to discuss future bookings.

Point 2.1 of the EO report - Cllrs would like some more information in relation to Chard Town Council becoming the *Lead organiser for the Community Show Case* event around costs to the Council and potential income. It was agreed to consider becoming *Lead Organiser* next year.

2.3 of the Event Officers report - The Mayor explained she would not be arranging a 'silent auction' in December as she had learned the Numatics charity Black Tie Dinner Dance was doing the same type of event in November. The Mayor confirmed she would be undertaking an alternative event instead, yet to be decided.

Point 5.0 of the Event Officers report

Proposed: Cllr J Kenton Seconded Cllr Bates
Unanimous

Resolved: To form a dedicated Task and Finish Group for VE celebrations May 2025 and agree a dedicated budget of £5,000.
The following committee members agreed to be part of the Task & Finish Group:

- Cllr BaKer
- Cllr Bates
- Cllr Bulmer
- Cllr Hussey
- Cllr J Kenton

2024/34 Bondfield Way Allotments

Proposed: Cllr J Kenton Seconded Cllr Hussey
Unanimous

Resolved: For Operations Manager to approach Somerset Council to request the start of devolving these to Chard Town Council and for the Operations Manager to feedback to Council on any potential works that may be required.

2024/35 Bath Street Toilets

Proposed: Cllr J Kenton Seconded Cllr Williams
Unanimous

Resolved: For Council to give delegated authority to the Operations Manager to approach Somerset Council to asset transfer this building, seek any approval necessary to refurbish and add a 'Changing Spaces' facility, obtain new quotes for the work as per the plans and bring back to Council quotes for approval for funding the devolution EMR.

2024/36 Tree and Hedge Works

Committee noted the progress report on this work.

2024/37 War Memorials

Proposed: Cllr J Kenton Seconded Cllr Bates
Unanimous

Resolved: For Council to discuss with the RFO the possibility of identifying dedicated funds of up to £6,00 for this restoration work.

2024/38 Proposed: Cllr J Kenton Seconded Cllr Bates
Unanimous

Resolved: To exclude members of the press and public due to the confidential nature of agenda item 2024/39

2024/39 Cemetery Works

Proposed: Cllr J Kenton Seconded Cllr Baker
Unanimous

Resolved: For Council to undertake the requested work as outlined in the Operations Manager Report, using the second contractor listed, ensuring high priority is given for the provision of shelter for Amenities staff rest breaks and to consider the carparking.

2024/40 Date of next meeting

Committee noted that the next meeting of the Amenities & Events Committee would be held on **Tuesday 15th October** in the Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP commencing at 19.00.

There being no other business the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:25

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Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Land	Land adjoining 30 Fore Street, Chard	Boden Street	CHARD
Building	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Social Housing	Hostel for the Homeless	2 Crimchard	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Social Housing	Hostel for the Homeless	2 Crimchard	CHARD
Building	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Community Centre	Crowshute House	Crowshute Link	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Community Centre	Crowshute House	Crowshute Link	CHARD
Building	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Youth Club Premises	Chard Youth Club	Essex Close	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Youth Club Premises	Chard Youth Club	Essex Close	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Museum (Voluntery body)	Chard & District Museum	Godworthy House, High Street	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Unadopted Road in Industrial Estate	Small stretch of Road Access	off Beeching Close	CHARD
Building	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Healthy Living Centre	Boden Centre (Healthy Living Centre & Old Library)	Boden Street	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Healthy Living Centre	Boden Centre (Healthy Living Centre & Old Library)	Boden Street	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Depot	Chaffcombe Depot	Chaffcombe	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Car Park	Car Park	Boden Street	CHARD
Building	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Car Park	Car Park	Boden Street	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Car Park	Car Park	Marketfield, Fore Street	CHARD

Building	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Car Park	Car Park	Marketfield, Fore Street	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Car Park	Car Park	Bath Street and Minnows	CHARD
Building	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Car Park	Car Park	Bath Street and Minnows	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Car Park	Car Park	Combe Street	CHARD
Building	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Car Park	Car Park	Combe Street	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Car Park	Car Park	Crowshute Link, Duck Lane	CHARD
Land	Leasehold	Land & Buildings	Car Park	Car Park	Essex Close	CHARD
Building	Leasehold	Land & Buildings	Car Park	Car Park	Essex Close	CHARD
Building	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Formerly for Social Housing	Mirrolds	Touches Lane	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Formerly for Social Housing	Mirrolds	Touches Lane	CHARD
Building Super Structure	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Public Offices etc	SSDC Council Offices	Holyrood Lace Mill, Boden Street	CHARD
Building Services	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Public Offices etc	SSDC Council Offices	Holyrood Lace Mill, Boden Street	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Public Offices etc	SSDC CouncilOffices	Holyrood Lace Mill, Boden Street	CHARD
Building	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Social Housing	Gables End	Touches Lane	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Social Housing	Gables End	Touches Lane	CHARD
Building	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Industrial Unit	The ACI Site	Silver Street	CHARD

Land	Freehold	Land & Buildings	Industrial Unit	The ACI Site	Silver Street	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Specialised	Play Area	Snowden Park Play Area	Snowden Park	CHARD
Building	Freehold	Specialised	Public Convenience	Public Conveniences	Bath Street	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Specialised	Public Convenience	Public Conveniences	Bath Street	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Specialised	Play Area	Bondfield Way Play Area	Bondfield Way	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Specialised	Play Area	Stringfellow Crescent Play Area	Stringfellow Crescent	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Specialised	Play Area	Furzehill Play Area	Furzehill	CHARD
Land	Leasehold	Specialised	Play Area	Redstart Play Area	Redstart Park	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Infrastructure	LndDrng/FloodAllvn	Flood Alleviation Scheme	Land adjoining Pop Lane	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Infrastructure	LndDrng/FloodAllvn	Flood Alleviation Scheme	Land North of Parrocks Lane	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Infrastructure	LndDrng/FloodAllvn	Flood Alleviation Scheme	At Parrocks Lane	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Infrastructure		Land at Millway	Adjacent 2 and 7 Millway, Higher Wambrook	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Infrastructure		Land at Henson Park	Henson Park	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Playing Field	Land at Forton	Forton	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land off Brian Mooney Close	Brian Mooney Close	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Amenity Land	Open space on hsg estate	Old Station Court	CHARD
Land	Leasehold	Community Asset	Amenity Land	Open space on hsg estate	Bews Lane/Redstart/ Elizabeth (N of Pine Av)	CHARD

Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Amenity Land	Open space on hsg estate	Middle Touches	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Amenity Land	Open space on hsg estate	North of Chard Bus Park, Mount Hindrance	CHARD
Land	Leasehold	Community Asset	Amenity Land	Amenity land	Land at Field Bars Lane	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Amenity Land	Amenity land	Dominy Close	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Amenity Land	Amenity land	Oaklands Avenue	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Amenity Land	Amenity land	off Essex Close at back of Youth Centre	CHARD
Building	Freehold	Community Asset	Bird Watching Hut	Bird Watching Hut	Chard Reservoir	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Nature Reserve Walks	Chard Reservoir includings PC's	Chaffcombe Lane	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Park	Land for use as Play Area	Plot 5, Mount Hindrance	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Amenity Land & Recreational Area	Open space on hsg estate	South of Touches Lane	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Bonfire	Bonfire Close	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Bubwith	Bubwith Road	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Halcombe	Halcombe Estate	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Henson	Henson Park	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Dominy	Dominy Close	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at South Chard	Path Adjacent 1 Crossways	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Kents Land	Tatworth Forton	CHARD

Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Wellings	Rear of 42 - 48 Wellings Close	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Touches Meadow	Touches Meadow	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land South of Touches Lane	Foxglove Way/Cloudberry Close/Barberry Close	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land frntg School House	Helliers Road	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land adj Old School Building	Helliers Road	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Park Road	The east side of Park Road	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Village Green	Higher Wambrook	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land rear Holyrood Street	Rear of 74 Holyrood Street, Adj Bath Street	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Zembard	Adjacent Zembard Lane	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land off Windsor Crescent	Mitchell Grove	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Dwelly	Fronting 1 - 6 Dwelly Close	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	land at Mintons	Mintons Orchard	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Essex Close	Footpath beside Youth Centre	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Furnham	Fronting Furzehill Plus Open Space	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Jocelyn	Jocelyn Park	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Open Space	Land At St Mary's Close	St Mary's Close	CHARD

Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land on the South Side	86 Holyrood Street	CHARD
Land	Freehold	Community Asset	Grass Verges	Land at Commercial Row Chard	Commercial Row	CHARD
	Freehold	Land & Buildings		Land adjoining Forton Road, Chard	Forton Road	Chard

Events Planner 2024/2025

October	November	December	January	February	March
• Ghost investigation – 5th October '24 • Carnival – 12th October '24 • Buddhist Festival – 20th October '24 • Poppy Appeal launch –RBL - 26th October '24 • Halloween event – 31st October '24	• Remembrance Sunday/Remembrance Day – 10th, 11th November '24 • Black Tie Dinner – Numatics – 15th November '24 • Christmas Lights Switch On – 23rd November '24 • Luke Wright – "Joy" – 24th November '24	• Mayor's Christmas concerts - 6th and 11th December '24 • 3Dimensions School Christmas performance and rehearsals – 2nd, 3rd, 9th December '24 • Belly Dance Hafla – 7th December '24	• Manor Court art exhibition – 24th January '25	• Community Showcase – 15th February '25 • Bingo night – 22nd February '25 • Food festival TBC	• Nikki Kitt Mediumship evening – 12th March '25 • Chard Together – 8th March '25 • Margaret Bondfield event – Chard Museum – 15th March '25
April	**May**	**June**	**July**	**August**	**September**
• Mayor's charity fundraiser date TBC • St. George's Day parade TBC 27th April '25	• Blackdown Acapella – annual Show – 17th May '25 • Vicar of Dibley Stage Show – 29th May-1st June '25 • VE Day – 3-11 May '25	• Oasis and The Smiths tribute show – 7th June '25	• CLOKS – 3-5 July '25 • Horticultural Show – 12th July '25		• Community play/performance – 24, 26 and 27 September '25 • Heritage Open Days TBC 12-21 September '25

Introduction

Lifesaving equipment such as Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) has become standard in communities across the UK, providing critical support in cardiac emergencies. Chard has already taken significant steps by installing 19 defibrillators throughout the town. However, while cardiac events are a key focus, they represent only one type of emergency. Communities across the country have recognised the growing importance of bleed kits, designed to provide immediate assistance in cases of severe blood loss from accidents, falls, or other medical incidents.

In particular, with Chard's demographic of elderly residents, individuals with disabilities, and the town's rural location where emergency response times may be delayed, the installation of bleed kits would represent a proactive and impactful addition to our community's emergency resources. This proposal highlights evidence from other councils, police sources, and foundations that support bleed kits to underscore their value in preventing fatalities and managing severe injuries.

Key Evidence Supporting Bleed Kits in Communities

1. **Success in Other UK Councils**

Across the UK, over 200 councils have now implemented bleed kits alongside defibrillators in their communities with remarkable success. For example:

- *Lancashire: In an incident where a member of the public suffered severe bleeding from a fall, a nearby bleed kit was used by a bystander to stabilize the injury. Emergency responders reported that the use of the bleed kit prevented serious complications and improved the patient's recovery.

- *Greater Manchester: Since introducing bleed kits, the council has seen several incidents where bystanders used them to assist individuals with severe injuries from accidental falls and other injuries. In each case, the timely use of a bleed kit helped save lives and reduced recovery time.

- *West Midlands: A bleed kit proved essential when community members assisted victims of a car accident on a rural road. Due to delays in emergency response, bystanders were able to stabilize injuries and prevent further blood loss. Local authorities noted that bleed kits were crucial in these instances.

Several UK town councils of similar size to Chard have taken proactive steps to install bleed kits, recognisng their value in enhancing community safety and providing immediate support in emergencies. For example, Prudhoe Town Council, serving around 11,500 residents, installed bleed kits in key areas to increase public safety in line with the "Holly's Hope" campaign, a program initiated after a tragic event to raise awareness about bleed control resources. Bridgwater Town Council, with a population of approximately 41,000, collaborated with Avon and Somerset Police and HeartSafe to make bleed kits available, offering immediate support during severe bleeding incidents and potentially saving lives before emergency responders arrive. Additionally, Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council, which serves about 13,000 residents, invested in emergency bleed control kits through the Chairman's Charity funding, with support from the Daniel Baird Foundation and West Midlands Police & Ambulance Services, providing critical resources for major bleeding emergencies. These councils serve as strong examples of how bleed kits enhance public safety and well-being, empowering communities to respond effectively to emergencies. By installing similar kits, Chard can join these proactive councils in safeguarding residents and creating a safer, more prepared environment for all.

2. **Endorsement by Police and Foundations**

Police forces across the UK have advocated for bleed kits as a vital addition to public safety resources. Law enforcement officials in the West Midlands and Greater Manchester have publicly supported bleed kits, noting their role in emergencies where severe blood loss occurs, whether through accidents or other incidents. Police sources have highlighted that, like AEDs, bleed kits empower communities to act during the crucial minutes before professional help arrives.

Foundations such as the Daniel Baird Foundation have also been instrumental in promoting bleed kits nationwide. Named after a young man who tragically lost his life due to lack of immediate care for severe bleeding, the foundation has worked with councils and communities to supply bleed kits, particularly in public spaces where rapid access is essential. The foundation has documented multiple instances where these kits have been used to save lives, proving their effectiveness and ease of use by members of the public.

3. **Statistics and Impact of Bleed Kits**

According to research from the UK Resuscitation Council and NICE guidelines, immediate intervention in cases of severe blood loss can reduce mortality by up to 20%. Bleed kits contain specialised tools, such as tourniquets, haemostatic dressings, and pressure bandages, designed to control bleeding and stabilise injuries until emergency responders arrive. Data from councils using bleed kits indicate that they have saved lives in over 50 reported incidents in the past two years, underscoring their critical role in communities with longer emergency response times.

4. **Demographic Considerations for Chard**

- **Elderly Population**: Chard has a significant elderly population, which is more susceptible to falls and injuries that could result in severe bleeding. Bleed kits installed alongside AEDs would provide peace of mind and accessible emergency resources for both the elderly and their caregivers.

- **Individuals with Disabilities**: With a diverse range of disabilities represented in our community, accessible first-aid resources are essential. In cases where quick assistance is needed, bleed kits enable bystanders to provide potentially life-saving care, especially for those who may not be able to seek help immediately.

- **Rural Location and Response Times**: Chard's rural setting often results in extended emergency response times, making early intervention crucial in emergencies. Bleed kits positioned in public locations could make the difference in cases where every second counts.

Cost and Proposed Implementation

1. **Community Bleed Kits**

Priced at £85 + VAT each, community bleed kits can be installed within existing defibrillator units throughout Chard. For 19 defibrillator units, the initial cost would be approximately £2,033, including VAT.

2. **Standalone Bleed Kits for High-Traffic Areas**

Standalone bleed kits, available at £199 + VAT, are recommended for high-traffic locations like the Guildhall, shopping centres, and other public spaces. Additional placements would be assessed based on traffic and location needs.

3. **Funding Opportunities**

Foundations such as the Daniel Baird Foundation and others have provided partial or full funding for bleed kits in several communities. Additionally, community fundraising efforts, donations, and potential grants from safety and health organizations could help subsidize the costs.

Conclusion

Introducing bleed kits in Chard aligns with our commitment to community safety, supporting vulnerable residents and ensuring that we are prepared for a broad spectrum of emergencies. With the success of bleed kits demonstrated across other councils, endorsements from police and foundations, and evidence-based data showing their life-saving potential, we believe that bleed kits would significantly enhance Chard's emergency response capabilities.

By implementing bleed kits, we empower our community with the tools needed to act effectively during emergencies and demonstrate our commitment to proactive safety measures that benefit all residents.

Further information on bleed kits, specifications, and funding sources, can be found at the Daniel Baird Foundation or HeartSafe atwww.heartsafe.org.uk.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or to discuss this proposal further.

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