CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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AMENITIES & EVENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities & Events Committee meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023 commencing at 19:00 hours in the Town Hall, The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP.

PRESENT: Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Crook, Cllr Watson (Chair), Cllr Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Events Officer: Tim Bickman, Town Clerk: Gareth Hughes, Democratic Services Officer: Beverley Newman, Proper Officer and Operations Officer: Adrian Turner,

Public Participation Time
One member of the public was present. No questions were raised.

2023/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from: Cllr Richter

2023/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest

2023/19 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
There were no confidential items for consideration

2023/20 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Proposed Cllr Bulmer Seconded Cllr Crook
Unanimous

RESOLVED: That the minutes from the Amenities and Events meeting 21st March 2023 be accepted as an accurate account of the meeting

2023/21 MANAGER REPORTS

(a) **Operations –** Committee noted the Operations report & the recommendation therein.

Proposed Cllr Bulmer Seconded Cllr Williams
Unanimous

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation in point 2 of the Operations Report. To undertake a valuation of the land adjacent to the car park by the cemetery in order to progress with the extension. The payment of £1,500 plus VAT for the valuation to be paid from the EMR budget

Proposed Cllr Bulmer Seconded Cllr Williams
Unanimous

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation in point 2.1 of the Operations Report. To set up and Task & Finish Group to progress on this matter, namely to look at options to renegotiate this lease for Clare House.

Committee agreed the following members: Cllr Richter (expressed an interest in this prior to the meeting), Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Williams. Committee also agreed Cllr Bates be in this group should she wish to.

Proposed Cllr Bulmer Seconded Cllr Crook
Unanimous

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation in point 2.2 of the Operations Report to return the land within Bishops Court to Jocelyn Park as per the lease agreement section 27.

(b) **Events –** Committee noted the Events Officer report

Council noted the Events Officer report and agreed the recommendations therein:

Proposed Cllr Williams Seconded Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous

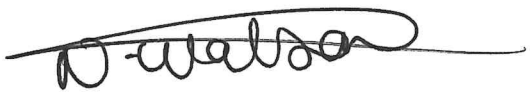
RESOLVED to accept the recommendation in point 3.2 of the Events Report, namely for the Events Officer to organise 2 more comedy nights, one for the 17th June the other for 23rd September in order to fully access their popularity and viability.

Proposed Cllr Williams Seconded Cllr Crook
Unanimous
RESOLVED to accept the recommendation in point 10, for the Events Officer to further investigate the concept and logistics of an 'Eat Festival'

2023/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting of the Amenities & Events Committee would be held on Monday 19th June 2023 in the Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP commencing at 19.00 pm.

There being no other business the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 19.45



10.7.23