Chard Town Council

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Mayor: Cllr Victoria Bates
Chief Executive & Town Clerk: David Bell

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities and Events Committee** held on **Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7pm** in the Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP.

Present: Councillors; Baker (Chair), Bulmer & Eggins, Hassan, Hussey, A Kenton, J Kenton, Richter and Williams

In Attendance: Chief Executive & Town Clerk (CE&TC) David Bell and Operations Manager Kevin Dyer

Public Participation Time
1 member of the public spoke.

Section 1 – Standing Items

2026/01 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllr: Shortland

Apologies were unanimously accepted.

2026/02 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest made

2026/03 Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee approved the following minutes:
i) 9th September '25,
Proposed: Cllr Bulmer Seconded Cllr J Kenton
For: 4 Abstain: 5
Resolved for the 9th September 2025 minutes to be approved.

ii) 14th October '25,
Proposed: Cllr J Kenton Seconded Cllr Eggins
For: 3 Abstain: 6
Resolved for the 14th October 2025 minutes to be approved.

iii) 11th November '25
Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded Cllr Hussey
For: 4 Abstain: 5
Resolved for the 11th November 2025 minutes to be deferred due to missing text in relation to declarations of interest.

iv) 9th December '25.
Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded Cllr Bulmer
For: 2 Abstain: 7
Resolved for the 9th December 2025 minutes to be approved

Section 2 – Items To Note

2026/04 **Operations Update.**
Committee received an oral report from the Operations Manager providing updates on Chard play parks, the cemetery, Amenities Team mess room & equipment, Jocelyn Park changing facilities and the Skate Park.

2026/05 **Events Updates**
Committee noted the updates provided on the agenda for this meeting.

Section 3 –Items For Decision

2026/06 **Guildhall Task & Finish Group.**
Committee were asked to consider:

- Setting up a Task & Finish Group meeting in January 2026 to further consider matters outlined at the December Amenities & Events meeting, with a view to make recommendations to Full Council.

Proposed: Cllr J Kenton Seconded: Cllr Bates
For: 4 Abstain: 5
Resolved Agree a meeting of the Guildhall Task & Finish Group in January 2026

- To outline a short brief for the Task and Finish Group

Proposed: Cllr J Kenton Seconded: Cllr Hassan
For: 8 Abstain: 2
Resolved For Committee to outline a short brief for the Task and Finish

- Offering group membership to all members of the Amenities & Events Committee before opening the invitation to the wider Councillor group.

Proposed: Cllr bates Seconded: Cllr J Kenton
For: 6 Abstain: 3

Resolved For Committee to seek membership of the Task and Finish Group from the Amenities & Events Committee before opening up to non-Amenities & Event Committee members.

Section 4 – Confidential Items

2026/07 **To Resolve To Exclude Members Of The Press And Public**

As certain items are expected to include the consideration of exempt information Full Council is, therefore, recommended to resolve "That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed below, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information".

Proposed: Cllr Bates — Seconded: Cllr Hassan
For: 7 — Abstain: 2

Resolved To Exclude Members Of The Press And Public

2026/08 **Amenities & Events projects Budget Matters**

Proposed: Cllr J Kenton — Seconded: Cllr Bates
Unanimous

Resolved Committee re considered priorities and named the following projects as projects to be continued throughout 2026/27;

- Bath St Toilets
- Mess room
- Joceylyn Park Changing rooms

2026/09 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the A&E Committee will be on **Tuesday 10th February 2026** in The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP commencing at 7pm.

The Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. The meeting closed at 20.03

Signed: Date: 17/3/26