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 9th December 2025 at 7pm** in the Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP.

Present: Councillors; Baker (Chair), Bulmer & Eggins,

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

Public Participation Time

Section 1 – Standing Items

2025/56 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs: Hassan, Hussey, A Kenton, J Kenton, Richter Shortland and Williams

Apologies were unanimously accepted.

2025/57 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest made

2025/58 Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee noted the 11th November Amenities & Events minutes would appear on the January agenda.
The Committee chair did not wish to take decisions despite the meeting being quorate

Section 2 – Items To Note

2025/59 Operations Update.
Committee notes the oral updates received from the Operations Manager on the following:
a) Updates on all projects

i) Jocelyn Park Changing Rooms

ii) Amenities Staff Mess Room

b) There is subsidence at the older part of Zembard Lane Cemetery. This will be kept under surveillance and committee will be provided with updates as necessary

c) Ashcroft Play Park

i) Maintenance of fencing and provision of a new gateway will be provided as appropriate

ii) Following inspections of the wooden climbing frame Officers are concerned with the integrity of the structure. It was agreed this would be removed as soon as possible.

iii) Maintenance of the pathway around Ashcroft Play Park will take place early in the New Year.

d) Playground Report external Audit

e) Allotment Car Park and security issues – The Operations Manager is progressing these matters.

2025/60 **Events Updates**
Committee noted the Events report

Section 3 –Items For Decision

2025/61 **Removal Of Sandpit At Jocelyn Park.**
Committee were asked to consider the removal of the sandpit at Jocelyn Park due to the level of hazardous waste.

Proposed: Cllr Baker Seconded: Cllr Eggins
Unanimous

Resolved Agree the removal of the sandpit at Jocelyn Park.

2025/62 **Resurfacing Of Skate Park**
Committee asked this be deferred and raised at the December Full Council meeting so that spend could be agreed.

2025/63 **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 Bulmer Seconded: Cllr Eggins
Unanimous

Resolved To Exclude Members Of The Press And Public

2025/64 **Guildhall Hire Charges**

It was noted that a Task and Finish Group had met and drawn up some proposals which required further work and need to be brought back to this Committee at a future meeting.

2025/65 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the A&E Committee will be on **Tuesday 13th January 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