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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities and Events Committee** held on **Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7pm** in the Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP.

Present: Councillors; Hussey, Richter, and Williams.

Apologies: Councillors Baker (Chair), Bulmer, A.Kenton, J Kenton, Shortland & Watson (Vice Chair)

In Attendance: Chief Executive & Town Clerk (CE&TC) David Bell, Kevin Dyer Deputy Town Clerk & Operations Manager, Beverley Newman Democratic Services Officer (DSO)

Public Participation Time

No members of the public were in attendance.

Given the absence from this meeting of both the Chair & Vice Chair the first order of business was to elect a Chair for the meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Hussey Seconded: Councillor Richter
Unanimous

Resolved: Cllr Williams to chair this Amenities and Events meeting

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Section 1 – Standing Items

2025/01 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received by Cllrs Baker, Bulmer, J Kenton, Shortland and Watson

Proposed: Councillor Hussey Seconded: Councillor Richter
Unanimous

Resolved: Amenities & Events Committee accepted the apologies.

2025/02 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations made.

2025/03 **Committee Meeting Minutes**
To approve the Minutes of the meetings on 12th November 2024,

Proposed: Councillor Williams Seconded: Councillor J Richter
For: 2 Abstain: 1

Resolved: Amenities & Events Committee accepted the minutes of 12th November as an accurate account.

Section 2 – Items To Note

2025/04 **Fingerpost Signage**
Chard Town Council is currently waiting for Somerset Council to confirm the licence requirements.

2025/05 **Cemetery**
The survey in January 2025 has been received. It includes 87 "fails" and these matters are being progressed by the Operations Manager. CTC has received two quotations for gates and railings, both of which are over budget. Further details are being sought and will be reported in due course. The Operations Manager gave a comprehensive oral update.

2025/06 **Amenities & Guildhall General Updates**
The Operations Manager provided a wide-ranging list of projects and work streams that were currently being processed by the Amenities and Guildhall teams.

The Chair thanked the Operations Manager for providing all the updates and all staff for their hard work and progress. It was further acknowledged by the Amenities & Events Committee that the Events booklet looked very impressive.

Section 3 – Items for Discussion & Decision

2025/07 **Preserving and Developing Services Currently Provided By Somerset Council - Bath Street Toilet Block**

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The CE & TC provided a detailed account of discussions to date between CTC and Somert Council, highlighting both the complexity of the situation and some potential outcome scenarios.

Proposed: Councillor Williams Seconded: Councillor Richter
Unanimous

Resolved: Amenities & Events Committee agreed CE&TC should continue discussions with Somerset Council to explore all options and report back.

2025/08 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the A&E Committee will be on **Tuesday 10th June 2025** in The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP commencing at 7pm.

There being no other business the Chair thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.20

Date: 22/06/26 Signed: