



Chard Town Council

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Mayor: Cllr Jenny Kenton

Acting Proper Officer: Adrian Turner

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held in the Auditorium at the Guildhall, Chard on Monday 24th April 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

Cllr Jenny Kenton, Mayor of Chard, chaired the meeting.

PRESENT: 39 people were in attendance.

Cllr Kenton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 28th March 2022 were adopted and would be signed by the Mayor.

2. MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Meeting received the Annual Report presented by Cllr Jenny Kenton in which she paid tribute to her predecessor Martin Carnell and acknowledged both the staff teams and fellow councilors.

Acting Proper Officer, Adrian Turner provided a summary of the Town Report (Full report provided in the Annual Report)

3. POLICE REPORT

The Meeting received apologies from Inspector Rachael Clark who is unable to attend the meeting.

4. GRANT RECIPIENT UPDATES

The meeting received updates and thanks from the following grant recipients:

- Chard Area Youth Committee
- Chard Carnival.
- Chard Town Team
- Chard Museum
- Chard Rugby Football Club
- Chard Cricket Club
- Nightingale
- The Hub South Chard
- Blackdown Acapella

5. PRESENTATION OF FUNDS RAISED FOR CHARITY BY THE MAYOR
Cllr Jenny Kenton presented cheques to the following charities following a variety of fund-raising events he had held over the last year:

- The Watch Project
- Chard Area Youth Committee / Chard Young People's Centre
- Ferne Animal Sanctuary

6. PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE / CIVIC AWARDS
Outstanding Service Awards were presented to the following people of Chard for their outstanding services to the community:

- Howard Bailey
- Mark Hambrey
- Ariel Health
- Rotary Club

7. PRESENTATION OF THE MAYOR'S AWARD
The Mayor's Award was presented by Mayor of Chard Councillor Jenny Kenton to Nightingale to recognise the faithful service rendered to the People of Chard.

8. ALDERMAN AWARD
The Mayor Honorary Alderman is a restively new award to recognise the contribution of Councilors who had served more than eight years on the Town Council but had not been Mayor.

The nomination this year Mrs Sara Dowell which was gratefully received

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS
There were no questions from the public

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 19.45pm and light refreshments were served.

MAYOR:

DATE: