CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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Mayor: Cllr Bates Chief Executive & Town Clerk David Bell

MINUTES

Finance & Audit Extraordinary Meeting held on **Tuesday 7th October 2025** at 6.00pm in The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP

Councillors Present: Cllr Baker, Cllr Bates, Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Eggins, A Kenton, J Kenton Cllr O'Brien

Officers Present:
Chief Executive & Town Clerk, David Bell; Finance Officer, Teresa Turnbull.

Public Participation Time.
No questions were asked.

Section1 Standing Items:

2025/36 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs: Hassan, (Chair) Richter, Williams (Vice Chair) - Personal

Proposed Cllr O'Brien Seconded Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous

Resolved: To accept the Councillors apologies.

2025/37 **Declarations of interest**
Declarations of interest were made by Cllrs Baker A Kenton and J Kenton in respect to agenda item 2025/43 i) – Carnival

2025/38 **Committee Minutes**
Committee noted that previous sets of minutes; 12/05, 17/06, 23/06 & 22/07 were in the process of being transcribed and would be made available to all committee members once completed as 'draft'.

Section 2: Items For Noting

2025/39 **Bank Reconciliation August and September 2025**
Committee noted the bank reconciliation for August and September 2025

2025/40 **Payments Over £500 Q2 2025/2026**
Committee noted the payments over £500 for the period.

2025/41 **Detailed Budget Summary Report**
Committee noted the report.

2025/42 **AGAR: Completion Of The Limited Assurance Review**

Committee noted the Completion of the Limited Assurance Review and the cost of the external auditor's invoice.

Section 3: Items for Discussion & Decision

2025/43 Community Grant Applications

The Finance & Audit committee agreed the following resolutions:

a) Proposed: Cllr J Kenton Seconded: Cllr Baker
Unanimous

Resolved: Following recommendation of the Grants subcommittee

- Award The Museum £1,000,
- Award Trident £400
- Award Blackdown Acapella £660
- Reject The Youth Adventure Trust on the grounds the benefit to Chard children was very limited.

b) Proposed: Eggins Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
For: 4 Abstain: 3

Resolved: Following recommendation of the Grants subcommittee

- Awarded the Carnival £1,000
- Awarded the Town Team £1,000

2025/44 Date of Next Meeting

Committee noted scheduled date of the next Finance & Audit Committee meeting is 2nd December 19.00 2025

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Chair: **Date:**

Signed on behalf of the chair.

T.M. Eggins 15/12/2025