CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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Mayor: Toria Bates and Temporary Proper Officer Neil Bloomfield

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Minutes of the Chard Town Council meeting held in the Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard, TA20 1PP on Monday 22nd July 2024 commencing at 7:00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Baker, Cllr Bates (Mayor), Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Eggins, Cllr Grief-Page, Cllr Hussey, Cllr A Kenton (Deputy Mayor), Cllr J Kenton, Cllr Richter, and

OFFICERS & OTHERS PRESENT:
Neil Broomfield Temporary Proper Officer, Beverley Newman DSO, Rev. Georgina Vye (Chaplain).

Chaplain's 'Thought for the Day'
Presented by Rev. Vye.
The Main theme for the thought of the day was: Positive change - small actions from individuals can bring about positive change.

Public Participation Time
There was 1 member of the public present.
Questions were related to:

- Recruitment processes
- Advertising Agenda and minutes
- Postponed Full Council meeting
- Required answers to previous questions in Public Participation
- Concerns regarding recent e-mail correspondence to Mayor and HR committee.

The mayor agreed reply in writing to these questions to the member of public and then arrange a mutually convenient time and date to discuss.

Somerset Councilor reports.
Updates were received by Cllrs; J Kenton & Cllr Baker.

2024/114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
The following apologies were received:
Cllr Crook (personal), Cllr Watson, (Personal); Cllr Shortland (Personal), Cllr Webb (Personal), and Cllr Williams (Personal).

Proposed Cllr J Kenton Seconded: Cllr Bulmer

Unanimous
RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillors as above be accepted.

2024/115 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
No declarations were made.

2024/116 **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
The Mayor deferred this item to the August 2024 Full Council meeting

2024/117 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
The Mayor deferred this item to the August 2024 Full Council meeting

2024/118 **RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER**

Proposed Cllr Bates Seconded: Cllr J Kenton
Unanimous
RESOLVED: That agenda item 2018 be moved to Confidential

2024/119 **CHARD TOWN COUNCIL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS, FIRST AID, AND SUICIDE PREVENTION POLICY**

This item was deferred by the temporary Town Clerk / Proper officer

2024/120 **REVISED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

Proposed Cllr J Kenton Seconded Cllr Eggins
Unanimous

RESOLVED: That Council agree the revised Schedule of meetings 2024/25

2024/121 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Full Chard Town Council meeting will be held on Monday 19th August 2024 and will take place in the Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP commencing at 7pm.

2024/118 **CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS –**

RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER. (RFO)
The temporary Town Clerk / Proper Officer explained the hours for the RFO would be 15 – 18 pw. This was dependent on the amount of work required of her, currently this was difficult to judge but it was envisaged by the next Full Council meeting clarification would be provided.

SUPPORT FOR THE COUNCIL

The Mayor invited the Rev Georgina Vye to provide an overview of a possible mediation / facilitation source for supporting the Council to work together.

The cost was as yet unknown and to begin with this would be for councillors only with a view to including Officers at a later date.

This question was being raised now to get a sense of whether Councillors would be receptive to this support.

It was agreed all councillors would e-mail Rev Georgina Vye their thoughts on this idea.

There being no other business the Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 19.50

Signed