CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Chard Town Council meeting held in the Town Hall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP on Monday 24th January 2023 commencing at 7:00pm.

PRESENT:	Cllr Baker, Cllr Bates, Cllr Brown, (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Crook, Cllr Eggins, Cllr Grief-Page, Cllr Hassan, Cllr Watson,
OFFICERS PRESENT:	Gail Chadwick: Grants Officer, Beverley Newman: Democratic Officer (DSO), Adrian Turner: Operations Manager & Acting Proper Officer.
OTHERS PRESENT:	CC Cllr Payne, Cllr Wales

Public Participation Time
Seven members of the public spoke the following subject raised:

- By-pass plans: Alleged misinformation provided
- Request for consideration of council to continue to financially support the Youth Club
- Communications by Chard Town Council, specifically lack of upcoming agendas and past minutes.
- Boxing day hunt: views from a representative of the hunt, views from a representative of AAF and another Chard community member asking for 'balance'.
- Consideration of council for cross party working to alleviate traffic issues near Manor Ct.
- Request for a map of Chard Town Councils Grit bins

Reservoir Presentation
The Deputy Mayor informed Council the presenters were unable to make this meeting, that it would now take place at the next full council meeting on the 13th March

Reports from County and District Councillors.
District and County Councillor reports were received and noted

Police Report
No police report was submitted.

2023/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
The following apologies were received:

Cllr Richter & Cllr Hawkes, Cllr A Kenton, Cllr J Kenton

Proposed Cllr Grief-Page Seconded Cllr Bates
RESOLVED: To accept apologies provided.

2023/02 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
No announcements given due to recent appointment and holiday

2023/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
The following declarations of interest made:

- Cllr Baker agenda item 2023/10 (a) Personal

2023/04 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
That as certain items were expected to include the consideration of exempt information Full Council **RESOLVED** 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 under Confidential Matters 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.

There were no confidential items for consideration.

2023/05 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Proposed: Cllr Bates Seconded: Cllr Bulmer

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on the 14th November and 5th January 2023 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

2023/06 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(a) Review of resolutions

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Proposed: Cllr Grief-Page Seconded: Cllr Bates
For: 8 Abstain: 1

RESOLVED that the resolutions passed at all committee meetings held since 14th November 2022; Amenities & Events 10th October and 22nd November 2022 and Finance & Audit 25th October and 13th December 2022 be ratified.

2023/07 PROPER OFFICER REPORT

The Proper Officer report was noted and thanks given to the Officer team.

2023/08 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR YEAR 2034/24

Proposed: Cllr Baker Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous

RESOLVED that the budget 2023/24 and revised forecast for 2022/23 be adopted.

2023/09 **RESOLVED** that the precept of £775,334 be requested form Somerset County Council which will result in a Band D charge of £173.09, an increase of £14.27 per annum.

Proposed: Cllr Bates Seconded: Cllr Eggins
Unanimous

2023/10 COMMUNITY MATTERS

(a) **Banners of Chard**

Council noted the following statement form the Culturally Chard Consortium:
The banners are on long term loan to the Chard Town council with the understanding they will be exhibited elsewhere when appropriate and advice sought from Museum as to taking care /preservation

2023/11 MOTIONS

2023/12 COUNCIL GOVERNANCE AND POLICY

(a) Review Membership of Amenities & Events Committee

Proposed: Cllr Baker Seconded: Cllr Grief-Page
Unanimous

RESOLVED that the Amenities & Events committee be reduced by one member and to accept Cllr Brown as stepping down form this committee.

(b) Elect a new chair for the Finance & Audit Committee

Proposed: Cllr Grief-Page Seconded: Cllr Bates
Unanimous

RESOLVED That Cllr Bates will be the new chair of the Finance & Audit committee

(c) Chairmanship Training

Proposed: Cllr Grief-Page Seconded: Cllr Bates
Unanimous

RESOLVED to request Officers to source chairmanship training for members subject to cost.

(d) Meeting Schedules
Council noted the Jan 20230 revised and new schedule February – December 2023

2023/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:
Council noted:

- There will be an Extraordinary meeting 31st 2023 January to appoint the new Town Clerk
- A full Council meeting 13thh March 2023

2023/14 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS
There were no confidential matters to consider.

MAYOR: _____ **DATE:** 13/2/23