CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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Mayor: Cllr Jenny Kenton

Acting Proper Officer: Adrian Turner

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Minutes of the Chard Town Council meeting held in the Town Hall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP on Monday 20th February 2023 commencing at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Baker, Cllr Bates, Cllr Brown, Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Crook, Cllr Eggins, Cllr Hassan Cllr Hawkes, Cllr Grief-Page, Cllr A Kenton, Cllr J Kenton (Mayor), Cllr Richter, Cllr Watson,

OFFICERS PRESENT: Beverley Newman: Democratic Service Officer (DSO), Adrian Turner: Operations Manager & Acting Proper Officer.

Public Participation Time
There were 27 members of the public present. No comments or questions were presented to council.

2023/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
There were no apologies were received

2023/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
The Mayor made a declaration of interest relating to 2023/29; (c)

2023/27 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.

No confidential matters discussed.

2023/28 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 24th January 2023 and 31st January will be confirmed at the March 13th 2023 Full Council meeting due to the short period between meetings

2023/29 COMMITTEE MATTERS:

(a) Co-option of councilor for Crimchard Ward

Two candidates applied for this councillor position: Zak Williams and Serena Wootton. Both completed application forms prior to the meeting and fulfilled the requirements to stand. Both presented to the Council.

In an open vote with a show of hands the following result was returned:

Candidate Zak Williams: For - 8 Candidate Serena Wootton: For - 5

RESOLVED that Zak Williams is the duly co-opted councillor for Crimchard

(b) Amendment o original meeting schedule

Proposed: Cllr Bates Seconded Cllr Baker
For: 12 Abstain: 1

RESOLVED that The Annual Town Council meeting be changed from Tuesday16th May 2023 to Tuesday 9th May 2023

(c) Mayors reviewed allowance policy

Proposed: Cllr Grief-Page Seconded Cllr Bates

RESOLVED that the reviewed Mayor's allowance policy recommended at the 13th 2023 January Finance & Audit Committee be formally adopted by Full Council.

(d) Civic Policy

Proposed: Cllr Baker Seconded Cllr Bulmer

RESOLVED that the new Civic policy recommended at the 13th 2023 January Finance & Audit Committee be formally adopted by Full Council.

2023/30 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Council noted the Full Council meeting will be 13th March 19.00
There being no other business the Mayor thanked all those who attended the meeting and closed the meeting at 19.35

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MAYOR:	**DATE:**