Chard Town Council

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Mayor Cllr. Jason Baker **Town Clerk Andrew Gunn**

COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Town Council held on Monday 18th May 2020 in the Auditorium, Chard

Present: Cllr Baker (Chairman), Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Williams, Cllr Ms. Wootton, Cllr Ms. Whittaker-Mather, Cllr Kenton, Cllr Mrs Kenton, Cllr Mrs Young, Cllr Mrs O'Brien,
Cllr Mrs Orchard, Cllr Mrs Morrison, Cllr Mrs Bates, Cllr Carnell and Cllr Shortland

In Attendance: Andrew Gunn – Town Clerk, Tracy Lamb – Deputy Town Clerk/RFO, Liz Johnson-Idan – Community Liaison and Angela Cox SSDC

There were No. #0 members of the public and No. #0 members of the press present.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm

You can view the meeting via Youtube by pasting the link into your browser:

7.00pm Chaplain's 'Thought for the Day'

Public Participation Time
This section (at the Chairman's discretion may last up to 15 minutes) is not part of the formal meeting of the Council.

None

Reports from County and District Councillors
District and County Councillors may give short verbal reports on matters affecting Chard and as this is also not part of the meeting minutes will not be produced.

To be supplied to Councillors by email

Police Report
The police may attend, when available, to provide information on policing in Chard.

None

AGENDA

2020/103.
Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given (If you cannot attend please telephone or email your apologies to the Town Clerk). LGA 1972 s85 (1).

None

2020/104.
Mayor's Announcements.

The Mayor spoke about leaving a wreath on VE Day, on behalf of the Council, and posted on facebook as acts of remembrance with the Chaplain. The Mayor also spoke about his work with the Covid-19 voluntary group in support of the people in the Town.

2020/105.
Declarations of Interest. Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 SI No.1159. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

Councillor	Personal	Prejudicial	Agenda Nos.	Reason
Cllr Baker	X		2020/112	Member of Chard Town Team
Cllr Mrs Kenton	X		2020/112	Member of Chard Town Team

2020/106.
To resolve to exclude members of the press and public - To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960

There were no confidential items to discuss

2020/107
Council Meeting – minutes – To confirm and sign the minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on the 16th March 2020 and the Extraordinary Full Town Council meetings held on the 2nd March 2020 and 20th March 2020 respectively(attached) LGA 1972 SCH 12 PARA41 (1)

Proposed: Cllr. Mrs Morrison Seconded: Cllr. Mrs Bates

For : 10 Abstained : 4

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held 16h March 2020 be adopted

Proposed: Cllr. Mrs Bates Seconded: Cllr. Mrs Young
For : 11 Abstained : 2 Against : 1

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held 02nd March 2020 be adopted

Proposed: Cllr. Mrs Kenton Seconded: Cllr. Mrs Orchard
For : 11 Abstained : 3

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held 20th March 2020 be adopted

The Chairman signed the minutes

2020/108
Council Meeting – minutes – To receive and note the minutes of the following meetings and approve any recommendations if required: LGA 1972 SCH 12 PARA 41(1)

Planning and Highways – 16th March 2020 (attached)

RESOLVED – To receive and note the minutes

2020/109
Town Clerk's Report – to receive and note the verbal update from the Clerk

The Town Clerk spoke about the impact of the pandemic on people and the tragic loss of lives. He thanked all those who had helped, the NHS workers on the frontline and neighbours who's human spirit is to be applauded and that we must never forget this time.

Officers are working well from home and are doing ok. The Clerk hoped that his weekly updates to members was proving helpful.

SSDC are struggling to provide staff to help with the amenities team.

2020/110
Town Clerk – Delegated Decisions - to receive and note decisions made under delegated authority since the last Extraordinary Full Town Council meeting held on the 20th March 2020 (report attached**)**

RESOLVED – To receive and note the decisions made, the report is on the Council's website.

2020/111
Finance - Town Council Year to Date Budget - to review the income and expenditure / balance sheet for the year to date (report attached) (Account &Audit Regulations 2011).

RESOLVED – To receive and note the report

2020/112.
Finance – Direct Debit, BACS and Manual Payments - to review schedule of payments (report attached).

RESOLVED – To receive and note the report

2020/113.
Finance - Accounts for Payment - to review and note items of expenditure (LGA 1972 s150 (5)) (report attached) – cheque signatories to be agreed.
Cllr Shortland declared a personal interest due to being the Chair of Chard Town Team

Proposed: Cllr Mrs. Morrison Seconded: Cllr. Mrs O'Brien
Unanimous

Resolved – To approve the accounts for payment with cheque signatories to be Cllrs Mrs Morrison and Cllr Shortland

2020/114 Community Liaison Officer April/May Report (to receive and note attached report**)**

RESOLVED – To receive and note the report with thanks to the Community Liaison Officer for her comprehensive report and support for the community. For the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk/RFO to discuss the management of the £5,000 grant from Western Power.

2020/115 Chard Covid19 Support Group Report (to receive and note attached report)

Cllr Mrs Whittaker-Mather left the meeting

RESOLVED – To receive and note the report

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is likely that the press and public will be excluded during consideration of this item (Item #2020/106 above refers)

Withdrawn

There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 7:55pm