CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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AMENITIES & EVENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities & Events Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 commencing at 19:00 hours in the Auditorium, The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP.

PRESENT: Cllr. Williams, Cllr. Bulmer, Cllr Richter, Cllr Watson, Cllr. Baker, Cllr Kenton, Cllr. J. Kenton

ALSO PRESENT: Operations Manager (OM): Kevin Dyer, Events Officer (EO); Tim Bickham, Proper Officer; Neil Bloomfield, Senior Caretaker Gary Huish

Public Participation Time
No members of the public were present.

2024/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from: Cllr Hussey (work) and Cllr Bates (holiday)
Committee accepted all the apologies.

2024/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr Baker – devolution
Cllr J Kenton – devolution
Cllr Bulmer – member of Rotary Club

2024/24 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
There were no confidential items for discussion.

2024/25 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Proposer: Cllr J. Kenton Seconded: Cllr Williams
Abstained: 2 For: 5

2024/26 MANAGER REPORTS

(a) Operations Manager

1.1 T&F group put forward – Cllr. Baker, Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Williams, Cllr Richter, Cllr Watson, Cllr J. Kenton, Cllr Kenton

1.2 Chard sign restoration – motion amended to Operations Manager to contact Cerdic Foundries
Proposer: Cllr Bulmer Seconded: Cllr Kenton
Unanimous

1.3 Operations Manager to carry out a case study and take back to committee

1.4 Operations Manager to carry out tree work
Proposer: Cllr Bulmer Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

1.5 Operations Manager to go back to lead planner, John Hammond and a task and finish group comprising Cllr J. Kenton, Cllr Greif Page and Cllr Richter to work on flood prevention with Operations Manager
Proposer: J. Kenton Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

Operations Manager to investigate safety of the chapel before work undertaken
Proposer: Cllr Baker Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

Allotments
Operations Manager to organise a patch repair with view to budget and also to review charges for plots.
Proposer: Cllr Bulmer Seconded: Cllr. J. Kenton

(b) Events

Members agreed to help Guildhall Caretaker to develop events under "friends of the Guildhall"

Chard market report to be revisited.

Lighting desk to be replaced under recommendation from Guildhall Caretaker, as outlined.
Proposer: Cllr Baker Seconded: Cllr Richter
Unanimous

2024/27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Committee noted that the next meeting of the Amenities & Events Committee would be held on **Monday 1st July** in the Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP commencing at 19.00.

There being no other business the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:45

CHAIR / VICE CHAIR: **DATE:** 18/11/24