



# CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**Minutes of the ~~Chard Annual Town Meeting~~ held on Tuesday 3rd May 2011  
in the Guildhall at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** The Mayor of Chard; Cllr Mrs. Jill Shortland and 63 members of the public and 2 members of the press.

There was a minute's silence at the commencement of the meeting as a mark of respect for Councillor Dave Hill who sadly passed away last week

**Minutes of the Last Annual Town Meeting** held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were read out by the Acting Town Clerk. It was unanimously agreed by all present these minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting, subject to some minor typing errors. The Mayor then signed the minutes.

**Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.

### **Mayor's Annual Report**

The Mayor then gave her Annual Report and paid tribute to her Consort, Councillor Garry Shortland and to those Members of the Council who had given their time and effort in helping with her fund raising activities. Thanks was also given to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Bulmer for his help in undertaking engagements last year on behalf of the Mayor during her illness. There were no questions of the Mayor.

### **Police Report**

P C Paul Thomas of Avon & Somerset Police gave a report on the policing of Chard, in particular giving details of how the majority of offences have reduced in the last year. He also spoke about the work the Street Pastors team is involved in and the partnership projects with other forces. PC Thomas answered a question regarding mobile speed detector units. Thanks was given by a member of the public for the work of the PCSOs in engaging with the community.

### **Presentation of Outstanding Service Awards.**

The Mayor presented Outstanding Service Awards to:-

1. Mr. Roy Kibble White for services to 2381 Ilminster Squadron Air Training Corp as Civilian Instructor
2. Dawn & Andy Fletcher for services to Project Romania
3. Kelly Leigh for her services to promoting performing arts to local children
4. Betty Vercoe for services to local stage productions in helping others
5. Julie Matthews for work in setting up the Chard Intentional Peer Group and in supporting local people with mental health problems

6. Jeanette O'Dwyer who has been a driving force in setting up Clare House – a pre school nursery facility.
7. Mark Saville for his efforts in business by bringing together the town's traders and in setting up a website to promote local business
8. Walter & Margaret Youll for their services to local charities and the community by holding fund raising events

### **Presentation of Mayor's Awards**

In addition to the Outstanding Service Awards, certificates and awards were also given for the Mayor's Award to

1. Eric Stone for his dedication to Chard Carnival Committee
2. Roger Carter for his work with Chard Museum spanning over 40 years
3. Chard & Tatworth First Responders for their duties to assisting with local emergencies and providing vital first aid help

**Matters Raised by Chard Residents** – There were no matters raised by Chard Residents

The Deputy Mayor Councillor Dave Bulmer thanked the Mayor and Consort for their hard work during their year in office and said what a pleasure it had been for him to work as the Deputy Mayor.

The meeting closed at 8.07pm.