



CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the **Amenities Committee** meeting of Chard Town Council held on Monday 23rd January 2012 in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors:

G Shortland – Chair

D Bulmer

M Dowell

Mrs. S Dowell

G Forsyth

A Kenton

Mrs. J Kenton

Mrs. C Morrison (Mayor)

Mrs. T O'Brien

Ms. S Pittwood

Mrs. S Wyatt

In Attendance:

Sarah Robson -Town Clerk, Terry Powell – Operations Manager

There were three members of Streetspace in attendance.

01. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Councillor Prior – away on holiday

Councillor Mrs. Kenton sent her apologies as she had a conflicting meeting and would be arriving late.

RESOLVED - to note the apologies and approve the reasons given.

02. Declarations of Interest.

None received

03. Exclusion 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](#)

No item requested

4. Amenities Committee Meeting - Minutes - To confirm and sign the minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 31st October 2011. [LGA 1972, Sch 12 para41\(1\)](#).

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Monday 31st October 2011 be signed as a correct record.

It was agreed to bring forward 8 i) to allow the members of public to leave after the item of business had been discussed.

8 i) Streetspace – request to instal bench at Lower Henson Skate Park

Members were asked to consider the purchase of two black benches made from recycled materials to be installed at the skatepark. Streetspace have obtained funding of £600.00 as a contribution towards the cost. It was agreed that the Town Council would take ownership of the benches and make provision for insurance and maintenance.

RESOLVED – to purchase two benches from the Street Furniture budget at a cost of £747.70 and accept the contribution of £600.00 from Streetspace towards the cost and installation.

Proposed: Councillor Bulmer
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Mrs. Morrison

The three members of the public left the meeting.

5. Action Review Summary - to receive and review Outstanding Actions Summary

Members were updated on outstanding items, it was suggested that a meeting take place between Councillors Shortland, Bulmer and Ms Pittwood to progress the joint initiatives proposed between the Council and Chard 2000/Chard in Bloom. A report with recommendations to be brought back to the April Amenities Committee meeting.

7.50pm Councillor Mrs. Kenton arrived at the meeting

6. Operations Manager's Report – Operations Manager to respond to any questions raised by Councillors.

RESOLVED – to receive and note the report

7. To consider report and recommendations for the adoption of a Council Grit Bin Policy.

Proposed: Councillor Mrs. Morrison
For: 10

Seconded: Councillor Mrs. Kenton

Against: 1

RESOLVED – to adopt the Council Grit Bin Policy and Application Form dated December 2011.

8. ii) Marshall Herbert's Funfairs – request to use Stringfellow Park for Spring Fair

Members debated the issue of the fair and some concerns were expressed regarding the level of noise. It was agreed to closely monitor this in future.

Proposed: Councillor Bulmer

Seconded: Councillor Mrs. Wyatt

To accept the request with no increase in the charge and to review the cost every three years.

On being put to the vote the motion failed;
An amendment to the motion was made;

Proposed: Councillor Mrs. Morrison

Seconded: Councillor Ms. Pittwood

To leave the charges the same as last year but thereafter with an annual review.

For: 3 Against: 6 Abstention: 2

After further debate a proposal was received to increase the charge this year by 2% with an annual review thereafter.

Proposed: Councillor Forsyth

Seconded: Councillor Kenton

RESOLVED - to approve the request to use Stringfellow Park for the two fairs in 2012 subject to an increase of the charges this year by 2% with an annual review thereafter.

- iii) **Bishop's Funeral Directors** – request to consider reducing Cemetery Chapel fees from £69.00 (April 2012) to £30.00

Members were asked to consider reducing the cost in an effort to encourage more use at the chapel. It was therefore agreed to make the recommendation to Full Council to amend the fee to £30.00 with effect from April 2012.

Proposed: Councillor Mrs. Kenton
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Bulmer

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29pm