



Chard Town Council

The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 1PP

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Mayor: Cllr Garry Shortland

COUNCIL AGENDA

**All Council Meetings are open to the
Public and Press**

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Date of Publication: **Monday 25th March 2024**

TO: Cllr Baker, Cllr Bates, Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Crook, Cllr Eggins, Cllr Grief-Page, Cllr Hassan, Cllr Hussey, Cllr A Kenton, Cllr J Kenton, Cllr Richter, Cllr Watson and Cllr Williams

You are hereby summoned to attend the Full Town Council Meeting of Chard Town Council that will be held on **Thursday 4th April 2024**, commencing at **18:00 hours** in the auditorium, The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP.

Garry Shortland Mayor

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Before the meeting there will be a public session to enable the people of Chard to ask questions of, and make comments to the Town Council in relation to the meeting agenda. Questions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question, or may appear as an agenda item for the next meeting. Members of the Public are asked to restrict their comments, and/or questions to three minutes

18.00 Public Participation Time

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2024/42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Town Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are acceptable.



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2024/43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the member's register of interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of it.

2024/44 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

As certain items are expected to include the consideration of exempt information Full Council is, therefore, recommended to resolve "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 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".

2024/45 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

To invite nominations and elect the Deputy Mayor of the Council, and to receive the Acceptance of Office

2024/46 ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANT FOR THE ROLE OF PROPER OFFICER

The identified and agreed Locum Clerk having recinded on taking up this position, councillors are asked to agree the engagement of external consultant Peter Finnis as an interim Proper Officer in line with the conditions set out in document 2024/46 i

2024/47 PARTY IN THE PARK

For Council to consider the use of Joycelyn Park for the Community 'Party in the Park' event on 28th July 2024

2024/48 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Full Chard Town Council meeting will be held on Monday 20th May 2024 in The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP commencing at 7pm.

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted relating to a sensitive personal information the press and public were excluded during consideration of the following items (Item 2024/44 above refers):

2024/49 CONFIDENTIAL - STAFFING MATTERS

See attached report