



CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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Mayor: Cllr Jason Baker Town Clerk: Paul Russell

AMENITIES & EVENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities & Events Committee meeting held on Tuesday 29th March 2022 commencing at 19:00 hours in the Town Hall, The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP.

PRESENT: Cllr Baker (Chair), Cllr Morrison, Cllr Williams and Cllr Wootton.

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Russell, Town Clerk, Beverley Newman, DSO, Adrian Turner, Operations Officer and Tim Bickman, Events Officer.

Public Participation Time

There were no members of the public present. No issues were raised.

2022/32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies were received and accepted:

- Cllr A Kenton (holiday)
- Cllr J Kenton (holiday)
- Cllr Carnell (work)
- Cllr Bates (personal)
- Cllr Bulmer (holiday)

2022/33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made.

2022/34 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no confidential items to consider.

2022/35 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Proposed: Cllr Morrison

Seconded: Cllr Wootton

Unanimous

RESOLVED to confirm and sign the minutes of the Amenities & Events Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14th December 2021.

2021/36 MANAGERS REPORT

(a) **Operations** – Committee received and noted the Operations Manager's Report. The following items were noted:

- A press release, including photographs, of the recent tree planting event to the rear of the Museum would be drafted;

- Tenders had been invited to upgrade the Upper Henson Play Area. Committee was assured that a full public consultation would be undertaken as part of this initiative;
- A report regarding the actions taken following the playground inspections undertaken in November 2021 would be provided to Committee.
- The Allotment lease would be renewed for a further three years as in the past. It was suggested that Council contacts SSDC to establish whether they had any suitable land for additional allotments;
- Permission had been given for the Ukraine support initiative to continue operating from Watts Store until refurbishment works commenced.

(b) Events – Committee received and noted the Event’s Officer’s Report. The following items were noted:

- It was confirmed that all the existing blue plaques were undergoing a clean and that a new one was being purchased as part of the Queens jubilee celebrations and would be erected at the Beacon site.

2021/37 OPEN SPACES

(a) Strategic Objectives Work Plan – Committee reviewed the progress on the Strategic Objectives Work Plan. Acknowledgement was given as to the progress made.

(b) Committee Resolutions Review – Committee noted updates in the resolutions taken since January 2021.

(c) Cemetery Update – Committee noted the verbal update provided. Work was close to completion on the removal of the hedge to create up to 60 additional spaces next to the car park area and the new section recently purchased from SSDC was going to be cleared. A full plan would be considered by the new Council following the elections.

It was agreed to try to address the current parking issues in the Zembard Lane car park and two notices were being erected to discourage contractor and inappropriate parking.

(d) Changing Facilities, Jocelyn Park – Committee noted that the draft lease was on hold until the new council had been elected as there were a number of decisions regarding terms and conditions that needed to be made.

2021/38 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting of the Amenities & Events Committee would be held on Tuesday 24th May 2021.

2022/39 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There were no confidential matters

The Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 19.55pm

CHAIR:

DATE: