



## CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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Mayor: Cllr Jenny Kenton

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**TO:** Cllr Baker, Cllr Bates, Cllr Brown (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Crook, Cllr Eggins, Cllr Grief-Page, Cllr Hassan, Cllr Hawkes, Cllr A Kenton, Cllr J Kenton (Mayor), Cllr Richter, Cllr Shortland, Cllr Watson and Cllr Williams

### NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend the Extraordinary Full Town Council Meeting of Chard Town Council that will be held on **Wednesday 3rd May 2023**, commencing at 19:00 hours at The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP.

Cllr J Kenton 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. 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.

#### **Public Participation Time**

This section (at the Chairman's discretion may last up to 15 minutes) is not part of the formal meeting of the Council.

# AGENDA

## **2023/53 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.

## **2023/54 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.

## **2023/55 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".

## **2023/56 COUNCIL MATTERS**

- (a)** To consider and agree a Council collective (Corporate) response to the questions raised at the Public Participation at the Full Council Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023, relating to Councillor conduct (see attached), and to publish the agreed response on the Chard Town Council website.

## **2023/57 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Full Chard Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the Guildhall Auditorium, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP commencing at **6.00 pm**.

**QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION F/Council meeting 29-03-23**

1. What does the zero tolerance in bullying mean to you (the council)?
2. Statement only – no question asked.
3. Does this council have leadership?
4. Will person or persons identified in the report as identified as falling consistently short of Nolan principles / code of conduct resign?
  - a. If not will the Mayor call upon person / persons to resign? She should.
  - b. Will the council give us, the public, the date the report will be published – Answered on the night?
5. Does the Council care about tax payer's money? Do you care you have cost us running up to ¼ million pounds? Approximate cost based on the following:
  - i. Pay offs to Town clerks and other previous members of staff,
  - ii. judicial review due to incorrect voting
  - iii. Wasted time of staff
  - iv. Rolley report
  - v. Solicitors advice regarding what parts of the report could be published.
  - a) How does this sit with your conscience?
6. Not related to the conduct of the Council
7.
  - a. If the council publishes the report with names redacted will those who are identified resign?
  - b. Why does this council keep running from accountability?
  - c. If council do vote to redact names from the report will those indicated resign on the democratic principle that the petition submitted has clearly been ignored?
8. Can council live with themselves knowing the consequences of bullying?
9. Can the council honestly say they are open and honest with the public?
10. Is this council selfless?