

**REPORT TO:**

Date: 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

**OUTSIDE BODY:  
CHULMLEIGH  
TOWN HALL  
COMMITTEE**

**REPORT BY:                      Councillor KEVIN DAVIES**

**1 ACTIVITY**

1.1 The committee have met three times formally during the year including the AGM although most of the committee will meet informally, sharing ideas and resolving various issues on a weekly basis. I am now a Trustee and have been elected as the Vice Chair and re-elected as the Health & Safety Officer. I am pleased to report a 6<sup>th</sup> member has recently joined the committee and we all look forward to a busy year and fulfilling our purpose as best we can.

**2 PURPOSE**

2.1 The Committee are responsible for the general management and control of the Trust Premises being the Town Hall. The Committee make and alter the Rules and Regulations for the conduct of its business and for the summoning and conduct of its meetings and in particular with reference to: the terms and conditions upon which the Trust Premises may be used; the appointment of an Auditor, Treasurer and officers and their terms of office; the engagement and dismissal of such paid officers and servants for the Trust Premises and the number of members who shall form a quorum at its meetings.

The Town Hall is held upon trust for the purpose of physical and mental training and recreation and social moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, library lectures, classed recreations and entertainments or otherwise as may be found expedient for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Chulmleigh and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions.

2.2 The Town Hall is a publically accessible 'hub venue' in the centre of Chulmleigh. It hosts and promotes numerous activities including for education, social engagement and leisure & fitness. I am in no doubt that the body engages and furthers the interests, quality of life, well-being and development of the community. Involvement with the body aligns with the councils priority areas.

### 3 ACHIEVEMENTS

3.1 The Town Hall continues to attract a myriad of users and groups from all sectors of the community. These include the following: Parish Council Meetings, Board Games, the Police, Chulmleigh Old Fair, Chulmleigh Floral Art Club, Sunday Lunch Club, Life Drawing Class, Line Dancing, CAMEO and Circle of Friends.

Coffee Mornings are held on Saturdays. These are available to and run by local groups, clubs and charities. These include: Chulmleigh and Chawleigh Churches, local sports clubs (tennis, table tennis, football, cricket, badminton, bowls etc), other clubs (Pre-School, Cubs, Scouts etc), Garden Society, Chulmleigh Recreation Association, Chulmleigh Old Fair and North Devon Hospice.

Various seasonal events are held in particular for Christmas and The Chulmleigh Old Fair. Pancake day is a favourite and there have been a number of fund raising events to support Ukraine and more recently for Syria and Turkey following the earthquake.

3.2 The usage is stable and has risen in recent months with two new weekly users being the Board Games & Soup (warm space) and Life Drawing Classes. The Chulmleigh Town Hall Committee remains financially sound.

### 4 THE FUTURE

4.1 The body is effective in trying to meet its aims.

4.2 At this time I do not see that it is necessary for the council to make a further appointment to the body.

### 5 OTHER

5.1 The committee has been awarded grant funding of £6000 from s106 funds for a Town Hall Enhancement Project being the provision of acoustic insulation to separate the upper and lower halls. This will enable the halls to be used at the same time with disturbance.

5.2 The committee are looking at other enhancement projects that include the provision of solar pv and insulating/ vaulting the roof space to expose the king post trusses.