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Date: 20 October 2023
Quorum: 18

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

On:	Monday 30 October 2023	At:	6.30 pm
Venue:	Caddsdwn Business Support Centre - Caddsdwn Bideford EX39 3BE		

The meeting will be able to watch through the Councils YouTube Channel
<https://tinyurl.com/TorrigeYouTube>

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby summoned to the Meeting of the District Council at the aforementioned date and time

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Chief Executive

To:	Councillor D Bushby (Chair) Councillor P Christie (Vice-Chair) Councillors: S Andrews, L Bach, A Brenton, D Brenton, C Bright, L Bright, C Cottle-Hunkin, J Craigie, A Dart, T Elliott, L Ford, S Gibson, J Gubb, P Hackett, P Hames, S Harding, C Hawkins, K Hepple, R Hicks, C Hodson, S Inch, K James, T Johns, C Leather, W Lo-Vel, R Lock, S Newton, P Pennington, L Piper, P Shepherd, D Smith, H Thomas, C Wheatley and J Whittaker
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Members are requested to turn off their mobile phones for the duration of the meeting

AGENDA

PART I - (OPEN SESSION)

1.	Apologies For Absence To receive apologies for absence from the meeting
2.	Council Minutes (Pages 5 - 18) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 4 September 2023 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 2 October 2023.
3.	Action List (Page 19)
4.	Public Contributions 15 minute period for public contributions. The deadline for registering to speak is by 2pm Thursday 26 October 2023. To register please email dem.services@torridge.gov.uk
5.	Declarations of interest Members with interests to declare should refer to the Agenda item and describe the nature of their interest when the item is being discussed.
6.	Agreement of Agenda Items Part I and II
7.	To consider correspondence or other business especially brought forward by the direction of the Chair
8.	Presentation by Sandy Brown - Artist
9.	Housing Assistance Policy for Better Care Fund (Pages 20 - 84) To receive the report of the Public Health & Community Safety Manager
10.	Council Tax - Care Leavers Discount Policy (Pages 85 - 102) To receive the report of the Head of Legal & Governance (& Monitoring Officer)
11.	Adoption of CCTV Policy (Pages 103 - 112) To receive the report of the Head of Legal & Governance (& Monitoring Officer)
12.	Cycle of Committee Meetings 2024/25 (Pages 113 - 115) To receive the report of the Chief Executive
13.	To answer questions submitted under Procedural Rule A9
14.	Petitions To receive petitions (if any)

15.	Notices of Motion
(a)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Christie</p> <p>Over the last decade SWW have, with very few exceptions, answered TDC’s statutory consultation over planning applications with a simple answer of “Has no objection”. Clearly, given the current state of our rivers and coastal waters there is a major problem – and it appears to be overlooked that SWW have a vested interest in more development as it means more customers locked into paying them as water and sewage services are a monopoly service.</p> <p>I propose that TDC demand to know from SWW how they can justify their bland responses?</p> <p>Further that TDC contact all other district/unitary councils in Devon asking them to join us in requesting that the Government remove SWW from the list of statutory consultees and appoint an independent organisation to oversee new developments vis-à-vis water availability and sewage capacity.</p>
(b)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Lo-Vel</p> <p>I propose that the excessive parking charges for the use of Bideford Quay for charitable events such as the Rotary Water Festival, should be waived.</p> <p>The fact that "for some years" it has been Council policy to charge "all events that require exclusive use of the car park a fee equivalent to what the Council 'might' earn from that car park on that day" is not a good enough reason to continue to do so.</p> <p>I firmly believe that the financial gains of such events to the town are considerable and are of more benefit to the Council than the average local on the day parking receipts would be if they were not to take place.</p> <p>I think that these events need to be recognised and supported as they often raise money for services which Torridge has cut back funding for. They bring positive benefits to Traders and the Council by increasing the number of visitors to the town (most of whom will utilise and pay for alternative car parking) and are of considerable local community benefit supporting wellbeing and happiness.</p>
(c)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Craigie</p> <p>Torridge District Council recognises that tourism plays a large part of the economic activity of the District and that Heritage tourism adds £1.9 Billion to the South West economy (£96.6m Northern Devon) every year. As the highest value added form of tourism, heritage tourism offers a strong contribution to the levelling up agenda and will form elements of levelling up to be submitted by the District Council. We therefore call on Torridge to support the consortium of Heritage Charities and voluntary bodies working on 'Bideford Heritage Harbour' designation for the tidal zone of the Torridge adding significantly to crucial levelling up objectives. A significant portion of the £90,000 funding given by central government for the levelling up partnership bid over 2 years, should be made available to the consortium led by Way of the Wharves and The Freshspring Trust for the heritage harbour designation. £15,000 should be ring fenced for the creation of a district wide Heritage Development Trust Business Plan.</p>

	<p>The Trust is estimated to bring over £2.5 million inward investment into elevating heritage tourism, and return of the schooner "Kathleen and May" that a team are working to secure funding for, based on it's valuation of £500,000.</p>
(d)	<p>Written Notice of Motion from Councillor Brenton</p> <p>That TDC holds its Full Council meeting back in Bideford Town Hall for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caddsdow is too remote, ie it is not on a regular bus route. • The acoustics are poor. • There are blind spots in the Chamber where the public cannot see which Councillor is speaking. • Limited seating for the public compared with the Town Hall.
16.	<p>Exclusion of Public</p> <p>The Chair to move:</p> <p>“That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972”</p>
17.	<p>PART II - (CLOSED SESSION)</p> <p>Items which may be taken in the absence of the public and press on the grounds that exempt information may be disclosed.</p>
	<p>Meeting Organiser: Democratic Services</p>