

TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCILFULL COUNCIL MEETINGVirtual meeting via ZoomMonday, 29 March 2021 - 6.30 pm

PRESENT Councillor D Brenton (Chair)
 Councillor P Christie (Vice-Chair)
 Councillors R Boughton, C Bright, M Brown, D Bushby, C Cottle-Hunkin, R Craigie, A Dart, J Gubb, P Hackett, P Hames, S Harding, C Hawkins, K Hepple, R Hicks, C Hodson, D Hurley, J Hutchings, T Inch, K James, D Jones, S Langford, N Laws, C Leather, R Lock, J Manley, D McGeough, J McKenzie, S Newton, P Pennington, P Watson and R Wiseman

ALSO PRESENT S Hearse - Chief Executive
 S Dorey - Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer)
 D Heyes - Finance Manager (Section 151 Officer)
 T Vanstone - Senior Electoral & Democratic Services Officer
 K Brown - Democratic Services Officer
 S Cawsey - Democratic Services Officer

159. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Clarke and Councillor Ford.

160. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

There were no Public Contributions.

161. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded that declarations of interest should be made as and when the specific agenda item to which they related was under discussion.

162. AGREEMENT OF AGENDA ITEMS PART I AND II

The Chair proposed that the meeting go into Part II at the start due to the confidentiality surrounding the discussions on Leisure Facilities and to go back into Part I to make a decision in the public domain.

It was proposed by Councillor Brenton, seconded by Councillor James and –

Resolved:

That Part II agenda item 12 Torridge Leisure Facilities – Maintenance and Conditions be brought forward and presented prior to agenda item 7.

A recorded vote was taken.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
BOUGHTON, R	X		
BRENTON, D G	X		
BRIGHT, C	X		
BROWN, M	X		
BUSHBY, D	X		
CHRISTIE, P S	X		
CLARKE, M			
COTTLE-HUNKIN C	X		
CRAIGIE, R	X		
DART, A L	X		
FORD, L			
GUBB, J	X		
HACKETT, P J W	X		
HAMES, P	X		
HARDING, S	X		
HAWKINS, C	X		
HEPPLE, K	X		
HICKS, R H	X		
HODSON, C			
HURLEY, D	X		
HUTCHINGS, J		X	
INCH, A T			X
JAMES, K J	X		
JONES, D	X		
LANGFORD, S	X		
LAWS, N	X		
LEATHER, C	X		
LOCK, R A	X		
McGEOUGH, D A D			X
McKENZIE, J	X		
MANLEY, J	X		
NEWTON, S	X		
PENNINGTON, P W	X		

ROSSI, G			
WATSON, P	X		
WISEMAN, R	X		

(Vote: 29 For, 1 Against, 2 Abstentions)

Due to technical difficulties Councillor Hodson did not take part in this vote.

163. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE OR OTHER BUSINESS ESPECIALLY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE DIRECTION OF THE CHAIR

There were no urgent matters brought forward.

164. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER PROCEDURAL RULE A9

There were no questions submitted under Procedural Rule A9.

165. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Brenton, seconded by Councillor Watson and –

Resolved:

That under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act (as amended) the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because of the likely disclosure of exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 and Paragraph 10 of Part 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

A recorded vote was taken.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
BOUGHTON, R	X		
BRENTON, D G	X		
BRIGHT, C	X		
BROWN, M	X		
BUSHBY, D	X		
CHRISTIE, P S	X		
CLARKE, M			
COTTLE-HUNKIN C	X		
CRAIGIE, R	X		
DART, A L	X		
FORD, L			
GUBB, J	X		
HACKETT, P J W	X		

HAMES, P	X		
HARDING, S	X		
HAWKINS, C	X		
HEPPLE, K	X		
HICKS, R H	X		
HODSON, C			
HURLEY, D	X		
HUTCHINGS, J		X	
INCH, A T	X		
JAMES, K J	X		
JONES, D	X		
LANGFORD, S	X		
LAWS, N	X		
LEATHER, C	X		
LOCK, R A	X		
McGEOUGH, D A D	X		
McKENZIE, J	X		
MANLEY, J	X		
NEWTON, S	X		
PENNINGTON, P W	X		
ROSSI, G			
WATSON, P	X		
WISEMAN, R	X		

(Vote: 31 For, 1 Against)

Due to technical difficulties Councillor Hodson did not take part in this vote.

166. PART II - (CLOSED SESSION)

167. TORRIDGE LEISURE FACILITIES- MAINTENANCE AND CONDITION

The Chief Executive presented the report, the purpose of which was to inform Members of the condition of the Torridge Leisure Estate and provide working estimate of the Council's future maintenance liabilities and costs.

As TDC are in the final year of the leisure contract with 1610 an independent survey has been carried out. A meeting is scheduled for 14th April with 1610 to discuss the findings of the survey this will be brought back to Members.

A lengthy discussion then took place surrounding health & safety issues. Legal advice was given by the Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer).

Assurances were given that the facilities that could open on 12th April 2021, in line with the Government roadmap, would be safe to do so.

Following a proposal by Councillor Brenton, all other proposals put forward were withdrawn.

It was proposed by Councillor Brenton, seconded by Councillor Bushby and –

Resolved:

That Officers write to 1610 having received the condition survey alerting TDC to the significant concerns around Health & Safety aspects. Members & Officers want assurances from 1610 that they have complied with all Health & Safety obligations as highlighted in the report, producing certificated evidence, before opening on 12th of April 2021.

A recorded vote was taken.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
BOUGHTON, R	X		
BRENTON, D G	X		
BRIGHT, C	X		
BROWN, M	X		
BUSHBY, D	X		
CHRISTIE, P S		X	
CLARKE, M			
COTTLE-HUNKIN C	X		
CRAIGIE, R	X		
DART, A L	X		
FORD, L			
GUBB, J	X		
HACKETT, P J W	X		
HAMES, P	X		
HARDING, S	X		
HAWKINS, C	X		
HEPPLE, K	X		
HICKS, R H	X		
HODSON, C	X		
HURLEY, D	X		
HUTCHINGS, J	X		
INCH, A T		X	
JAMES, K J	X		
JONES, D	X		

LANGFORD, S	X		
LAWS, N	X		
LEATHER, C		X	
LOCK, R A	X		
McGEOUGH, D A D	X		
McKENZIE, J	X		
MANLEY, J	X		
NEWTON, S	X		
PENNINGTON, P W		X	
ROSSI, G			
WATSON, P	X		
WISEMAN, R	X		

(Vote: 29 For, 4 Against)

It was proposed by Councillor Brenton, seconded by Councillor Hutchings and – Resolved:

That the press and public be re-admitted

A recorded vote was taken.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
BOUGHTON, R	X		
BRENTON, D G	X		
BRIGHT, C	X		
BROWN, M	X		
BUSHBY, D	X		
CHRISTIE, P S	X		
CLARKE, M			
COTTLE-HUNKIN C	X		
CRAIGIE, R	X		
DART, A L	X		
FORD, L			
GUBB, J	X		
HACKETT, P J W	X		
HAMES, P	X		
HARDING, S	X		
HAWKINS, C	X		
HEPPLE, K	X		

HICKS, R H	X		
HODSON, C	X		
HURLEY, D	X		
HUTCHINGS, J	X		
INCH, A T	X		
JAMES, K J	X		
JONES, D	X		
LANGFORD, S	X		
LAWS, N	X		
LEATHER, C	X		
LOCK, R A	X		
McGEOUGH, D A D	X		
McKENZIE, J	X		
MANLEY, J	X		
NEWTON, S	X		
PENNINGTON, P W	X		
ROSSI, G			
WATSON, P	X		
WISEMAN, R	X		

(Vote: Unanimous)

168. REOPENING OF TORRIDGE LEISURE FACILITIES

The recommendations in this report were superseded by Councillor Hutchings' proposal therefore the report was not presented.

It was proposed by Councillor Hutchings, seconded by Councillor Jones and –

Resolved:

That TDC work with 1610 to re-open all 3 leisure sites in line with the Governments roadmap and the £110,000 from the Leisure Facilities Grant be used to assist with the re-opening at the discretion of TDC officers.

A recorded vote was taken.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
BOUGHTON, R	X		
BRENTON, D G	X		
BRIGHT, C	X		
BROWN, M	X		

BUSHBY, D	X		
CHRISTIE, P S	X		
CLARKE, M			
COTTLE-HUNKIN C	X		
CRAIGIE, R	X		
DART, A L	X		
FORD, L			
GUBB, J	X		
HACKETT, P J W	X		
HAMES, P	X		
HARDING, S	X		
HAWKINS, C	X		
HEPPLE, K	X		
HICKS, R H	X		
HODSON, G			
HURLEY, D	X		
HUTCHINGS, J	X		
INCH, A T		X	
JAMES, K J	X		
JONES, D	X		
LANGFORD, S	X		
LAWS, N	X		
LEATHER, C		X	
LOCK, R A	X		
McGEOUGH, D A D	X		
McKENZIE, J	X		
MANLEY, J	X		
NEWTON, S	X		
PENNINGTON, P W	X		
ROSSI, G			
WATSON, P	X		
WISEMAN, R	X		

(Vote: For 31, Against 2)

169. PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

170. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and closed at 8.43 pm

Chair:

Date: