

TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL
COMMUNITY & RESOURCES MEETING

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Monday, 26 April 2021 - 10.00 am

- PRESENT** Councillor R Hicks (Chair)
Councillor D McGeough (Vice-Chair)
Councillors D Brenton, C Bright, D Bushby, P Christie, A Dart,
J Hutchings (arrived 10.20am), K James, N Laws, R Lock and
C Hodson (substituting for R Wiseman)
- ALSO PRESENT** S Hearse - Chief Executive
S Dorey - Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring
Officer)
S Kearney - Head of Communities & Place
D Heyes - Finance Manager (Section 151 Officer)
R Haste - Operational Services Manager
S Cawsey - Democratic Services Officer
- Councillors T Inch, S Langford and C Leather

123. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Wiseman (Councillor Hodson substituting).

124. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2021

It was proposed by Councillor Bushby, seconded by Councillor James and -

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2021 be signed as a correct record.

A recorded vote was taken.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Brenton, D	X		
Bright, C	X		
Bushby, D	X		
Christie, P	X		
Dart, A	X		
Hicks, R	X		
Hodson, C (sub)	X		
Hutchings, J			

James, K	X		
Laws, N	X		
Lock, R	X		
McGeough, D			
Wiseman, R			

(Vote: For – Unanimous)

Matters Arising:

Councillor Lock referred to the Winkleigh Planning list and sought clarification on a withdrawn planning application for two storage containers at Riverbank car park. The Head of Communities & Place confirmed he would speak to the Planning Manager and provide a written response to Members.

125. PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

There were no public contributions.

126. FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan was noted.

Following an enquiry from Councillor Dart, the Head of Communities & Place advised that the Bradworthy item included on the Plan was in relation to ongoing negotiations in relation to the transfer of toilets to the Parish Council. When a recommendation is available a report will be presented to this Committee.

127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were made when the specific agenda items to which they related were under discussion.

128. AGREEMENT OF AGENDA BETWEEN PARTS I AND II

There were no Part II items.

129. URGENT MATTERS OF INFORMATION TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR AND THE COMMITTEE

There were no urgent matters brought forward.

130. 2020-21 BUDGET MONITORING

The Finance Manager & S151 Officer presented the report, the purpose of which was for Members to confirm their agreement to defer any decision regarding the projected 2020-21 surplus until the 2020-21 financial outturn is known.

It was proposed by Councillor Hodson, seconded by Councillor Lock and -

RESOLVED:

That any decision on the allocation of the 2020-21 surplus be deferred until the accounts for this year are closed.

A recorded vote was taken.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Brenton, D	X		
Bright, C	X		
Bushby, D	X		
Christie, P	X		
Dart, A	X		
Hicks, R	X		
Hodson, C (sub)	X		
Hutchings, J			
James, K	X		
Laws, N	X		
Lock, R	X		
McGeough, D			
Wiseman, R			

(Vote: For – Unanimous)

131. PORT MARINE SAFETY CODE ANNUAL REPORT

The Operational Services Manager presented the report, the purpose of which was to report to Community & Resources Committee, as the appropriate decision making Committee for the Harbour Board, the Bideford Harbour Annual Port Marine Safety Code.

Following a brief discussion, Members noted the report.

Councillor Hutchings arrived at 10.20am.

132. COUNCIL TAX HARDSHIP SUPPORT 2021/22

The purpose of the report, presented by the Finance Manager & S151 Officer, was to seek Member approval for the adoption of the Council Tax Hardship Support Covid-19 Policy.

A slide presentation, given by the Finance Manager & S151 Officer, included details on the key points from the Council Tax Hardship Support Covid-19 Policy.

The Chief executive referred to a meeting of Full Council, Council Tax setting, when Members had requested measures be put in place for those members of the community who are struggling with Council Tax through job losses.

This Scheme aims to provide greater assistance to those who have suffered financial hardship as a result of the pandemic, rather than simply dividing available funding amongst all recipients of working age LCTS.

It was proposed by Councillor Bushby, seconded by Councillor James and -

RESOLVED:

That the adoption of the Council Tax Hardship Support (Covid 19) policy for the duration of the financial year 2021/22, or until funds are exhausted be approved.

A recorded vote was taken.

COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Brenton, D	X		
Bright, C	X		
Bushby, D	X		
Christie, P	X		
Dart, A	X		
Hicks, R	X		
Hodson, C (sub)	X		
Hutchings, J	X		
James, K	X		
Laws, N	X		
Lock, R	X		
McGeough, D			
Wiseman, R			

(Vote: For – Unanimous)

133. MINUTES OF HARBOUR BOARD

The minutes of the Harbour Board meeting held on 18 March 2021 were noted.

The meeting commenced at 10am and closed at 10.35am.

Chair:

Date: