



Notice of the next Council Meeting

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(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

Meeting of... Amenities Committee

Place... W101 Bridgwater Room, Town Hall, High Street, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 3AS

Date... Thursday, September 12, 2024

Time... 10:00

Councillors will be discussing all the items listed overleaf on the Agenda.

Yours faithfully

David Mears

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CEO and Town Clerk

5 September 2024

(Prior to the start of the meeting)

Questions and comments from members of the public

To ask a question or speak at a meeting, you will need to submit your request to a member of the Democratic Services Team in advance of the meeting. You can request to speak at a council meeting by emailing your full name, the agenda item and your question to the Democratic Services Team emailing enquiries@bridgwater-tc.gov.uk Any requests need to be received by 5pm on the day that provides 2 clear working days before the meeting (excluding the day of the meeting itself). For example, if the meeting is due to take place on a Thursday, requests need to be received by 5pm on the Monday prior to the meeting. The Chair will invite you to speak at the beginning of the meeting under the agenda item Public Question Time, but speaking is limited to 3 minutes. You can only speak to the Council or Committee once. If there are a group of people attending to speak about a particular item, then a representative should be chosen to speak on behalf of the group.

1N.B Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that is not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119).

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public are allowed to take photographs, film, and audio record the proceedings and report on all public meetings (including on social media). No prior notification is needed but it would be helpful to let the office know of any plans to film or record so that any necessary arrangements can be made to provide reasonable facilities to report on meetings. This permission does not extend to private meetings or parts of meetings which are not open to the public. All recording and photography equipment should be taken away if a public meeting moves into a session which is not open to the Public.

If you are recording the meeting, you are asked to act in a reasonable manner and not disrupt the conduct of meetings, for example by using intrusive lighting, flash photography or asking people to repeat statements for the benefit of the recording. You may not make an oral commentary during the meeting. The Chairman has the power to control public recording and/or reporting so it does not disrupt the meeting. Recording must be clearly visible to anyone at the meeting

A G E N D A

AMC2024/11 - To receive Apologies for Absence

AMC2024/12 - Declarations of Interests

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

AMC2024/13 - To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 25 July 2024

AMC2024/14 - To receive and note the report from the Director of Amenities and to agree:

Option 1: To agree to only allow contained fires at allotment sites with water supply. OR

Option 2: To agree to ban all open and contained fires from all allotment sites.

To agree to remove the toilet at Sidcot Allotments.

AMC2024/15 - To receive and note the report from the Environmental Manager

AMC2024/16 - To receive and note the report from the Facilities Manager

AMC2024/17 - To receive and note the report from the Project Manager

AMC2024/18 - To discuss issues raised within the Parks and Open Spaces

AMC2024/19 - To receive an update from the Director of Amenities on the plans for the extension to Bristol Road Cemetery and new compound

AMC2024/20 - To note the year to date budget for the Amenities Committee

End of Agenda

CIRCULATION

Councillors: Mander (Chair, Loveridge, Lilley, Morgan, Pearce, Redman, Slocombe, and Solomon