



Notice of the next Council Meeting

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS

(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

Meeting of...	The Full Council
Time...	19:00hrs
Date...	Thursday 5 March 2020
Place...	Charter Hall, Town Hall, High Street, Bridgwater

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

David Mears

David Mears CerTHE PSLCC
Town Clerk
28 February 2020

19:00hrs (Prior to the start of the meeting)

Questions and comments from members of the public

This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting except by special invitation of the Chairman) to participate before the start of the meeting by asking questions, raising concerns or making comments on matters affecting Bridgwater. No decision can be taken during this session¹, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration.

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).

Policing in Bridgwater

A representative from Bridgwater's Police Team (if present) are invited to provide updates and discuss issues in Bridgwater.

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

TC2020/17 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

TC2020/18 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)

TC2020/19 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 January 2020 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

TC2020/20 Mayor Announcements

TC2020/21 Town Council Leader— Cllr Smedley to update members on matters of interest and forward plan (*N.B no decisions can be taken¹*)

TC2020/22 Portfolio Holders – to receive written reports (if any) from Portfolio Holders (*N.B no decisions can be taken¹*)

TC2020/23 Town Clerk's Oral Report –update on progress since the last meeting and items of information (*N.B no decisions can be taken¹*)

TC2020/24 Forums – to receive minutes of recent forum(s) meetings, to discuss issues raised and to resolve:

- I. that Bridgwater Town Council support the "Bus It" campaign to encourage use of buses and improvement in services;
- II. that Bridgwater Town Council produce a leaflet to further the aims of "Bus It";
- III. that Bridgwater Town Council contact Somerset County Council for a clear explanation of the current situation with regard to the Bridgwater Docks and the plans for the future repair and leasing of the Docks; and

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IV. that Bridgwater Town Council asks for an explanation from Ian Liddell-Grainger MP as to how the pledged £5 billion will be allocated to regions.

TC2020/25 Local Government Pension Scheme – that this Council resolves to offer the LGPS as a pension scheme to all employees of Bridgwater Town Council from 1 April 2020

TC2020/26 Local Government Pension Scheme – to adopt the recommended Local Government Pension Scheme Discretions Policy

TC2020/27 Mayor Elect and Deputy Mayor Elect – to consider nominations for the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2020/21. *N.B the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor will take place at the Annual Meeting of the Council, which will be held on 21 May 2020 and the Mayor Making Celebrations being held on 22 May 2020*

TC2020/28 Cemeteries – to note and approve the Town Clerk’s decision to purchase a mini digger for the Cemeteries Team (as delegated by full council #TC2019/109 and the Finance and Policy Executive Committee FEC2019/50)

TC2020/29 Cemeteries – to adopt the recommended Rules and Regulations for Quantock Road and Bristol Cemeteries

TC2020/30 Cemeteries – to adopt the recommended Out of Hours Policy for Quantock Road and Bristol Cemeteries

TC2020/31 Somerset County Council £1m Boost for Green Initiatives – to authorise the Town Clerk to make an application for this fund

TC2020/32 Finance – to note the Year to Date Budget as of 3 March 2020

TC2020/33 Finance –Accounts for Payment and Income - to note items of expenditure and income for February 2020

TC2020/34 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public - To agree that agenda item TC2020/35 be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

TC2020/35 Bridgwater Cup Nominations – to choose a nomination to receive the Bridgwater Cup

.....*End of Agenda*.....