



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...	Bridgwater Town Council
Time...	7.00pm
Date...	Thursday 1 August 2019
Place...	Charter Hall, Town Hall, High Street, Bridgwater

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

David Mears

David Mears PSLCC
Town Clerk
25 July 2019

7.00pm (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

TC2019/72 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

TC2019/73 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)

TC2019/74 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 6 June 2019 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

TC2019/75 Mayor Announcements

TC2019/76 Town Council Leader– Cllr Smedley to update members on matters of interest and forward plan (*N.B no decisions can be taken¹*)

TC2019/76i Portfolio Holders – to receive written reports (if any) from Portfolio Holders

TC2019/77 Town Clerk's Oral Report – including use of delegated powers and update on progress since the last meeting (*N.B no decisions can be taken¹*)

TC2019/78 Twinning – to receive updates on matters relating to Twinning in Bridgwater (*N.B no decisions can be taken¹*)

TC2019/79 Forums – to receive minutes of recent forum(s) meetings and to discuss issues raised (*N.B no decisions can be taken¹*)

TC2019/79i Single Use Plastic Working Party update

TC2019/80 Finance – Grant request from Engine Room for a grant of £1,885 to assist with workshops in the summer holidays for young people aged 6 to 18 to help them explore climate change and environmental issues (to be taken from youth budget). *N.B due to late submission and no Youth Council meeting, the Town Council are asked to consider*).

TC2019/81 Finance – Core Grant Request from Victoria Park Community Centre (£20,000) – Councillors to authorise the Town Clerk to release the funds.

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TC2019/82 Finance – Core Grant Request from Sydenham Community Centre (£20,000) – Councillors to authorise the Town Clerk to release the funds.

TC2019/83 Finance – Core Grant Request from Hamp Community Association (£20,000) – Councillors to authorise the Town Clerk to release the funds.

TC2019/84 Cemeteries – to consider a request from a member of the public to install a memorial (approx. cost of £800) to recognise Pauper Graves at St John’s Cemetery at Bristol Road.

TC2019/85 To create a ‘Tree Fund’ initially to assist with replacement trees at Hamp Green -
Motion Received from Cllr B Smedley

TC2019/86 Banner – to setup a Druids’ banner working party to cost its repair and then to display it in a public location in the town hall *Motion Received from Cllr B Smedley*

TC2019/87 Cultural Strategy - to setup a BTC Culture working party to study the TUC cultural strategy and that of Sedgemoor District Council and produce a Cultural Strategy for Bridgwater

TC2019/88 Councillor Wards – to consider a small allocation of funding to be made annually to each Town Council ward, to enable Town Councillors to communicate with their electorates, via meetings, publicity and social media. *Motion received from Cllr G Burrows.*

TC2019/89 Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service – Councillors to consider if to make any comments on the current consultation on changes to the fire and rescue service in Devon and Somerset

TC2019/90 Bridgwater Memorial Homes – to appoint another councillor as a trustee. (Cllr Leavy appointed, however two are required)

TC2019/91 To formally set up a multi-agency Liaison Group to tackle antisocial behaviour, drug problems and Homelessness within Bridgwater (a similar item was proposed during the police report at the last meeting and needs to be ratified formally as an agenda item)

TC2019/92 to approve the sealing of the following legal deeds and to appoint two councillors to act as witnesses

- I. Trinity Hall under lease to On Your Bike
- II. Lease of land from SCC for a shed for the use by Youth Unlimited for the Rollercoaster
- III. Office Space leases for Mind in Somerset, Somerset Community Foundation and Sedgemoor Labour Group