



## 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: Bridgwater Town Council
Time...	19:00hrs
Date...	Thursday 12 August 2021
Place...	Sydenham Community Centre, Hall 2, Parkway, Bridgwater TA6 4QZ – access via the side entrance adjacent to the car park.

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

Yours faithfully

David Mears

**David Mears CertHE PSLCC**

**Town Clerk**

30 July 2021

### **19.00 (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 session<sup>1</sup>, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration.

<sup>1</sup>N.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

**TC2021/55 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))**

**TC2021/56 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)

**TC2021/57 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 17 June 2021 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))**

**TC2021/58 Grant Funding** – to consider the grant application from Bridgwater United Community Sports Trust for £2,499.28

**TC2021/59 Mayor Announcements**

**TC2021/60 Town Council Leader**– Cllr Smedley to update members on matters of interest and forward plan (*N.B no decisions can be taken<sup>1</sup>*)

- I. To create a new Local Government Reorganisation Working Party to engage with the County and District Council teams; consisting of Councillors Lerry, Pearce and Smedley and the Town Clerk; and to delegate to the Town Clerk to formally request that Bridgwater Town Council bids to become a Pilot for the new Unitary Council and to oversee this with in conjunction with the working party.

**TC2021/61 Town Clerk's report<sup>1</sup>**

**TC2021/62 Portfolio Holders reports** - to receive written reports and an opportunity for councillors to ask questions

- I. **Climate: To form a Climate Emergency Working Party comprising:** Leader; Deputy Leader (Climate Emergency Portfolio Holder); Shadow CE Portfolio Holder (or deputy); and 2 x Councillors

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II. **Climate: To form a Tree Panel, comprising:** Leader; Deputy Leader (Climate Emergency Portfolio Holder); Shadow CE Portfolio Holder (or deputy); 1 councillor; and Roy Cheek, Horticulturalist. Delegated authority to be given to the Town Clerk to approve the applications and release funding based on the recommendations of the Tree Panel

III. **Transport:** That this Council strongly supports the Rail to Trail Project plans for the disused Somerset & Dorset rail track and agrees to ask to be kept informed and involved

**TC2021/63 Outside Bodies reports** – to receive reports from councillors who represent the Council on outside bodies

**TC2021/64 Community Centre Grants** - to authorise the Town Clerk to release the core funding, subject to application form checks

**TC2021/65 COVID-19 Testing Centre** – to consider the request from Public Health to extend the exit date for the Testing Centre in the Town Hall

**TC2021/66 Committees** – to remove Cllr Heywood from the Planning Committee and replace with Cllr Gibson

**TC2021/67 To approve feasibility surveys to extend Bristol Road Cemetery into the adjacent field**

**TC2021/68 Finance** – Accounts for Payment and Income - to note items of expenditure as approved under delegated authority or previous resolutions and income for July 2021

I. To authorise the Town Clerk to release Funding for Bridgwater Cultural Partnership

**TC2021/69 Finance** – to note the Year to Date Budget as of 30 July 2021.

***End of Agenda***