



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... **Finance and Policy Executive Committee**

Time... **10.00am**

Date... **Wednesday 22 May 2019**

Place... **John Turner Room, Town Hall, High Street, Bridgwater**

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

David Mears

David Mears PSLCC
Town Clerk
15 May 2019

10.00am (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).

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

FEC2019/01 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

FEC2019/02 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)

FEC2019/03 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 27 March 2019 (*attached*) (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

FEC2019/04 Grant Support

- I. Friends of Bridgwater Docks - £500
- II. ACTS - £2,500
- III. Citizens Advice Sedgemoor - £2,500

FEC2019/05 Ward Grants – to give delegated authority to the Town Clerk to approve with Ward Grants in conjunction with Ward Councillors. (*NB a majority of the ward councillors to support the application on three member wards or both councillors to support in two member wards. Where there is not a majority to support the application, the application will be referred back to this committee.*)

FEC2019/06 Portfolio Holders – to receive updates from portfolio holders (*NB for information only*).

FEC2019/07 Art Centre – to set up a working party to advance discussions with Sedgemoor District Council and to work with the Arts Centre.

FEC2019/07i Christmas Lights – to agree to purchase new Christmas lights for Eastover

FEC2019/08 To create a staffing sub-committee

FEC2019/09 To consider options for and to resolve what to do with the remaining 2018/19 Mayors Allowance.

FEC2019/10 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public - To agree that agenda item FEC2019/11 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

FEC2019/11 Cemetery SLA

Committee members: Cllrs Smedley (Chair), Burrows, Gibson, Heywood, Lerry, Pearce, Redman and Rodrigues.