



TOWN COUNCIL

6 November 2023

Dear Councillor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Full Town Council at which your attendance is summoned, will be held at the **Bitton House, Bitton Park Road, Teignmouth, TQ14 9DF** on **Tuesday, 14th November, 2023** at **6.00 pm** to transact the business specified in the following Agenda as set out.

Iain Wedlake
Town Clerk

Distribution: The Mayor and Members of Teignmouth Town Council as follows:

Councillors J Atkins (Chair), M Jackman, P Lloyd, C Myers, V Rudge, S Walsh,
L Chasteau, J Jackson, D Cox, R Phipps and C Williams



For information – to be taken as read:

- 1** ***Declarations of Interest*** – Members are reminded that they should declare any interests at agenda item 3 in respect of the items to be considered and are also advised that the timescale to alter their stated interests with the District Council’s Monitoring Officer is 28 days.
- 2** ***Items requiring urgent attention*** – to consider those items which, in the opinion of the Committee Chair, should be considered by the meeting as matter of urgency (if any). To be taken at the end of the meeting. Any items not listed on the agenda and decisions made may be open to legal challenge.
- 3** ***The Freedom of Information Act 2000*** deems that all information held by this Council should be freely available to the public unless it falls under one of 23 exemptions.
- 4** ***The Data Protection Act 2018*** precludes this Authority from publishing the names, addresses or other private information of individuals unless written permission is given by the individual for such details to be made public. Therefore, where necessary, personal details have been removed from the papers attached to ensure that information held is available, but individuals are protected.
- 5** ***Mobile telephones*** Councillors and members of the public are requested to ensure that mobile phones are switched to ‘silent’ during the meeting to avoid disruption.
- 6** ***Recording*** this meeting will be recorded.
- 7** ***Public Participation:***
Members of the public will be given an opportunity to address Councillors present at this meeting regarding agenda items, at the discretion of the Chairman. The comments of members of the public and electors of the parish who speak before the start of the meeting will not form part of the Minutes of the meeting.



Council not in Formal Session

Moment of reflection

For Councillors and Members of the Public Prior to the commencement of the Full Council meeting, for those who wish to do so, there will be a short period of reflection or prayer given by the appointed Mayoral Chaplain to which all are invited.

Please note;

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulation 2014, this meeting has been advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media, or members of the public. The public are welcomed at Teignmouth Town Council meetings. Members of the public are invited to ask questions or raise issues relevant to the agenda the Town Council. 15 minutes is set aside for public participation and individual speakers are restricted to 3 minutes. Public participation is not part of the formal business of the Town Council. Members of the public wishing to speak are to notify the Town Clerk before the meeting commences.

Questions and Statements Public Time

In accordance with Standing Order No. 3j, the Mayor will invite members of the public registered to ask questions. or make statements.

Police Report

To receive a report from our local Policing team

County Councillor Reports (if any)

To receive reports from Devon County Councillors representing Teignmouth

District Councillor Reports (if any) *To receive reports from Teignbridge District Councillors representing Teignmouth public and electors of the parish who speak before the start of the meeting will not form part of the Minutes of the meeting.*

Town Councillor Reports (if any) *To receive reports from Town Councillors*



Reports from Outside Bodies (if any) To hear reports from any outside bodies including those of which the member is the Town Council nominated representative.



A G E N D A

PART I

(Open to the Public)

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Town Council to be held on XXXX at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers, Bitton House to transact the business as specified in the agenda below.

Please note:

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Members of the public wishing to speak are to submit questions or statements in writing to the Town Clerk no less than 3 days before the date of the meeting.

I Wedlake Clerk

Council in Formal Session - Part 1

1. Use of Mobile Phones

In accordance with Minute 30, mobile phones be limited to personal use only (in case of emergencies) and in which case the Councillor is to leave the room to respond. Councillors must switch their mobile phones to silent during the meeting to avoid disruption.

2. Apologies for Absence

To receive, note and where requested, approve the reasons for apologies for absence.

3. Declarations of Interest

To declare any disclosable interests relating to the forthcoming items of business (if any).



4. **Dispensations**

To receive and consider requests for dispensation (if any).

5. **Minutes** (Pages 11 - 14)

To approve, sign and adopt the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th October 2023.

6. **Clerks report (if any)** (Pages 15 - 16)

7. **Mayors report** (Pages 17 - 20)

8. **List of payments** (Pages 21 - 24)

To receive and approve the list of payments for September.

9. **TDC Withdrawal of Blue flag and Seaside award funding**

As I am sure you are aware, each year we apply to Keep Britain Tidy for a Blue Flag or Seaside award for Teignmouth beach, unfortunately the latter last year. We need to submit a full application each year and we are assessed in the summer against a range of criteria for each award.

The Blue Flag and Seaside Awards are aimed at improving the quality of England's coastline and promoting England's best beaches. Blue Flag is an international award presented to well-managed beaches with excellent water quality and environmental education programmes. Seaside Awards are presented to the best beaches in England and celebrate the quality and diversity of our coastline. With an increased number of staycations in the UK it is even more important that we recognise our clean, safe and award winning beaches for both our residents and visitors. Visitors are increasingly looking for beaches that are safe and have clean bathing water and therefore having a beach award might even affect where they come on holiday which will have a direct impact on tourism and local businesses.

For 2024 we are looking to seek funding from Town and Parish Councils for the award, if this is something that the Town would like to continue to apply for. Unfortunately the beach awards are not a statutory obligation for the District Council, and we are under increased pressure to find savings for the District. It would be a real loss for the District to not be able to recognise our award winning beaches and the attraction they have on drawing tourism to our town. We hope that this is something that you will be able to consider and support.

The District council would still support the awards in terms of the officer time to submit the application and coordination of the award criteria, however we would be looking for financial support from the Town and Parish Councils.



The cost of the Blue Flag application is £838.95 + VAT and the seaside award is £612.15 + VAT and we would need to submit the application by the end of December 2023. We will not find out from DEFRA/EA until the 1st December what the bathing water quality classifications are for 2024. Therefore we will not be in a position to put in an application until the 1st as this will determine whether we apply for a Seaside Award or a Blue Flag.

If you could consider our proposal please and let us know if there is a date that you would need to take this to a wider Council meeting in order to give a response. We appreciate that there isn't much time to consider the proposal but we would really need a decision by the end of November at the latest to enable an application to be submitted as soon as we get the classifications on the 1st Dec.