

PRESENT:

North Ward:

Councillor D Bushby (Chairman)
Councillor P S Christie

South Ward:

Councillor P Lawrence

East Ward:

Councillor Mrs R Craigie
Councillor Mrs J Gubb (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor J McKenzie

West Ward:

Councillor Mrs K Corfe
Councillor D Ratcliff

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs H J Blackburn (Town Clerk)
Mrs L Dixon-Chatfield (Town Clerk' Assistant)
8 Members of the public

115. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Lawrence declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9. (Up Close Theatre Trustee.)

Councillor Mrs Gubb declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9. (She is a committee member of the Bideford Massed Pipes and Drums, Carnival Committee, and Port of Bideford Regatta Committee.) Councillor Mrs Gubb also declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 9. (Bideford Bike Show, Bideford No 1 OAPs., Born to Skate, Soap Box Derby, Rotary Club, Christmas Light Switch On, New Year's Eve Family Party - Work involvement with the aforementioned organisations)

117. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Four Members of the Torridge Scouts addressed the Committee and talked about the Devon Scout Jamboree they have been selected to attend in South Korea next year. The event is held every four years in a different country, and they are fund raising to be able to attend the event in 2023. The event is both educational and designed to promote peace and understanding. They said that it is a great learning opportunity. They detailed the fund raising they have done to date, and their future fund-raising plans.

118. MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor Ratcliff and seconded by Councillor Mrs Corfe, the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Vote - For: 6, Against: 0, abstentions: 2)

119. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

In light of the Red weather warning for tomorrow, the office staff will be working from home, and the Maintenance Team have been advised to work indoors. They will be on standby for any emergencies that occur in town.

120. ACCOUNTS

Members received the list of payments.

Proposed by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by Councillor Mrs Corfe and

RESOLVED: That the draft list of payments is approved.

(Vote – For: 8, Against: 0)

121. GRANT CHEQUES

Members considered whether to send out the grant cheques normally presented at the Annual Parish Meeting by post, rather than to require the recipients to attend in person given the current capacity of the Town Hall.

Proposed by Councillor Bushby seconded by Councillor McKenzie and

RESOLVED: That the grant cheques for 2022 are sent by post to the recipients.

(Vote – For: 8, Against: 0)

122. CONTRIBUTION TO THE MACEBEARERS' CONFERENCE

Members considered contributing towards the refreshments at the Mace-Bearers' Conference which will be held in the Town Hall on 11 March 2022.

Proposed by Councillor Bushby, seconded by Councillor Mrs Corfe and

RESOLVED: That a contribution of £300 is made towards the refreshments at the Mace-Bearers' Conference.

(Vote – For: 7, Against: 0, Abstention: 1)

123. GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2022/23

The Councillors then considered each application received and made recommendations to Full Council for the award of grants from 1 April 2023, as detailed in the table below.

GRANTS 2022 - 2023

Recipient	Sum Awarded
1st Woolserly Scouts	£500.00
Atlantic Village TIC	£1,000.00
Bideford Amateur Athletic Club	£1,000.00
Bideford Amateur Boxing Club	£1,000.00
Bideford AFC Youth	£2,000.00
Bideford Bike Show	£4,000.00 **

** Members noted that a significant amount of funds raised at the event are given to charity. As BTC have been unable to award the full grant amount requested it is recommended that the group hold back some income towards future events.

Bideford Blues & Appledore JFC	£2,000.00
Bideford Carnival Committee	£1,500.00
Bideford & Dist. Comm Archive	£500.00
Bideford Gardener's Club	£500.00
Bideford Keyboard & Organ Club	£500.00
Bideford / Landvisau Twinning Association	£1,000.00
Bideford, Littleham & Wwd Ho! C.C. Colts	£1,000.00
Bideford Massed Pipes and Drums	£2,500.00
Bideford Music Club	£250.00
Bideford No1 OAPS	£500.00
Bideford Railway Heritage Centre	£500.00
Bideford Rugby Football Club	£0.00
Bideford Town Band	£1,000.00
Born to Skate	£2,000.00
Families in Grief	£500.00
Friday Diner	£500.00
King of Kooks	£0.00
Northam Lions Football Club	£500.00
North Devon Forum for Autism	£1,000.00
North Devon Display Gymnastics Club	£500.00
Out of this World Events Soapbox Derby	£4,000.00 **

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Port of Bideford Regatta Committee	£1,500.00
Rainbo Music Trust	£3,000.00
Rotary Club of Bideford	£1,000.00 **
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Slightly Different Singing Group	£500.00
SWEMS Christmas Lights Switch ON	
The award of £20,000 to SWEMS is for all four events, but the Christmas Lights Switch On is the priority event. However, Members suggested that cost-savings could be made by reducing some of the peripheral activities usually held during the day.	
SWEMS Bideford Food & Drink Festival	£20,000.00
SWEMS New Year's Eve Family Party	
SWEMS Wicked Week	
Steamship Freshspring Society	£200.00
Tarka Child Contact Centre	£500.00
TTVS	£2,650.00
Torridge CAB	£2,650.00
Torridge District Guide Association	£500.00
Torridge Elite Majorettes	£500.00
Torridge Ring and Ride	£500.00
Part of Ilfracome Transport Assoc.	
Torridge Scouts Jamboree	£1,000.00
Torridge Volunteer Cars	£200.00
Up Close Theatre	£2,000.00
Victoria Park Bowling Club	£250.00
Way of the Wharves	£500.00
Contingency Sum	£8,300.00
TOTAL:	£75,000.00

Proposed by Councillor Bushby, seconded by Councillor McKenzie and

RECOMMENDED: That the grant allocation of £ 66,700.00 as detailed in the above table with a contingency totalling £ 8,300, and making an overall total of £75,000 is agreed by Full Council.

(Vote - For: 8, Against: 0)

The business of the meeting having been completed, the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.35 pm.