

# BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL



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Heather Blackburn  
Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Thursday 17 March 2022

To: Members of the Staffing, Finance & General Purposes Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Staffing, Finance & General Purposes Committee** of the above-named Council to be held in the Town Hall, on **Thursday 24 March 2022 at 6.30 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

In accordance with The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 members of the public are welcome to attend. There is a legal right to film/record/photograph/report public meetings.

Heather Blackburn  
Clerk to the Council

## AGENDA

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and note any requests for dispensation received by the Clerk prior to the meeting. Encl.
3. Public participation session of 15 minutes duration on items on the agenda.
4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 February 2022 (Grants) as a correct record. Dist. with TC agenda
5. Items brought forward by the Chairman.
6. Accounts - to approve the payments listed. To follow
7. The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 – To make a recommendation to Council for the financial year 2022/23. Report
8. To consider whether to agree to the payment for the church clock service at St. Mary's church ahead of it being repaired. Encl.

9. To consider the purchase of a gift for the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Twinning Association.
10. To consider the purchase of a portable projector and screen for use in the Council Chamber. Encl.
11. To receive the report on the Devon Air Ambulance Heli Pad landing site for Pollyfield with a view to agreeing the terms proposed for the Memorandum of Understanding between Bideford Town Council, Shamwickshire Rovers Football Club and Devon Air Ambulance and to consider the allocation of any remaining funds. Encl.
12. To receive the reply from Red Earth following a letter asking if Red Earth would like to contribute towards the cost of the underbridge lighting repairs, and to agree a response. Encl.
13. Maintenance Operatives –
  - a. To receive an update on the tasks undertaken by the Maintenance Operatives. Encl.
  - b. To consider the recommendation from the Maintenance Team Supervisor to employ the Seasonal Worker between May 2022 and September 2022 to assist with the additional summer workload. Encl.

## **PART II (Closed Session)**

14. Staffing Matters Encl.

## **Report**

### **Agenda item - 7**

Members are asked to make a recommendation to Council on an annual basis in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003. In setting the amount of the allowance the Council should have regard to the actions of The District Council. The Councillor annual allowance for Bideford Town Council is currently set at £912, with the Mayor's allowance set at £2,500 (which includes the sum of £500 to be used by the Deputy Mayor for civic expenses if required).

### **Torrige District Council has advised:**

- The Allowance should be uprated annually on the basis of any percentage increase agreed for NJC Local Government Staff. This has just been confirmed at 1.75% with effect from 1 April 2021.

**The next meeting of the Staffing, Finance & General Purposes Committee will be held on Thursday 28 April at 6.30 pm.**

### **MEMBERS OF THE STAFFING, FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Councillors D Bushby, P Christie, Mrs K Corfe, Mrs R Craigie, Mrs J Gubb, D McGeough, P Lawrence, J McKenzie, D Ratcliff.

