

To all Members of Honiton Town Council

A meeting of **Honiton Town Council** to which you are summoned, will be held at The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton on **Monday 8th January 2024 commencing at 7.00pm** to transact the following business.

This meeting will be a physical face to face meeting, which can also be viewed via Zoom. Please see details below to download Zoom, however this is not guaranteed.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81406884787?pwd=SJmBx1oc8zbGOWAQGYWXdA6a7fhxTq.1>

Meeting ID: 814 0688 4787

Passcode: 215344

Date: 3rd January 2024

Stephen Hill
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Town Clerk

AGENDA

If members of the public make a representation to the meeting or simply attend, they will be deemed to have consented to being audio recorded. Voting will also take place by a show of hands and the Clerk will indicate that the votes have been counted.

- 1. Election of the Town Council Chairman**
Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to elect a Chairman (also known as the Town Mayor) for the remainder of 2023/24 and signing of the Declaration of Office.
- 2. Election of the Town Council Deputy Chairman**
Council may **RESOLVE** to elect a Deputy Chairman (also to be known as the Deputy Town Mayor) for the remainder of 2023/24.
- 3. Apologies for Absence**
To **RECEIVE** apologies and **RESOLVE** to approve any reasons for absence.
- 4. Declarations of Interests**
To **RECEIVE** any declarations of interest.

<p>Members are reminded that if they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) (on their register of interest or otherwise) relating to any item on the agenda they are prevented from participating in any discussion or voting on that matter at the meeting as to do so would amount to a criminal offence. Similarly, if you are or become aware of a DPI in a matter under consideration at this meeting which is not on your register of interests or is in the process of being added to your register you must disclose such interest at this meeting, leave and not Vote on the item</p>

and register the DPI within 28 days. Similarly, other Personal Interests should be declared at this meeting.

5. Dispensations

To **NOTE** applications for and grant of dispensations made by the Town Clerk in relation to the business of this meeting.

6. Public Question Time for items on the agenda

Questions relating to items on the agenda may be asked at the meeting, at the discretion of the Mayor or meeting chairman. No more than 3 minutes will be allowed for any person speaking and normally up to a total of 15 minutes will be permitted. The council may respond verbally at the meeting or subsequently in writing. Members of the public will be allowed to speak at the beginning of the meeting in the usual way. To ensure the smooth running of the meeting, members of the public should provide their questions in writing prior to midday on the day of the meeting. Questions received after midday will not be tabled at the meeting.

[Public Question from John Zarczynski.](#)

7. Exempt Business

Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that under section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for items of business in view of the likely disclosure of confidential matters about information relating to an individual, and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, within the meaning of paragraph 1 and 8 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (see section 1 and part 1 of schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to information) Act 1985, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

8. [Reports from District and County Councillors](#)

Council is asked to **NOTE** (and may ask questions on) the report/s from District and County Councillors.

9. Reports from Honiton Town Council Members with Special Responsibilities and/or on Outside Bodies

Council is asked to **NOTE** any report/s from Town Councillors with Special Responsibilities and/or on Outside Bodies.

10. Reports and Recommendations from Working Groups and Committees

Council is asked to **NOTE** any reports from Town Councillors on Working Groups and to **RESOLVE** to approve any Recommendations from Working Groups and Meetings, of which Councillors have previously been notified:

11. Correspondence: 6th December 2023 – 2nd January 2024

Council is asked to **NOTE** that there have been three matters of correspondence (on matters not otherwise included on this Agenda) received by the Council since last Full Council (copies are available at the Council offices).

1. [Letter from Monsieur Francois Aubey](#)
2. [Letter from Honiton Primary School](#)
3. [Letter from David Perkins](#)

12. **[Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11th December 2023](#)**
Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to approve for accuracy the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11th December 2023 as published and circulated with this Agenda.
13. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**
Council is asked to **NOTE** the minutes of the:
 - a. [Planning Committee 12 December 2023](#);
 - b. [Finance & Policy Committee 18th December 2023](#); and
 - c. [Town Management Committee 4th December 2023](#).
14. **[Membership of Committees and Working Groups](#)**
Council is asked to **RESOLVE** Membership of each Committee and Working Group and Members with Special Responsibilities and/or on Outside Bodies.
15. **South Western Railway's Annual Stakeholder Survey**
Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to delegate to the Town Clerk to provide a response to SWR's survey on behalf of the Town Council. [Survey 2% complete \(savanta.com\)](#)
16. **Council Office Phones For Sale**
Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to approve sale of 5no. redundant Office phones to Magellan Systems Ltd at £100.00 total.
17. **[Budget for Honiton Community Complex 23/24](#)**
Council is asked to **RESOLVE** the Recommendations of Finance & Policy Committee to transfer by virement £40k Budgets 23/24 towards financial support of Honiton Community Complex and (if necessary) from Earmarked Reserves.
18. **[Earmarked Reserves](#)**
Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to:
 - a. approve the current EMR; and
 - b. propose EMR to a future Full Council (after closedown of accounts 23/24).
19. **[Budget 24/25](#)**
Council is asked to **RESOLVE** the a) budget and b) Precept 24/25 and **NOTE** the comparisons of Accounts:
 - a. [Budget](#)
 - b. [Comparison of Budgets](#)
20. **Grants 23/24**
Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to Decide on Grants 23/24 to TRIP, the Community Use Building (CUB) and Honiton Museum.
21. **Bank Signatories**
Council is asked to **RESOLVE** two Councillors as Unity Trust bank signatories.
22. **[Accounts](#)**
Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to approve the schedule of accounts for November 2023 payments.
23. **To close the meeting**

Reminder for Members

- You must declare the nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests. (Under the Localism Act 2011, this means the interests of your spouse, or civil partner, a person with whom you are living with as husband and wife or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners). You must also disclose any personal interest.
- You must disclose your interest in an item whenever it becomes apparent that you have an interest in the business being considered.
- Make sure you say what your interest is as this has to be included in the minutes. (For example, 'I have a disclosable pecuniary interest because this planning application is made by my husband's employer'.)
- If your interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest you cannot participate in the discussion, cannot vote, and must leave the room unless you have obtained a dispensation from the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.
- Confidential information can be viewed at the Town Council Office during public opening hours of 10am – 1pm or by pre-arranged appointment for outside office hours.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AS OBSERVERS

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public are now 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.

Members of the public exercising their right to speak during Public Question Time may be recorded.

Copies of this document are available in large print on request.

COPIES OF ALL RELEVANT PAPERS MAY BE ACCESSED AT www.honiton.gov.uk OR VIA THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE.