



Barnstaple Town Council

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Mr Robert Ward, Town Clerk

A Pre-meeting for Committee Chairs will be held at 6.30pm in the Dodderidge Room.

Prayers will be held at 6.55pm in the Council Chamber for anyone wishing to attend.

You are hereby summoned to attend the **BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** on **Monday 22nd January 2024 at 7.00 pm** in **The Guildhall, Butchers Row, Barnstaple** for the transaction of the undermentioned business.

Questions by the public

There will be a period for questions by the public at a time to be determined by the Chairman. Anyone wishing to ask questions is requested to notify the Town Clerk by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.

Recording, photographs and filming

In accordance with the Council's Protocol for the Recording or Reporting of Council and Committee Meetings, the press or public may audio-record, photograph or film meetings, or report from the meeting using social media. As such, members of the public may be recorded or photographed during the meeting. Anyone wishing to record or photograph the meeting must notify the Town Clerk before the commencement of the meeting.

Mr Robert Ward

Town Clerk

Tuesday 16 January 2024

AGENDA

- 1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
All apologies must be notified to the Town Council offices by 5pm on the day of the meeting.
- 2. To receive any dispensations and disclosable pecuniary or other interests.**
- 3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8th January 2024. (Pages 3 - 4)**
- 4. Mayor's Announcements.**
- 5. To receive a report (if any) from Devon & Cornwall Constabulary**
- 6. To receive reports (if any) from Devon County and North Devon District Councillors.**
- 7. To receive and adopt the minutes of committees and the resolutions contained therein as shown below, and to consider any questions on reports contained in the minutes of committees, asked by members of the Council in accordance Standing Order 28:**

- a. Community Development Committee, 23rd November 2023 (Pages 5 - 15)
- b. Finance & General Purposes Committee, 11th December 2023 (Pages 16 - 18)
- c. Planning & Transportation Committee, 14th December 2023 (Pages 19 - 20)

8. To consider reports (if any) from Town Council representatives to outside bodies and determine any actions arising.

9. Budget and Precept 2024-2025

To Consider and approve the Budget and Precept for 2024-25 as proposed by the Finance & General Purposes Committee on 15th January 2024.

The proposed budget is £1,364,646 an increase of 40p per week for a Band D household.

- a. Budget Briefing Note from Finance & General Purposes Committee (Pages 21 - 24)
- b. Proposed Budget 2024-2025 (Pages 25 - 30)

10. Town Clerk's Report (to follow)

11. To receive and consider a motion for Barnstaple Town Council to join the Northern Devon Railway Development Alliance. (Pages 31 - 32)