



AGENDA FOR THE TOWN MATTERS COMMITTEE

MONDAY 24TH MARCH 2025 IN THE GUILDHALL

There are stairs to the Council Chamber but if any member of the public has mobility issues the Council can relocate to the lower Guildhall.

You are hereby **SUMMONED** to attend the **Town Matters Committee** on **Monday 24th March 2025** at **6.30pm** for a maximum of 90 minutes in the Guildhall for the purpose of transacting the following business:

Committee Members: Councillors S Collinson (Chair), L Auletta, C Beavis, J Chinnock, J Cummings, D Peters, A Presswell, E Price, N Roberts and T Robshaw.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair will read out the following statement:

Welcome to everyone attending and observing the meeting.

A reminder that open proceedings of this meeting will be video recorded. If members of the public make presentations, they will be deemed to have consented to being recorded. By entering the Council Chamber attendees are also consenting to being recorded.

This meeting is limited to 90 minutes and therefore members are asked to raise their points succinctly and not repeat the same view expressed by colleagues if it does not add to the debate.

To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council.

The Committee will adjourn for the following items:

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Committee or other items that affect Totnes.

The Committee will convene to consider the following items:

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes of 27th January 2025 and update on any matters arising. Document attached.

3. STRATEGY DELIVERY GROUP AND WORKING GROUPS

To consider the notes and any recommendations from the following (documents attached):

- a. Community Working Group, 11th February 2025.
- b. Economy Working Group, 12th February 2025.

c. Environment and Public Realm Working Group, 29th January 2025.

4. DEVON WILDLIFE TRUST – BOWDEN PILLARS FARM PROJECT

To consider (document attached):

- a. the inclusion of the Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT) Atlantic rainforest project at Bowden Pillars Farm for inclusion in the Open Spaces, Sports, Recreation and Wellbeing Plan; and
- b. in principle support for any signage about the project which DWT may wish to erect in the future.

5. OPEN SPACES, SPORTS, RECREATION AND WELLBEING PLAN UPDATE

To update on any general matters linked to the Open Spaces, Sport Recreation and Wellbeing Plan (standing item). No document.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next meeting of the Town Matters Committee – Monday 23rd June 2025 at 6.30pm.

*The Committee will be asked to **RESOLVE** to exclude the press and public “by reason of the confidential nature of the business” to be discussed and in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. (CONFIDENTIAL by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council)*

7. COMMUNITY AWARD SCHEME

To consider the nominations for the Community Award scheme individual and group categories, and the Judy Westacott award and make a recommendation to Full Council (personal information). Document attached.

Sara Halliday
Governance and Projects Manager
19th March 2025

USE OF SOUND RECORDINGS AT COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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