



**BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting**

**held in the Green House, Riverbank House, Bideford on,**

**Wednesday 11 March 2026 at 6.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**

South Ward: Councillor P Lawrence  
Councillor S Inch  
Councillor Ms R Clarke

East Ward: Councillor Mrs L Hellyer  
Councillor J McKenzie  
Councillor J Hellyer

West Ward: Councillor T Inch

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs J Gardner (Town Clerk)

Miss C Heller (Administrative Officer)

87. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

88. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor T Inch declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5.b (planning application 1/0154/2026/FUL) by virtue of being personally acquainted with the applicant.

89. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION OF 15 MINUTES DURATION**

There were no members of the public present.

90. **MINUTES**

Proposed by Councillor Peter Lawrence and seconded by Councillor Jamie McKenzie, the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2026 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Vote – For: 7, Against: 0, Abstentions: 2)

91. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a. Application No. [1/0106/2026/LBC](#) [1/0105/2026/FUL](#)

<https://publicaccess.torridge.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

Alterations to shopfront

**67 - 68 High Street Bideford Devon EX39 2AN**

Applicant: Mr Simon Haywood

Date Received: 18 February 2026

It was proposed by Councillor James Hellyer, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Hellyer

**RESOLVED:** That the application is recommended for approval by the local planning authority Torridge District Council.

- b. Application No. [1/0154/2026/FUL](#)

<https://publicaccess.torridge.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=TAYOXVQK0F900>

Change of use of two commercial premises to two dwellings.

**Location: 13-15 Westcombe Lane Bideford, Devon EX39 3JQ**

Applicant: Mr Graeme Scott

Date Received. 3 March 2026

It was proposed by Councillor P Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Jamie McKenzie

**RESOLVED:** That the application is recommended for approval by the local planning authority Torridge District Council.

(Vote – For: 6, Against: 0, Abstentions: 1)

- c. Application No. [1/0962/2025/LBC](#)

<https://publicaccess.torridge.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

Alterations to roofs, roof lights, valley gutters and fascias

**Location: Bethel Church, Torrington Street, Bideford, Devon**

Applicant: Mr Keith Holland

Date Received. 4 March 2026

It was proposed Councillor James Hellyer, seconded by Councillor Rachel Clarke

**RESOLVED:** Not To Comment

(Vote – For: 4, Against: 3, Abstentions: 0)

- d. Application No. [1/0174/2026/LBC](#) [1/0173/2026/FUL](#)

<https://publicaccess.torridge.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

Replacement roof, repairs and associated works

**Location: Bideford Pannier Market, Bideford, Devon**

Applicant: Bideford Town Council

Date Received. 4 march 2026

It was proposed to decline to comment by Councillor Mrs L Hellyer, seconded by Councillor Peter Lawrence

**RESOLVED:** Not to comment

- e. Application No. [1/0970/2025/LA](#) [1/0971/2025/LBC](#)

<https://publicaccess.torridge.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

Change of use of library (Use Class F1) to create a multifunctional sport and fitness facility (Use Class E) and associated alterations

**Location: Torridge District Council, Town Hall, Bridge Street, Bideford**

Applicant: Mr Adrian Redwood

Date Received. 24 February 2026

It was proposed to decline to comment by Councillor Mrs L Hellyer, seconded by Councillor Peter Lawrence

**RESOLVED:** Not to comment

92. **PLANNING AUTHORITY UPDATE**

There was no update on planning application decisions received from TDC.

The business of the meeting having been completed, the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 6.41 pm.

Signature of Town Mayor: ..... Date: .....

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