

BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Richard Coombes
Acting Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Friday 16 January 2026

To: Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Bideford Town Council** to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bideford, on **Thursday 22 January 2026 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.

R Coombes
Acting 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. Enc
3. Public participation session of 15 minutes duration on items on the agenda.
4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 December 2025 as a correct record. Enc
5. Accounts - To approve the payments listed. Enc
6. To receive a verbal report from the Devon County, Bideford West and Hartland, Councillor on issues within the parish.
7. To receive a report from the Police on issues within the parish.
8. To receive such communications as the Town Mayor / Clerk may wish to lay before the Council, including return of Members Register of Interest Forms.
9. To consider and resolve upon the recommendation to introduce a financial software package from 1 April 2026. Enc
10. Planning Committee - To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on Enc

7 January 2026.

11. Staffing, Finance and General Purposed Committee – To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2026. Enc

(Minute No. 89 (Precept / Budget 26/27 is a recommendation.)

12. Rangers' Equipment replacement.
- a. To consider and resolve upon the purchase of vehicle replacement for the Rangers' Toyota Hilux. E mail
- b. To consider and resolve upon replacement or replacement parts for nine years old Ferris "walk behind" grass machine 48 inch bed. E mail

13. Torridge District Council – To receive an update on Torridge District Council activities.

14. Bideford Bridge Trust – To receive an update on Bridge Trust activities by one of the Trustees.

15. **PART II (Closed Session)**

16. **To resolve to exclude members of the public and the press to progress a matter of a confidential nature under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960 and Local Government Act 1972, ss 100 and 102.**

17. Market Hall Project update.

18. Staffing Matters.

Prayers will be said by Reverend Sean O' Rourke, in the Council Chamber at 6.20 pm, prior to the start of the meeting. Councillors and Members of the Public are invited to participate if they so wish.

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 19 March 2026 at 6.30pm