BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Janine Gardner
Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Thursday, 15 October 2026

To: Members of the full Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

Meeting: Town Council
Meeting Date: Thursday, 22 October 2026
Meeting Time: 6:30pm
Venue: Greenhouse, Riverbank House, Bideford EX39 2QG

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.

J Gardner
Clerk to the Council

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and note any requests for dispensation received by the Clerk prior to the meeting.

3. Public Participation

Public participation session of 15 minutes duration on items on the agenda.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2026 as a correct record.

5. District and County Matters

To consider reports by district and county representatives.

6. Items Brought Forward by the Chair

7. External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2025-26

To note the external auditor's report and certificate relating to the 2025-26 financial year.

8. Town Council Sponsorship Opportunities

To consider the attached report.

9. Survey of Wrecks in the River Torridge

To consider an update by Cllr Ken Hind – *to follow*.

10. Planning Applications

To agree the Council's responses to planning applications 1/0722/2026/LBC and 1/0741/2026/TEL following an inquorate Planning Committee meeting on 7 October 2026.

11. Committee Minutes

To adopt the minutes of the:

a) Resources Committee on 8 October 2026
b) Amenities Committee on 15 October 2026 – *to follow*

12. Bideford College Governor Vacancy

To consider applying for a Town Council representative on the Board of Governors at Bideford College.

13. List of Payments

To approve the list of payments.

Part II (Closed Session)

14. Exclusion of the Press and Public

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.

15. Potential Use of Site off Honestone Street

To consider a follow-up report detailing the potential options for future use of a site off Honestone Street in Bideford.

16. Land at Ford Rock

To consider a report regarding land ownership at the public open space at Ford Rock.

17. Staff Accommodation at the Town Hall

To consider a report regarding the accommodation of Town Council staff at the Town Hall following the latter's refurbishment.

Date of Next Meeting: 19 November 2026

Prayers / a moment of contemplation will be said by Mary Law, independent celebrant, in the Glass House, Riverbank House at 6.20pm, prior to the start of the meeting. Councillors and Members of the Public are invited to participate if they so wish.