



BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Name of Committee: Planning Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 15 July 2026

Meeting Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Greenhouse, Riverbank House, Bideford EX39 2QG

Present:

South Ward

Councillor P Lawrence

East Ward

Councillor L Hellyer (Chair)

Councillor J McKenzie

North Ward

Councillor D Bushby

Councillor K Hind

Also Present:

C Heller, Administration Officer

18. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Inch and R Clarke. Apologies were not received from Councillor T Inch.

19. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

No declarations of interest or requests for dispensations were received.

20. Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting.

21. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor J McKenzie, seconded by Councillor L Hellyer and **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2026 as a correct record.

(Vote – For:5, Against: 0, Abstention: 0)

22. Consideration of Planning Applications

To consider and resolve the enclosed Planning applications on behalf of the Council.

a. Application No. 1/0440/2026/FUL

Erection of 1no. dwelling and associated works, public bench and landscaping

Location: Land At Grid Reference 243890 125702, High Park Close, Bideford, Devon

Applicant: Mr Paul Knox

Date Received: 17 June 2026

It was proposed by Councillor P Lawrence, seconded by Councillor J McKenzie and **resolved** to recommend to the local planning authority Torridge District Council that the application be refused on the basis that Devon County Highways objected as the proposal would require the removal of public highway rights, which the Highway Authority would not support and Southwest Water objected as the proposed discharge of surface water to the public combined sewerage network is not an accepted method of surface water disposal.

(Vote – For:0, Against:5, Abstention:0)

b. Application No. 1/0448/2026/FUL

Use of building as class E (c)(ii) office space, replacement roof and glazed facade, inclusion of PV and associated works

Location: Old Bridge Antiques, The Pill, Kingsley Road, Bideford

Applicant: Blueberry Estates

Date Received: 25 June 2026

It was proposed by Councillor L Hellyer, seconded by Councillor J McKenzie and **resolved** to recommend to the local planning authority Torridge District Council to approve the application.

(Vote – For:5, Against:0, Abstention:0)

c. Application No. 1/0449/2026/FUL

Alterations to existing shop front

Location: Unit 10 Affinity Outlet Devon Bideford Devon EX39 3DU

Applicant: 0003 Affinity Atlantic Village (Freeholdco) Ltd c/o Global Mutual Ltd

Date Received: 6 July 2026

It was proposed by Councillor P Lawrence, seconded by Councillor J McKenzie and **resolved** to recommend to the local planning authority, Torridge District Council, to approve the application.

(Vote – For:5, Against 0, Abstention:0)

d. Application No. 1/0998/2025/REMM

Reserved matters application for Internal Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for 10 dwellings pursuant to application 1/1015/2014/OUTM

Location: Land At Grid Reference 243152 126528 Abbotsham Road Bideford Devon

Applicant: Bloor Homes

Date Received: 9 July 2026

It was proposed by Councillor P Lawrence, seconded by Councillor L Hellyer and resolved to recommend to the local planning authority, Torridge District Council, to approve the application

(Vote – For:5, Against: 0, Abstention: 0)

23. Planning Applications Outcomes and Appeals Notification

To receive details of those Planning Applications which have been granted/refused by Planning Authorities, and any notifications of Planning Appeals.

24. Northern Devon Local Plan Scoping Consultation – Draft Response for Planning Committee Consideration

It was proposed by Councillor P Lawrence and seconded by Councillor L Hellyer and **resolved** to recommend to the Northern Devon Local Plan Scoping Consultation to approve the Draft Response following proposed amendments.

(Vote – For:5, Against: 0, Abstention: 0)

The business of the meeting having been concluded the Chair thanked the councillors for their attendance at the meeting, which concluded at 6:42pm.

Signature of Town Mayor: Date:

Signature of Chair: Date: