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To all Town Councillors

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Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Town Council is to be held virtually on **Tuesday 30 March 2021 at 7.00pm**, when it is proposed to transact the business shown on the following agenda.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/473116661>. You can also dial in using your phone, tel. 020 3713 5011, access code: 473-116-661. New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when the meeting starts: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/473116661>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Will Austin', enclosed in a large, loopy oval shape.

Town Clerk

The meeting is open to the public

AGENDA

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Prior to the start of each ordinary Council meeting, there will be an Open Public Forum of up to 45 minutes for electors or residents in the parish of Bridport or adjoining parishes. This will be in two parts.

- a public discussion on a particular issue of current interest. There will be no time limits on public contributions in this section of the Open Forum. The subject for discussion at this meeting is Bridport Rail Renewal, including an address by Bridport Renewal.
- public questions or statements, primarily in respect of items on the agenda of the Town Council meeting, but also in the interests of wider public discussion. Each question/contribution under this section will not exceed three minutes in duration.



1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies for absence submitted by Members.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive any declarations of interest by Members.
3. **MINUTES**
To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 19 January 2021 ([copy herewith](#)).
4. **STANDING ORDER 14(b)**
Questions, if any, pursuant to Standing Order 14(b).

5. **COMMITTEES**
To receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings:

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| a. | Planning | 25 January 2021 | (previously circulated) |
| b. | Planning | 22 February 2021 | (copy herewith) |
| c. | Planning | 22 March 2021 | (copy herewith) |
| d. | Finance and
General Purposes | 15 March 2021 | (copy herewith) |

Including the following recommendations:

(Min. No. 38)
RECOMMEND:

Community Governance Review

- (1) that a Working Group of members be established to consider the community governance review; and
- (2) that the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Full Council should consider the membership of the working group, and that Cllrs Julian Jones, Maggie Ray, Martin Ray, Anne Rickard and Dave Rickard be agreed as members.

(Min. No. 68)
RECOMMEND:

Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee

- (1) that the following be adopted as the Council's Ethical Decisions Policy:

In the context of Bridport Town Council, ethical decisions and behaviour are those which, when undertaken by either council employees or elected councillors, avoids harm and enhances the wellbeing of Bridport residents in their role as global citizens.

This wellbeing has many dimensions, including, but not limited to:

- Economic wellbeing
- Social wellbeing
- Physical and mental health
- Legal & regulatory obligations



- Climatic and environmental consequences
- Human Rights enhancement
- The wellbeing of other global citizens and future generations

There will be occasions when two or more of these dimensions appear to be in conflict. On such occasions, the person acting will need to make a balanced judgement as to the greater good.

The Council's ethical decision matrix highlights the most obvious considerations when considering decisions.

and

- (2) that the Ethical Decision Matrix be adopted for use, as shown at Appendix 1 to these minutes.

(Min. No. 71)
RECOMMEND:

Bridport Community Charity

that delegated authority be granted to the Town Clerk to proceed with the creation of a charity, subject to an upper limit on costs of £1,000 and any decisions of significance, such as the governance structure, being referred to members for approval.

(Min. No. 73)
RECOMMEND:

Investment Strategy

that the Investment Strategy and scoring matrix be agreed as shown at Appendix 2 to these minutes.

e. **Finance and
General Purposes**

24 March 2021

**(to be tabled at or prior
the meeting)**

f. **Environment and
Social Wellbeing**

10 March 2021

(copy herewith)

Including the following recommendations:

(Min No. 57)

RECOMMEND to Full
Council via F&GP
Committee:

Ethical Investment and Procurement

As per minute 68(1) of Finance & General Purposes
Committee 15 March 2021 above.

(Min No. 57)

RECOMMEND to Full
Council via F&GP
Committee:

Ethical Investment and Procurement

As per minute 68(2) of Finance & General Purposes
Committee 15 March 2021 above.

6. **MOTION SUBMITTED BY CLLR ROSE ALLWORK AND
CLLR KELVIN CLAYTON**

To consider the following motion:



Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK and around the world.

Without more significant and sustained action, the world is set to exceed the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit between 2030 and 2040. Therefore the current UK target of net zero by 2050 is not satisfactory. It is too little, too late.

Bridport Town Council notes that:

- (i) This council has declared a climate and ecological emergency.
- (ii) There is a Bill before Parliament—the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the “Climate and Ecology Bill”)—according to which the Government must develop an emergency strategy that:
 - (a) requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial temperatures;
 - (b) ensures that all the UK's consumption emissions are accounted for;
 - (c) includes emissions from aviation and shipping;
 - (d) protects and restores biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
 - (e) restores and regenerates the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, maximising their capacity to absorb CO₂ and their resistance to climate heating;
 - (f) sets up an independent Citizens' Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and Government and help develop the emergency strategy.

Council therefore resolves to:

- (i) Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill;
- (ii) Inform the local media of this decision;
- (iii) Write to the MP for West Dorset, asking them to support the Bill;
- (iv) Write to the [CEE Bill Alliance](#), the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (campaign@ceebill.uk).

[In considering this motion members may wish to refer to a summary of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill at <https://www.bridport-tc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Executive-summary-CEE-Bill.pdf>]

- 7. DORSET COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT
To receive any updates from Dorset Council ward members.



8. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM
To agree the subject for the next Council meeting.
9. REPORT BACK FROM OUTSIDE BODIES
Any reports that councillors may wish to make, not already presented at committees.
10. AGNES SUTTILL AND OTHER HERITAGE MATTERS
To consider a report of the Town Clerk, [ENCL: 3608](#), and agree any actions arising.
11. COMMUNICATIONS
To receive such communications as the Town Mayor, [ENCL: 3609](#), Leader of the Council and the Town Clerk may wish to report to Council.

The next ordinary meeting of Bridport Town Council will be held on 22 June 2021.

The Annual Council (Mayor Making) will be held on 13 May 2021.