



Barnard Castle Town Council

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COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 27 JULY 2020

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of Barnard Castle Town Council to be held on the Zoom platform virtually on **Monday 27 July 2020** commencing at **6:00pm** when the items of business listed below will be considered.

Joining instructions (Zoom):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86370383080?pwd=YkdaWGNBdEhwa1pORm9RZ3h2WWJlQT09> (Copy and paste into browser)

Meeting ID: 863 7038 3080

Password: 021890

Public Participation 6.00 – 6.15pm

Members of the public are invited to speak on any matters contained within the agenda. Following this period members of the public can remain but cannot speak further on any agenda item unless invited by the Chair.

TOWN CLERK
22 JULY 2020

AGENDA

4. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 10/May/19 refers), Members will be asked whether they have any personal, pecuniary or prejudicial interests in any matter on the agenda and, if so, to declare those interests at this point of the meeting. Members are reminded that a declaration can be given later in the meeting if a need arises during discussion.

6. COUNCIL MEETINGS

To approve the minutes:

(6.1) **Full Council 16 March 2020 (ENCLOSED)**

(6.2) **Extraordinary Council 15 June 2020 (ENCLOSED)**

7. ANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT 2019/20

(i) Expenditure and Income Statement

Members to receive the report on expenditure and income for the year end 31 March 2020 **(ENCLOSED)**.

(ii) Conclusion of Internal Audit

Members to receive the written report from Mr G Fletcher (internal auditor) on the successful conclusion of the Internal Audit **(ENCLOSED)**.

(iii) **Approval of Section 1 & 2 of AGAR** (Annual Governance Statement & Accounting Statement 2019/20 **(ENCLOSED)**).

(iv) Verbal update on current financial position (RFO)

8. FINANCIAL PLANNING – BARNARD CASTLE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

(i) Members are asked to consider establishing Barnard Castle Support Fund by transferring £10,000 from its General Reserves to a coded and restricted budget for initiatives to support the town following the lifting of restrictions and helping to ensure the town is in a better place.

(ii) To establish a small working party which will report to Resources to put in place an Action Plan on how any funding is managed under the council's adopted General Power of Competence (Minute 3 -15/June/20 refers).

8.1 Other Financial Matters

Tourism Budget - £1000 for 20/21

Cllr Kirkbride will discuss with members the idea brought forward to use the Tourism budget to support the creation of a new Barnard Castle tourism and business information website.

8.2 Mayoral Allowances 20/21

Due to the restrictions that have been in place and the lack of civic functions Cllr's Blissett, as Town Mayor and Harrison, as Deputy will inform members on how they wish to use their allowances for the remainder of the municipal year 20/21.

9. REQUESTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES TO THE COUNCIL

9.1 Members to consider the request from Barnard Castle Christmas Lights and Clique to hold the fireworks display on the Upper Demesnes.

9.2 Members to consider a request from Covid Cutz to support the outline proposal for a memorial bench for victims of Covid 19 and the work done by the organisations that came together to support the community.

10. EVENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020

With the relaxation of many of the restrictions placed on the public during lockdown questions still remain about forward planning for forthcoming events for the remainder of 2020. These include Red Ensign Day, Remembrance and Christmas.

Members are asked to consider:

(a) Should the events go ahead?

(b) If they go ahead should they be reduced in size or activity?

11. EAST WARD VACANCY

Following the resignation of Cllr Louise Finlay a 'Notice of Vacancy' was posted in the prescribed manner. By the 7th July 2020 (14 days after the date of the notice) the Returning Officer had not received the requisite number of requests to call an election.

The council, if it wishes can consider co-option or, holding the vacancy due to the fact elections are due to be held in May 2021.

12 REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES:

Due to the Covid 19 lockdown period those members who represent the council on the groups below may not have met. However, should any member have information on activities they will be asked to give a brief verbal report.

- (1) Teesdale Residents' and Travellers' Forum
- (2) Larger Local Councils Forum
- (3) Dementia Friendly Communities
- (4) Barnard Castle Mechanics Institute & Witham Hall Community Association

13. CLERKS REPORT (ENCLOSED) & VERBAL POLICE UPDATE