

AXBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL



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A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2009 AT THE TOWN HALL, THE SQUARE, AXBRIDGE AT 7.30PM

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence – to receive apologies and approve reasons for apologies, if appropriate
2. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th August 2009 (copy available) - to approve as a correct record
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Reports: County Councillor, District Councillor and Police
5. Written reports, as appropriate from

Axbridge Action Group	School Governor (available – to note new Town Council representative))
Axbridge and District Museum Trust	Somerset Assoc. of Local Councils
Chamber of Commerce	Somerset Market Towns Forum
Cheddar Valley Cluster Group Meetings	Sports and Social (no report)
Farmers Markets – to consider request to use stall for RAF collection	Town Trust (available)
Pageant – to approve plans for signage (report available)	Other Representatives Reports

***** PUBLIC PARTICIPATION *****

6. Planning
 - 6.1 To receive minutes of the meeting held on 17th August 2009 (copy available) and report of the meeting to be held on 21st September (verbal update)
 - 6.2 Footpath – Old Butchers' Yard development – to agree action to pursue the installation of a footpath along this section of Old Church Road
 - 6.3 Bristol International Airport Expansion – planning application with North Somerset Council www.n-somerset.gov.uk/Environment/planning/majorapplications
7. Administration and Finance
 - 7.1 Report of the Administration and Finance Advisory Group – September 2009 (copy available)
 - 7.2 Town Twinning Association – to agree, in principle, to administering the fund for charitable purposes, for the youth of the Town
 - 7.3 Insurance – Automated External Defibrillator
 - 7.4 Regular Grant Applications – to approve grant allocations (copy available)
 - 7.5 Meadow Street Car Park – to consider a proposal to Opt to Tax
 - 7.6 Power of Well Being – to establish number of councillors interested in training and agree associated costs
 - 7.7 Parish Charter – to consider (copy available)

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- 7.8 Somerset Association of Local Councils – attendance at Annual Meetings and associated costs
- 7.9 Financial Monthly Report and Payment of Invoices (copy available)

- 8. Leisure and Recreation (to include Changing Rooms)
 - 8.1 Report of the Leisure and Recreation Advisory Group – September 2009 (copy available)
 - 8.2 Grounds Care Contractor – to consider contract arrangements

- 9. Highways
 - 9.1 Report of the Highways Advisory Group – September 2009 (copy available)

- 10. Cemeteries, Allotments and Open Spaces Advisory Group
 - 10.1 Allotment Report and report on the work of the Town Maintenance Contractor
 - 10.2 Memorial Safety – to seek two volunteers

- 11. Personnel and Protocol Advisory Group
 - 11.1 Report of the Personnel and Protocol Advisory Group – September 2009 (copy available)
 - 11.2 Foundation Degree in Community Engagement and Governance – to approve enrolment of the Clerk onto this course (£3,225), to authorise payment arrangements including repayment of associated costs (£900) and budget re-allocation and to agree repayment plan by the Clerk in the event of her leaving the Town Council's employment
 - 11.3 Mayor's Banquet – to consider a separate budget for future years
 - 11.4 Town Crier's Fund – to agree use of this fund

- 12. Green Issues/Recycling

- 13. Consultation documents – Government publications – Strengthening Local Democracy, Killian Pretty Review (Government's response), Streamlining information requirements for planning applications, Publicity requirements for planning applications and Improving Permitted Development (previously circulated)

- 14. Car Park Management Group – to approve remit (copy available)

- 15. Town Hall Notice Boards

- 16. Tree Planting – consider a programme of planting of specimen native trees in open spaces maintained by Sedgemoor District Council – specifically on the high bank on the north side of Jubilee Road

- 17. Calendar of Meetings 2009/10 (copy available)

- 18. General Correspondence and to note Diary Dates (copy available) including Digital Switchover in Axbridge, Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service and Business Register and Employment Survey

cc: County and District Councillors, police and press representatives