

# NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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You are hereby summoned to an Ordinary Meeting of North Tawton Town Council to be held at the **Council Offices on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 at 7.15 pm.**

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014

  
Clerk of the Council

## **AGENDA**

**Open Forum** – An opportunity for the Electors and others to address the Town Council.

The Council encourages the use of an Open forum. This will allow Members of the Public to address the Town Council. Time will be limited to two minutes per person unless the Chairman rules otherwise. If research is needed members of the public are asked to indicate what is needed in advance to the clerk otherwise – if appropriate - an item will be placed on a future agenda. A brief note will be made of any discussion at this point. Please note that Councillors are not obliged to give their opinion or answer questions.

Mrs M Pridham has requested to address the Council.

1. **Apologies for Absence** - To receive apologies from Councillors unable to attend.
2. **Declarations of Interest** - Councillors are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting.

If Councillors have any questions relating to predetermination, bias or interests in items on this Agenda, then please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**
  - 3.1 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of North Tawton Town Council held at the Council Offices on Wednesday 16th July 2014. (To follow).
4. **Updates**
  - 4.1 Chairman to update the Council on various issues.
  - 4.2 To receive a brief update from Cllr Dr. P Brickley regarding the Neighbourhood Plan project.
  - 4.3 To receive a brief update from Cllr I MacLeod/Cllr S Blood regarding Denbrook.
  - 4.4 To receive a brief update from Cllr N Morgan (WDBC Ward Member).
5. **Ongoing issues**

'Action Log' attached at Annex A – to follow
6. **NATWEST BANK**

To consider the matter of the recent publicity regarding the closure of NatWest Bank.
7. **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening of the Railway to North Tawton**

To consider celebrations to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening of the Railway to North Tawton.
8. **Press Officer**

To consider the North Tawton Town Council having a press officer(s) to help promote North Tawton in the media.

**9. Postcodes signage**

To consider postcode signage within the town to help the emergency services locate properties.

**10. Commonwealth Day 2015**

To consider flying the Commonwealth Flag on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**11. Conferences/Courses/Workshop**

The following invitations have been received:

- 11.1. Devon Highways Town and Parish Conference 2014 – 17<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- 11.2. DCC – “Your rivers, your views – Local issues, location action” – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- 11.3. CPRE Devon – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- 11.4. Community Council of Devon Conference – Shrinking state and blooming communities – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- 11.5. DALC – AGM and Conference 2014 – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

**12. Consultations/Newsletters**

The following newsletter has been received  
Parish Paths Partnership – Summer 2014.

**13. Member’s Code of Conduct**

To consider minor changes to the Member’s Code of Conduct, as recommended by West Devon Borough Council, and to consider publishing the Member’s Code of Conduct on North Tawton Town Council’s website.

**14. Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

To consider setting up a Working Group to revise the standing orders, if required, with regard to the press and public recording meetings by audio or video, and other matter following the introduction of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

**15. FINANCE**

**15.1 Invoices.** To approve payments listed at Annex D (to follow) in accordance with bank mandate.

**15.2 Monthly statement** – to receive the monthly statement and to consider adoption. To make the appropriate transfer from reserve accounts to current account to allow payments to be made.

**16. Questions/Comments from members of the public**

The meeting shall be suspended prior to Any Other Business to allow members of the public to comment/ask a question. Time shall be limited up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

**17. Any other business**

No decision may lawfully be made under this item but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information.

**18. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Council shall be 7th October 2014.

**PART II**

**EXEMPT REPORTS:**

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by S.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.