

# **Bishop Auckland Town Council**

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## **Members of the Community Committee**

Councillor Kimm Lawson, (Chairman) and Councillors Elliott, Fox and and L Zair

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Bishop Auckland Town Council Community Committee** on **Tuesday 03 June 2025 at 6.30pm,** following the meeting of the **Policy and Resources Committee** at the Town Council Offices, 54 Kingsway, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham DL14 7JF.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend. However, in light of coronavirus restrictions and room sizes, we request that attendance is registered with the Town Clerk prior to attending to ensure that the meeting space is large enough to accommodate everyone safely. To register attendance please call 01388 207110 or email <a href="mailto:council@bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk">council@bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk</a> by noon on 02 June 2025.

The Chairman advises members of the Council and the public that the meeting or part of the meeting may be recorded by audio and may be by video.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Harris

Clerk to the Council

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.
- **2.** <u>Declarations of interest -</u> To record declarations of interest from members on any item on the agenda, including. any interest prejudicial or personal as recorded on the Members register of interests.
- 3. <u>Public Participation -</u> To hear from any members of the public subject to <u>Public</u> Participation Policy<sup>1</sup>.
- **4. Terms of Reference** to consider the Terms of reference as adopted by full council at their Annual Meeting in May 2025.
- 5. Minutes and Actions from previous meeting
- **6. Diversity Pledge** tasked by Full council to make pledge more inclusive of disability.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The policy is available on the website at <a href="https://bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk/council/constitution-and-policies/">https://bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk/council/constitution-and-policies/</a>

- 7. Draft Community Strategy (paper to be tabled)
- 8. Community Support
  - **Applications to the Community Fund** Appraise applications and make recommendations to council.
  - Community Support funding awards update to learn how some of the awards as part of the 2025 budget are being utilised.
- 9. Community Engagement
  - Hanging Basket Planting feedback on community and volunteer activity.
  - Allotment & Garden Awards 2025 & possible Links to 'In Bloom'
- **10. Events Programme 2025** consideration of a report on the event and engagement programme 2025 which will include updates on the following:
  - Ward and In year Events
    - Pride 2025
  - Youth Awards 2025
  - Summer Activities –with the Town Hall
  - Ward and In year Events
    - Family Festival 2025
  - Heritage Festival 2025
  - Remembrance 2025
  - Christmas 2025
    - Christmas Town 2025
    - Other Christmas Activities
  - Other event opportunities

#### DO I HAVE AN INTEREST?

#### DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS This flowchart provides Does the matter to be discussed affect:assistance for Councillors to YOU SHOULD DECLARE THAT YOU HAVE A You, or your spouse's/partner's, business. help determine whether you DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST employment or profession YES have an interest in a matter 2. Anyone that employs or has appointed you You should take no part in the discussion or vote being discussed at a Council or your spouse/partner meeting. 3. Anyone that you or your spouse/partner has If your Standing Orders dictate you should withdraw from the received sponsorship from. meeting by leaving the room. However it is a Councillors 4. A contract with the Council, land or licence Do not try to influence the decision. own responsibility to comply in the Councils area, corporate tenancy or with the Code of Conduct securities in which you or your spouse/ and declare an interest partner has an interest. where appropriate. NO Failure to disclose or register a Disclosable OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS Pecuniary Interest is a Does the matter to be discussed affect:criminal offence under SHOULD DECLARE THAT YOU HAVE AN OTHER 1. A body where you are in a position of section 34 of the Localism REGISTERABLE INTEREST general control or management and to which Act 2011. YES you have been appointed or nominated by You should not vote on the matter but you may make your Council. representations or answer questions about the matter if 2. Any body which members of the public can do so. (a) exercises functions of a public nature (b) is directed to charitable purposes or If your Standing Orders dictate you should withdraw from the (c) whose principal purpose include the meeting by leaving the room. influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member in a position of general control or management 3. Any gifts or hospitality with more than an estimated value of £50 DECLARE THAT YOU HAVE A NON-REGISTERABLE PERSONAL INTEREST NO You should not vote on the matter but you may make representations or answer questions about the matter if members of the public can do so. If your Standing Orders dictate you should withdraw from YES OTHER NON-REGISTERABLE PERSONAL the meeting by leaving the room. INTERESTS Does the matter to be discussed affect:-1. A financial interest of a friend, relative or NO close associate. You can participate in the meeting and vote