



Billericay Town Council

YOUR QUALITY COUNCIL

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Chairman: Councillor Mark Thomas

12th April 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** to be held in **the Council Chamber at the Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, Billericay CM11 2AP on Thursday 18th April 2024 at 7.00 p.m.** when the undermentioned business is proposed to be transacted.

Yours faithfully,

Deborah Tonkiss
Town Clerk

Chairman: Cllr M Thomas
Vice-Chairman: Cllr J Devlin

Councillors: A Adshead, J Clark, L Clark, R Clark, M Dear, J Henshaw, K Herlock, J Leung, C May, M Moore, K Mordecai, M Mordecai, M Roessler, E Sainsbury, D Spencer, G Talbot, A Talboys, J Tutton

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Members to declare any interest with regard to items on the Agenda and to receive and consider any applications for dispensation**
3. **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**
4. **Town Council Minutes**
 - (a) to receive and consider the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7th March 2024 **(copy herewith)**
 - (b) to approve the signing of the minutes as a correct record.
5. **Chairman's Report**

To receive the Chairman's report on events attended on behalf of the Town Council since the previous meeting **(copy to be circulated when available)**
6. **Committee Meetings**

To receive and consider the following minutes:

 - (a) **Planning Committee** meetings held on 12th March, 26th March and 9th April 2024 **(copies previously circulated)**

(b) Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee meeting held on 2nd April 2024 **(copy herewith)**

(c) Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 11th April 2024 **(copy herewith)**

7. Climate and Nature Bill – Zero Hour

Members to consider the following:

The Town Clerk has been contacted by a representative of the Zero Hour campaign to ask whether the Town Council would sign an open letter to prospective parliamentary candidates asking them to support the Climate and Nature bill – second reading is on 17th May 2024.. The aim of the letter is to show the candidates that they need to support action on the climate and nature crisis if they are elected. Further information can be found via the link below:

[Basildon and Billericay General Election 2024 \(zerohour.uk\)](https://zerohour.uk)

8. Billericay Fire Station

Members to consider the following:

Cllr Thomas is concerned that two recent fires in Billericay, Reids and the Community Hub, were attended by fire crews based outside of Billericay and wishes to propose that the Council writes to the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner asking what the fire service's intentions are with regard to the Billericay fire station. (For information the PFCC's Fire and Rescue Plan is attached herewith).

9. Email Filtering

Sedcom has advised that the Town Councillor email addresses are not currently filtered. They are offering this service at a cost of £2.50 per councillor per month – an additional £50 per month in total. This filtering removes the majority of spam emails and rewrites weblinks so any link that is clicked on from an email runs in a “sandbox” environment to contain malicious URLs and viruses. Member to consider whether they wish to take up the offer.

10. Items for Information

The 80th Annual General Meeting of the EALC is being held on Thursday 26th September 2024 at Colchester Stadium.

11. Consideration for Press Release/Social Media

To consider whether any actions/decisions resulting from this meeting are to be notified to the media.

12. Questions from the Press and Public

THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO BE PRESENT

Copies of the reports can be obtained from the Town Council Offices