

With members permission, chairman brought forward item 12, Motions

241/20 MOTIONS:

Motion received from Councillor Patrinos:

The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill is a Private Members Bill backed by nearly 100 MPs across political parties. Councils across the country are passing motions asking their MPs to back it. Locally this includes North Devon Council, Bideford TC, and Northam TC, with motions on their way to Barnstaple TC, Ilfracombe TC. Also the Devon County Council cabinet unanimously voted to support it.

What will the Bill do? It will:

- Make the UK create and enact a plan that deals with our real fair share of emissions so that we don't go over critical global rises in temperature
- Take our entire carbon footprint into account (in the UK and overseas)
- Protect and conserve nature here and overseas along supply chains, recognising the damage we cause through the goods we consume
- Stop those in power depending on some unknown future technology to save the day, which is used as an excuse to carry on polluting as usual
- Ensure that the UK restores and regenerates its habitats by implementing robust measures to protect and enhance the variety, abundance and health of soils and biodiversity in both rural and urban/human-modified ecosystems and in so doing captures carbon.

As LLTC have declared a climate emergency it is appropriate that we do what we can to get our government to act effectively.

Council therefore resolves to:

- (i) Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
- (ii) Inform the local media of this decision
- (iii) Write to our local MP asking her to support the Bill, and
- (iv) Write to the CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (campaign@ceebill.uk).

It was

RESOLVED

To support this motion.

With Members permission, Chairman brought forward item 9b, Communications – Rural Services Network.

242/20 COMMUNICATIONS

b. Rural Services Network – It was

RESOLVED

To Join Rural Services Network.

243/20 DRIVE IN CINEMA, LYNTON

A proposal was received by Town Clerk for the possibility of a temporary drive in Cinema event to take place in Bottom Meadow. After much discussion, it was

RESOLVED

Not to go ahead, as this event is likely to be unviable.

244/20 DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

(Traffic Regulation & On-Street Parking Places) Amendment order reference IMR/B06948-5867

Amendment to the care workers permit scheme to allow a maximum of 3 hours parking on No waiting and in Limited Waiting, Pay & Display and Residents Parking Bays. It was

RESOLVED

To support this order as Members deemed it a good idea.

245/20 COMMUNICATIONS

a. **Tors Road** – An email was received from a resident volunteering to keep Tors Road clean and presentable, and he has requested equipment to be provided (brooms). It was

RESOLVED

To provide brooms.

246/20 COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLVED

That open reports of the following committees, having been circulated, be noted and recommendations contained therein adopted.

Estates and Amenities Committee

10 March 2021

Minutes 221/20-227/20

Policy and Finance Committee

17 March 2021

Minutes 228/20 – 234/20

247/20 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councillor Sleep reported from the working group for the Lynton Work Hub. There has been two design and architectural services tendering.

Councillor Rodway attended an Exmoor Parish Forum meeting.

248/20 NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Councillor Patrinos reported:

The disused buildings at County Gate are going to become an information centre and café. He revealed that Lynton was a very low priority for the Levelling up fund, with Torrington being one of the highest priorities. He suggested LLTC should write and complain.

Questions

There were none.

249/20 DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor Davis talked to her report, and a copy is attached to these minutes.

Questions

It was questioned about Councils possible actions in light of the cancellation of the resurfacing of Watersmeet Road. Letters would need to be sent to Secretary of State for Transport, the Health and Safety Executive and Highways commissioners.

Also a question was raised about ownership of the drains in the parish.

250/20 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk reported:

- Allied Pharmacies have won their tender and are moving equipment into Jubilee room for the Vaccination programme.
- Devon County Council are placing a mobile testing (lateral flow) station on the Town Hall Forecourt on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Outdoor works department have had two metal skids stolen.
- The first set of windows have gone to be mended under the replenishment scheme.
- The last staff on furlough are due to return to work on 29th March, and 1st April.

- Preseason toilet clean will be taking place and all toilets open from 1 April.
- The outcome of being turned down for a Local Restriction Support Grant was challenged, and was then successfully approved.
- The loast 40m of the Causeway has suffered a collapse, this has ben reported to NDC and the MMO

Questions

Councillor Hawkins asked why lateral flow tests as these seem a waste of time. The venue as chosen by DCC public health department. Councillor Davis will take the question back to public health.

251/20 QUESTIONS

Councillor Harding reported May Bridge railings are coming away at the bottom which is a safety risk. This will be reported to DCC as a safety issue.

Part 2

Chairman moved that

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest the press and public are temporarily excluded and they be asked to withdraw

252/20 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION

Pig Fields

It was

RESOLVED

To make an offer on the Pig Fields

Lynton and Lynmouth Town Council

County Councillors Report

March 2021

Lynton Cross

For many years I have been campaigning for improvements to Lynton Cross, it is with great pleasure that this has at long last paid off.

Government funding has been confirmed for a £2.2 million road safety scheme on the A3123 in North Devon.

Devon County Council introduced a series of safety measures at Berry Down Cross and Hore Down Gate on the A3123 last year – including a 40mph speed limit, new advance warning signs, solar-powered road studs, and high friction surfacing.

Now that Safer Roads Funding has been received from the Department for Transport, design can be finalised on the remaining elements of the improvements earmarked for the road at the other known collision cluster site on the route – Lynton Cross.

As part of the improvement scheme, a four-arm rural roundabout will be constructed at Lynton Cross, and works will also be carried out to the centre white lines along the entire A3123 to bring them in line with current standards.

Find a Bin or Take it home campaign

Devon's residents and visitors are being urged to 'find a bin or take it home' in a new county-wide anti-littering campaign.

With lockdown easing and the warmer weather (hopefully) , the multi-agency partnership Clean Devon wants to encourage everyone to take more responsibility for their rubbish whilst enjoying the beautiful moors, beaches, wildlife, countryside, towns and villages.

Littering is an increasing burden on society, both financially and environmentally and the partnership aims to improve the issue through preventing, detecting and deterring this type of behaviour in Devon.

One of Devon County Council's key priorities is to protect and enhance Devon's environment. Local authorities do their best to keep bins emptied however with increased visitors over the warmer months we must take responsibility for our own rubbish.

If bins are full, bring your own bag and dispose of it when you return home.

Please don't leave it next to an already full bin as this contributes to littering and is considered fly-tipping for which you could be fined.

For additional advice and facts please visit [Clean Devon's website](#).

The Clean Devon campaign which is due to be launched on social media by the end of this week. Promotional material will also be distributed to businesses in Devon with the aim to reach visitors and encourage the same respectful behaviour towards our environment.

Devon Climate Emergency Response Group (DCERG)- update

Since March 2020, tackling the climate emergency has remained a top priority, and over the last year real progress has been made to create a roadmap, which will show the way to a net-zero Devon by 2050 at the latest.

Thanks to more than 1,000 contributions from the public, the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group (DCERG) and its appointed Task Group of experts, headed by Professor Devine Wright, created an interim draft carbon plan.

Once completed, that plan will be the blue print to show what we must all do – residents, councils, businesses alike – to ensure that Devon reaches its net-zero ambitions.

Later this year the interim plan will be put to a ‘Citizens’ Assembly’, and then to the public.

It will commit all of the partners of the DCERG, made up of Devon’s public and private sector, local government and local economy, to do what’s necessary to reduce carbon emissions.

Individually, partners have continued within their own organisations to make changes to the way they work, to cut carbon and to enable a greener route back from the coronavirus pandemic.

The lockdown last March prompted urgent change by Devon County Council to encourage more walking and cycling and to help people get around safely while social distancing.

Pavements were widened, new paths created, and roads narrowed to accommodate greener travel options.

Emergency Active Travel Funding was used to provide new cycle routes, cycle crossings and pedestrianised areas in locations including Exeter, Newton Abbot and Barnstaple, as well as Sidmouth, Teignmouth and Totnes. And over 200 additional cycle parking spaces were provided across 25 sites.

With some industry shut down during lockdown and with people working from home where they could, the county saw considerably fewer vehicles on the roads. Cycling levels last year were up around 50 per cent compared to 2019.

Research in Summer 2020 showed that during the first lockdown, Devon’s carbon emissions reduced by almost a quarter.

Coronavirus updates from Devon County Council

The link below may be of interest to residents with the situation changing and many interested in what is happening locally this link is a useful starting point for questions and the current situation in Devon.

The link takes you to the Covid-19 pages on the Devon County Council Website, it has daily updated information as to positive cases within the area, information about testing and track and trace.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/coronavirus-data/>

Mass vaccination programme

- Work is continuing across the county at pace to deliver the local mass vaccination programme. The CCG is producing [regular vaccination briefing notes](#) and I shall endeavour to circulate these as they are published. People aged 70 and over and the clinically extremely vulnerable have begun to [receive invitations for vaccinations](#) as of the 18 January, alongside frontline Health and Care staff and the over 80s who were the initial priority groups.
- With so much going on and at such pace it can be hard to keep track with developments. To date there are three main ways the vaccine is being delivered in Devon:
 - All four of the county’s main hospitals – in Plymouth, Exeter, Torquay and Barnstaple – are giving the vaccination to priority groups in line with national guidance
 - GP practices are working together in groups to set up local vaccination centres. Across the county, 20 centres are now in operation, serving all 123 of Devon’s GP practices
 - GP-led facilities are delivering the vaccine to residents and staff in care homes

Barnstaple Community Testing Centre,

The Test centre is in the car park at Barnstaple’s Taw View, Civic Centre, on North Walk road, and will be open 9am to 5pm, seven days a week, with extended hours 7am to 7pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

It provides lateral flow tests for anyone who leaves the house to work or volunteer, and who comes into contact with others.

The purpose of community testing is to identify people likely to have the virus, so that those testing negative can continue their day while still following public health rules. Anyone testing positive is instructed to go home and self-isolate.

The tests are for people who may not know they are carrying the virus. One in three people with coronavirus do not show any symptoms and could be going about their day passing it to others unknowingly.

People who can't work from home and who are in contact with others regularly are encouraged to take these quick tests twice a week to prevent the potential spread of the virus.

The results are back with you within the hour. If you test positive, you'll be asked to self-isolate for ten days. If you're negative, you can continue your day while still adhering to public health rules – keep your social distance, wear a face covering when indoors in a public space, and wash your hands regularly.

Community Testing Centres are for people who are not showing any symptoms and who aren't already accessing regular testing, through their employer for example.

To book a rapid test and to find out more about Community Testing in Devon, visit devon.cc/testing

Levelling Up Fund

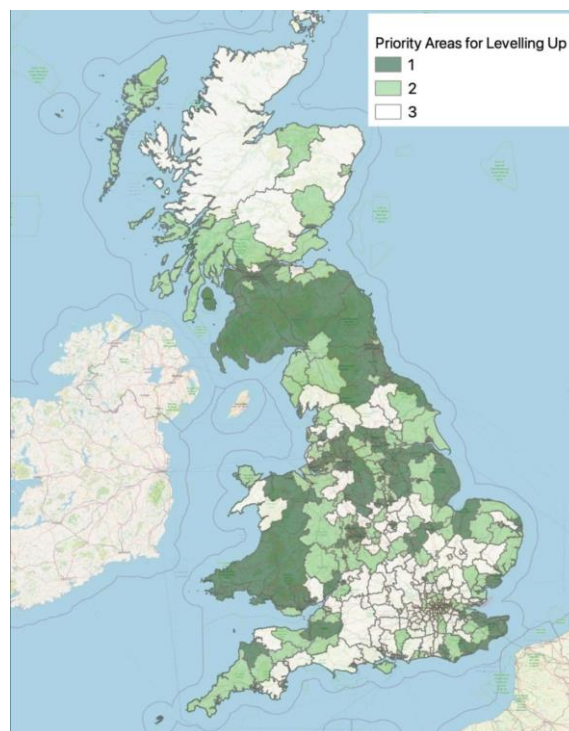
We have heard a lot about the Governments levelling up agenda – the promise to redress the balance from the concentration of wealth generation in the South-East.

The budget confirmed the first tranche of funding of around £165m and a call for bids, at the same time a list of local authorities across the United Kingdom each allocated to one of 3 levels - with level 1 being the priority and most likely to be successful in obtaining funding.

We were all disappointed and rather baffled to find North Devon was placed in tier 3.

We are still awaiting sight of the criteria against which the government has used for this decision but we are lobbying hard our MP all who shares the bafflement. A large amount of evidence has been put together showing the negative impact on North Devon's economy due to Covid by both North Devon and Devon County Councils, with a particularly worrying prediction for the communities on the coast (from Ilfracombe through to Lynton).

Torridge & West Devon appear in tier 1 and would be in a good place to obtain funding. As North Devon and Torridge are one economy this is even more unfathomable.



Devon Recycling Centres are still open, with restrictions.

Our recycling centres are still open, **they are very busy**, although the resale areas within them are closed.

If you make a visit to the recycling centre, please expect them to be operating differently during this lockdown period.

Restrictions are in place, including social distancing, which may lead to queues. If queues do start forming, we may need to restrict vehicles from joining the queues towards the end of the day and if queues become a safety hazard on the public highway, we may need to temporarily close the site.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/waste-disposal-and-recycling/>

Devon's Resource & Waste Management Strategy

Residents and businesses are invited to have their say on the draft Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay. The Public Consultation runs from Wednesday 3 March to Wednesday 14 April, and the responses will help shape how Local Authority Collected Waste is managed in Devon up to 2030.

The new document will present how the 10 councils responsible for waste collection or disposal in Devon, will continue to work with residents to try to reduce the amount of household waste created and continue to ensure that waste is managed in a sustainable and cost-efficient manner.

The last review of Devon's Resource & Waste Management Strategy was in 2013, and since then there has been a range of developments which impact on waste management services.

These include changes in national waste policy with the publication of the Government's Resource and Waste Management Strategy in 2018 as well as other waste consultations around a consistent waste collection service, deposit return scheme for drinks containers and an extended producer responsibility scheme for packaging materials. Other impacts include climate change and Brexit.

Consultees are invited to read the draft strategy and then respond to a series of questions on subjects including reducing carbon emissions, food waste, reducing waste, increasing recycling and reuse.

The consultation responses will then be reviewed, and an amended strategy will be presented for final approval to the Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee (DASWC) and individual councils this summer, with the intention to publish the final strategy at the end of the year.

The focus is on waste prevention, reuse and recycling as well as reducing the carbon impact of waste management.

By working together closely and sharing resources Devon's authorities achieved a recycling rate of 56.6 per cent (2019/20) maintaining our position near the top of the English recycling league.

However, there are ever more challenging targets to be met and this strategy describes the way in which local authorities within Devon and Torbay will manage resources and waste we are responsible for over the next decade and to set out our policies and targets.

The strategy and to give your views here [using the online questionnaire](#).

A39 Watersmeet

I recently received the following email;

Dear Cllr Davis,

I am sorry to have to tell you that, due to more urgent calls on a limited budget, the planned resurfacing to the A39 at Watersmeet cannot go ahead in the coming financial year. I'm afraid I'd made some grand plans based on the promise of three years of additional funding, which as you know has been withdrawn for 21/22 at least. As a result I've had to defer a number of schemes across the county.

Hand on heart, I can't absolutely promise that Watersmeet will be delivered in 22/23, but I will aim to do so. In the meantime we will attend to any safety defects as usual.

I followed this up with a conversation with Meg Booth who is the lead officer for Highways at Devon County Council. I explained how bad this road is and that we have been waiting for a very long time.

I subsequently received the following;

Andrea,

Meg asked me to follow up on your correspondence regarding the resurfacing on the A39 at Watersmeet.

I'm really sorry that we cannot give you better assurances regarding the programme for the work.

Sadly, the road is far from the worst road in the County and our budgets can only stretch so far. What I can tell you is that it is our current intention to deliver the scheme in 21/22 and the design has been commissioned. Unfortunately the schemes that are currently a greater priority are quite challenging and there remains a higher level of budget uncertainty as we sit here now. There remains a significant risk that the scheme will have to be delivered after March 22.

I know this isn't the news you wanted to hear but we have previously made the mistake of 'over promising and under delivering' and it would be wrong of me to repeat that mistake. The dramatic fluctuations we experience in our budgets, often in-year, make programming work very difficult for both ourselves and our supply chain.

What I can assure you is that the road receives a safety inspection monthly and we will ensure that it remains safe for the travelling public.

When more information is available we will be in touch.

Regards

Rob

I have another call booked with Meg Booth later on today, however I do not expect there will be better news.

CLr Peacock has already offered to accompany me on a trip to inspect the road when it is open and we are able to, I will report all safety defects.

I am really upset about this news, I know you will all share this view.

Reminder about reporting a highway problem:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

telephone: [0345 155 1004](tel:03451551004)

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