### **ITEM 9 – LIST OF MEETING DATES, COMMUNICATIONS POINTS AND LINK COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

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| **Month** | **Full Council, 7pm** | **Council Matters Committee, 6.30pm** | **Planning Committee, 6.30pm** | **Town Matters Committee, 6.30pm** |
| **June 2024** | Monday 10th | None | Monday 17th | Monday 24th |
| **July 2024** | Monday 1st | Monday 8th | Monday 15th | Monday 22nd |
| **August 2024** | Monday 5th (if required) | None | None (or Monday 19th) | None |
| **September 2024** | Monday 2nd | Monday 9th | Monday 16th | Monday 23rd |
| **October 2024** | Monday 7th | Monday 14th | Monday 21st | None |

**July**

Full Council – 1st July at 6.30pm

Council Matters Committee – 8th July at 6.30pm

Planning Committee – 15th July at 6.30pm

Town Matters Committee – 22nd July at 6.30pm

Strategy Delivery Group – 23rd July at 6pm

Traffic and Transport Forum meeting – 31st July at 6.30pm

**September**

Full Council – 2nd September at 6.30pm

Council Matters Committee – 9th September at 6.30pm

Planning Committee – 16th September at 6.30pm

Town Matters Committee – 23rd September at 6.30pm

**October**

Full Council – 7th October at 6.30pm

Council Matters Committee – 14th October at 6.30pm

Planning Committee – 21st October at 6.30pm

Strategy Delivery Group – 22nd October at 6pm

Town Matters Committee – no meeting

Traffic and Transport Forum – 30th October at 6.30pm

**Communications Points – please check the Totnes Town Council ‘News’ page**

Further verbal updates to be given by the Clerk at the meeting and a list of recent press releases is in the Clerk’s Report.

General Election 4th July – Reminder that we remain in the pre-election period until the polling booths close at 10pm on 4th July and that any campaign support should be carried out in an individual not a councillor capacity.

Skyrise Festival in Bridgetown taking place on 20th July from 12-9pm at Longmarsh, see the Visit Totnes website for details <https://visittotnes.co.uk/whats-on/sky-rise-festival/>

**Link Councillor/Councillor Representative on Outside Body Updates**

Cllr Cooper -Vire Twinning Association

* Have attended a number of meetings but there appears to be a reluctance by some in the group to embrace new ideas to engage the wider community and schools.
* Concerned that this mindset will drive newer members away as they will become frustrated, and that the group will stagnate.

Cllr Auletta

Heritage

• I had a meeting with two individuals regarding their continued concern over the Totnes Image Bank's need for a new home. Cllr Presswell is involved with this also.

• Totnes Museum - continued liaison with the Chair of Trustees, assisting with efforts to move forward with appropriate internal repair works that can be identified to make an Listed Building application. Meeting between 2 Trustees and Richard Gage was positive. Drawings will be produced for discussion on repairs to the damp retaining wall.

Open Spaces

• OSSR policy review work continuing.

• I've requested another Borough Park User Group meeting (thanks to SH for organising), to continue discussions on path / drainage improvements and creating a vision for the park overall including the new Skatepark reps who I also had a meeting with.

• Discussions around public access to Dartington Estate and how to approach this with the Dartington team (with Cllr Collinson and others). NB The Dart Valley Cycle Trail event at 10am this Sunday, starting at Warren Lane on the Estate, will make the desire for a cycleway/footpath clearer on the ground and I hope Councillors will be able to attend to show their support. This family walk is being organised by Staverton Parish Council / Sustainable Staverton, with support from Riverford.

• I attended a Bowden Pillars Future (BPF) Village Update and their 1st Anniversary celebration of land purchase. BPF now have guardians pitched adjacent to the bungalow as they've had problems with some trespassing. They're continuing to explore possibilities for how the village might work and what it needs to be sustainable. They're seeking further assistance in the community (people with relevant expertise who can give up time to take the project forward eg. growers).

I was unable to book a Devon Wildlife Trust tour of the Temperate Rainforest project at BPF.

See https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/rainforest-creation-bowden-pillars#:~:text=Devon%20Wildlife%20Trust%20is%20creating,the%20market%20town%20of%20Totnes.

Traffic and Transport Forum

• Attended an online "Meet DCC Highways Department" event, organised by DALC, with other Councillors and Officers from across Devon. The very extensive road and bridge network that DCC are responsible for was described in detail, along with the department's structure. I did not register that any changes are being proposed to address the poor levels of service which towns and parishes are receiving, despite acknowledgment of the huge frustration that is being felt at local level. Further meetings are to be held, although it does seem somewhat pointless if there is going to be no alteration in the current approach.