

Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 9 January 2020

Questions Under Standing Order A13

A member may only submit three questions for consideration at each Council Meeting. Each member will present their first question in turn, when all the first questions have been dealt with the second and third questions may be asked in turn. The time for member's questions will be limited to a total of 30 minutes.

<p>Question (1) by Councillor Kennedy to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator (Councillor Howgate)</p>	<p>Following this administration's declared climate emergency, what practical outcomes have been achieved, or are working towards being achieved. I understand we have joined the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group but what are we doing which is specific to Torbay? For example, has an audit been commissioned, or is it due to be commissioned, about the capacity to place solar panels on the roof of Council buildings? Has an SPD to allow the Planning Committee to take into account, for instance, a potential developers stated target to deliver a zero carbon dwelling been started, or is it due to be? What account has been taken of the Torbay Marine Conservation Zone given much of our area is bounded by coastline and the opportunity this affords for environmental protection and environmental benefits? When are we going to hear positive outcomes on these listed areas and any other areas specific to Torbay to show some substantive progress with regards to the scale of the emergency this Council has declared?</p>
<p>Question (2) by Councillor David Thomas to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Steve Darling)</p>	<p>Further to my previous question regarding the Town and Parish Council consultation which was answered at the last full Council meeting. I went on to ask a supplementary question that was unable to be answered. As I have not been supplied with a written response and the deadline for questions is tomorrow, I seek to ask that same supplementary question again, however this time in the form of a written question.</p> <p>Cllr Darling you informed us last month that the Council wrote to 6,000 residents and supplied them with a questionnaire to fill in regarding the town council proposal. How were the 6,000 selected from the electoral role? Please provide a breakdown of the 6,000 in a ward by ward basis. How many were returned – a total amount will be sufficient and does not need to be allocated to a ward (at this stage). What was the percentage for or against of these specially selected residents who responded directly to the mail merge?</p>
<p>Question (3) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p>	<p>How many visits by parking enforcement officers and parking tickets have been issued on Ilsham Road Wellswood for the months of September October and November 2019?</p>

Second Round

<p>Question (4) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Community Services (Councillor Carter)</p>	<p>Following Grenfell Tower and other recent issues, as at the 20 November 2019, are there any compliance reports/certificates or other legal requirements that are unavailable, unknown or out of date for properties the authority own, lease, manage or utilise that would leave the Authority in a difficult insurance or legal position, ie asbestos, gas certificates, 5 and 10 year electrical safety reports, legionella, fire risk assessment's.</p>
<p>Question (5) by Councillor Kennedy to the Cabinet member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p>	<p>During the summer months the Promenade at Broadsands Beach has more than 8 bins placed along its length. All these bins are removed on 1 October despite the fact that Broadsands Beach is busy all year round, so much so that we have two permanent cafes on the promenade selling food and drink to eat in or out. However, visitors find that they have nowhere to put their rubbish after enjoying a stroll along the promenade. This has resulted in a great deal of rubbish, including plastic, getting blown out to sea.</p> <p>What is the hardship in leaving 3 weather and gull proof bins at intervals along the promenade as I requested in the summer and have been requesting ever since these bins were removed? There would have been no cost incurred to the Council as these bins were already on the Promenade on 30 September, and the little rubbish collection truck has to drive the length of the promenade to get to a bin that it does empty by the pitch and putt.</p> <p>How does allowing plastics and other forms of rubbish to enter our marine conservation area fit with our climate emergency declaration in May?</p>

Third Round

<p>Question (6) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p>	<p>Following the Council meeting on 24 October 2019, I provided information to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture as requested, on pavements that could be in breach of the Equalities Act, preventing everyone to access and pass along the pavements such as Higher Erith Road, and Teignmouth Road. Could they provide an update on what has occurred in assessing the potential breaches and options to rectify those breaches.</p>
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