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Instow Oct 25 .From CLLR Becky Coombs (Instow Ward)

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Firstly I'm very sorry for not attending, I did have a NDC meeting on the same night.

LGR- NDC continues with supporting the 4,5,1 model. A draft report has been created along with the other district councils for the modelling. A Northern Devon model which would include North Devon, Torridge and Mid Devon has not been taken off the table but has not had funding for consultation finding report was not commissioned for this model and is not supported by TDC or MDDC. The next step is councillors will get a copy of the report for the 4,5,1 model to consider the findings and vote upon if this will be our submission to the government. An EGM will take place on the 26th Nov at 6.30pm at BEC. It looks like DCC, Exeter, Torbay and Plymouth will be submitting a differing model to the other districts. It will be up to ministers to have the final decision on the make up of the unitary councils.

Section 106- I have agreed upon allocation of £18,044.32 for the village hall solar project. There is currently then left £8,285.28 that can only be allocated to the NDCC. This will have to go to NDC strategy and resource committee for final agreement.

Section 106 question asked by Nick Arthur at the last meeting. I have provided an email to the parish from officers outlining the policy.

Floating ferry terminal at Yelland Pier/ Puttermore beach. Frank and I have both had emails of concern from the public about this. I have made contact with the planning enforcement team. The environmental protection team at NDC are going to take the lead on investigating this. I will be obtaining updates. It will be likely to take some time as items to be established around land owners, if any licences and if any breeches of regulations. This will most probably involve liaison with outside agencies.

Planning application at Rectory Lane has been appealed and is with the planning inspector

Thursday 23rd October 2025

11:00 am - Town and Parishes Focus Group, North Devon Council Review, Barum Room, Brynsworthy Environment Centre

(RSVP/Contact - kit.ayers@northdevon.gov.uk)

TOWN AND PARISHES FOCUS GROUP - NORTH DEVON COUNCIL REVIEW

Calling all Clerks, Secretaries and Councillors of Town and Parish Councils

In October, NDC is welcoming an experienced team to explore our council and identify both where we succeed and what we can improve.

We are inviting representatives of North Devon Town and Parish Councils who would like to share their experiences of our organisation.

It will be a relatively informal guided discussion where we hope you would feel encouraged to share your perspective openly.

No preparation is necessary and any feedback which is given to the council will be non-attributable.

- The focus group will be at: 11.00 – 12.00 on Thursday 23 October at Brynsworthy Environment Centre, Barnstaple (hybrid can be arranged if needed).
 - To RSVP (required), or for further information, please contact kit.ayers@northdevon.gov.uk.
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Parish Forum

The Parish Forum will now be held on:

- Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 6:30pm in the Barum room, Brynsworthy Environment Centre, Barnstaple.

The following items are due for discussion at the Parish Forum:

- Local Government Reorganisation – Update to be provided by the Chief Executive of North Devon Council, Ken Miles.
- Planning Enforcement Update – Update to be provided by the Service Manager (Development Management), Tracey Blackmore.
- The Members Code of Conduct and good practice – Update to be provided by the Senior Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Simon Fuller.
- Parish/Town Clustering – to receive an update on initial discussion regarding political clustering arrangements between local towns and their neighbouring parishes. Laura Donovan, Clerk to Ilfracombe Town Council to report

I would be grateful if you could please forward this invitation onto your Town and Parish Councillors and advise our team of the numbers of who will be attending in person and who will be attending virtually.

This will then allow us to plan the venue for the correct number of attendees and also co-ordinate arrangements for those attending virtually.