

To: **ALL MEMBERS OF WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL SERVICES COMMITTEE**



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of **WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL, SERVICES COMMITTEE** to be held at **Bedlington Community Centre**, Front Street West, Bedlington on **Thursday 24th March 2022 at 6.30pm.**

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.
Steven Young - Town Clerk - 18th March 2022

PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	
a.	Apologies for Absence. To receive and note any apologies for absence from Committee Members.
b.	Declaration of Interests. i. Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 12th July 2012. ii. To consider any requests for dispensations. Members are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature, they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. Any member needing clarification should contact the Town Clerk.

PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Details of Meeting	
a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on 24 th February 2022.
b.	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not included as agenda items.

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

Matters for Discussion / Decision	
a.	Matter of Urgent Business – Youth Support Programme. The Committee are asked to discuss and decide upon a proposal for inclusion within its programme of Youth Support, a “Programme of Easter Events for Children at Bedlington Community Centre” at a cost of £5,000 - Councillor W Reed. Proposal distributed to members.
b.	Litter Bins. The Committee are requested to discuss and decide upon a NCC staff suggested rationalisation of the litter bin provision on Front Street East and West, Bedlington. The overall aim of any project to be that the remaining litter bins are all in an excellent and safe state, fit for use and can fulfil the needs of the service. The scale of the project and the budget to be determined by Committee members once plan has been agreed. Suggested rationalisation distributed to members.
c.	Market Place Public Seats. The Committee are asked to discuss and decide upon a proposal to purchase and install ahead of The Queens Platinum Jubilee new “Commemorative Public Seating” in the Market Place, Bedlington. The current seating is damaged and has fallen into a state of disrepair - Councillor Hogg. Options and Details distributed to members.
d.	Street Furniture Painting The Committee are asked to discuss and decide upon the scope and specification of a “repainting of street furniture” project for Front Street East and West, Bedlington. The agreed project scope and specification can then be used to obtain quotes for the agreed work.
e.	Bus Shelter Near Hepscoth Park (Northbound A192) The Committee are requested to approve the formal removal of this bus shelter from the Town Councils asset register. Members are already aware that without the consent of the Town Council and with the approval of NCC Highways Dept Planning Application 17/02711/DISCON allowed for the demolition of a stone-built bus shelter and its replacement by a metal framed bus shelter. The Town Council has already formally notified Northumberland County Council that it no longer considers the bus shelter to be its responsibility.

f.	<p>Tree Planting Policy</p> <p>The Committee are requested to discuss and decide upon a DRAFT Tree Planting Policy and Procedure. (This matter was deferred from 11th November 2021 Council meeting for additional information). Councillor Hogg. Details of the policy and procedure, together with suggested costs and funding availability distributed to members.</p>						
g.	<p>CCTV For Tree Replanting Scheme</p> <p>The Committee are asked to discuss and decide upon a request for assistance from County Councillors Robinson and Taylor to fund 2 (two) CCTV cameras for a period of two years to give replanted trees at Red Ash Path in Bedlington (This is the path which runs along from Netherton Lane to Hartford Road, principally at the back of the Hartlands and West Lea) a chance to grow and establish themselves. The hope is these cameras would act as a deterrent and prevent damage to the new trees. – Copy of request and CCTV Policy distributed to members.</p>						
h.	<p>Meadowdale Play Area Gates</p> <p>The Committee are asked to provide a response to Northumberland County Councils request for advice in relation to the closing of Meadowdale Play Area Gates as follows “If when the park is to be locked any users refuse to leave the play area should they still lock the park (as they are currently doing) or leave it open?” Copy of request distributed to members.</p>						
i.	<p>Planning Applications – Where Comments Have Been Requested.</p> <p>The Council are asked to discuss and decide if it wishes to make any comments in relation to the Planning applications received for comment.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="228 663 1471 763"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="228 663 464 730">Ref.</th> <th data-bbox="464 663 1262 730">Description</th> <th data-bbox="1262 663 1471 730">Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="228 730 464 763"></td> <td data-bbox="464 730 1262 763">No Planning Applications for This Meeting</td> <td data-bbox="1262 730 1471 763"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date		No Planning Applications for This Meeting	
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PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

Matters for Information or To Be Noted (not for decision)			
a.	Bus Shelters		
	1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hepscott Park (Northbound A192) on current agenda. ○ No further update for this meeting.
	2	Any member updates.	
b.	Defibrillators		
	1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All electrical connections completed, and certificates provided. ○ Awaiting leasing company to supply defibrillators and cabinets.
	2	Any Member Updates.	
c.	CCTV		
	1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New request on current agenda.
	2	Any member updates	
d.	Environmental		
	1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still awaiting response from Northumberland County Council re proposed Tree Planting Policy. ○ Street Furniture Painting on current agenda.
	2	Any member updates	
e.	Litter Bins		
	1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Further request from NCC Neighbourhood Services Team re the condition of the heavy metal bins on Front Street – proving to be a safety concern for their operatives – on current agenda. ○ Replacement ground mounted litter bin now installed at The Wyndings.
	2	Any member updates	
f.	Play Areas		
	1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request for advice from NCC on current agenda.
	2	Any member updates	
g.	Public Seats		
	1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Market Place, Bedlington new public seating proposal on current agenda.
	2	Any member updates	
h.	School Art in Bus Shelters.		
	1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Printer to collect supplied artwork imminently.
	2	Any Member Updates.	
i.	Speed Reduction Signs.		
	1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agreed repair of the Solar Panel and its fixing bracket at A192 Shield Rd near Plessy Wood Country Park has been ordered and traffic management has been completed.
	2	Any Member Updates.	
j.	War Memorial.		
	1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No further update for this meeting.
	2	Any Member Updates.	

k.	Any other information in relation to Services (not covered on agenda) Any matters that members would like to bring to the attention of other members and residents. For Information only no proposals or voting on these matters.
l.	Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Services Committee will be on Thursday 28 th April 2022 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. Please note the agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 20 th April 2022.

PART D – EXEMPT BUSINESS.

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Matters for Discussion / Decision	
a.	Bedlington Community Centre.

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL – SERVICES COMMITTEE

COUNCILLORS:

Bill Crosby, Paul Hedley, Adam Hogg, Wendy Reed, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Jayne Todd, Di Wallace, and Russ Wallace.