

To: **ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

You are hereby summonsed to attend the meeting of **WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL** to be held at **Bedlington Community Centre**, Front Street West, Bedlington.  
On Thursday 14th April 2022 at 6.30pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.  
Steven Young - Town Clerk  
7th April 2022



**PRESENTATIONS**

- There are no presentations for this meeting.

**QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL**

- The Chair will invite members of the public present to put questions and bring matters to the attention of the Council.
- This question time will last for a period of up to 15 minutes overall (which may be extended if the Chairman deems it necessary)
- To give every member of the public a fair chance of asking a question, the number of questions asked by any individual person may be limited at the Chairs discretion. The above covers both verbal and written submissions.
- Any member of the public who speaks should first state their name and address.  
***Please note that Members of the Public are not permitted to speak after question time is completed.***

**PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.**

| <b>Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.</b> |   |
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| a.   | <b>Apologies for Absence.</b><br>i. To receive and note any apologies for absence from Councillors<br>ii. To consider and determine any dispensations for absent Councillors.   |
| b.   | <b>Declaration of Interests.</b><br>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.<br>ii. To consider any requests for dispensations.<br>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 MEETINGS / SUMMARY OF DELEGATED DECISIONS

| Details of Meeting or Delegated Decisions |  |
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| a.  | To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 10th March 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.                                | <p><b>Queens Platinum Jubilee - Commemorative Merchandise</b></p> <p>The Council are asked to debate and decide upon the making of financial provisions within its reserves, for the supply of Platinum Jubilee commemorative merchandise, together with the possible delegation of the purchase to an individual member or small group of members to provide the same within any agreed budget.</p> <p>At its meeting on 10th March 2022 the Council agreed to delegate to Councillor Thompson the purchase of commemorative merchandise for Schools and Party Packs for Street Party Organisers but deferred a decision on providing any commemorative merchandise for any other groups.</p> <p>Do the Council wish to provide any commemorative merchandise for any other group(s) determined by members? And if so, agree a budget and agree to delegate the choice of commemorative merchandise to a Councillor.</p> |
| b.                                | <p><b>Queens Platinum Jubilee – Beacon</b></p> <p>The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon the type of Beacon to purchase to facilitate The Towns inclusion within the official Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. (Details of Beacon types together with details of the official event distributed to members). Councillor Reed.</p>   |
| c.                                | <p><b>Funding of Bedlington Food Banks - Review.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Council are requested to discuss, review, and decide upon any financial support to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Bedlington Salvation Army.</li> <li>ii. Bedlington Matthew Project.</li> <li>iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The Council are requested to discuss and determine next review dates for the funding of Food Banks.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Bedlington Salvation Army.</li> <li>ii. Bedlington Matthew Project.</li> <li>iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Any approved funding would be in respect of a S137 payment.</p>  |
| d.                                | <p><b>Additional Plaque (s) for Bedlington Heritage Guide</b></p> <p>The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon a resident’s request to provide a plaque or information board at The Rotary Clubs Rondel on Hartford Road, Bedlington. The resident states “at the moment the rondel means very little apart from the fact that there was a Rotary presence in the area. An explanation of Rotary's work at international, national and local levels would be a significant addition to Evan Martin’s (creator of the Heritage Guide) work and a testimony to its importance within our community”. (Request and correspondence distributed to members).</p>  |
| e.                                | <p><b>External Meetings</b></p> <p>To receive feedback from Councillors from any external meetings since the date of the last Council meeting.</p>  |
| f.                                | <p><b>Upload of Council Meeting Audio Recordings to Social Media</b></p> <p>The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon a proposal to upload audio recordings of Council meetings to social media. (Proposal distributed to members). Councillor Hogg.</p>   |
| g.                                | <p><b>Easter Egg Hunt – Donation of Easter Eggs</b></p> <p>At its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 the Council <b>RESOLVED to APPROVE</b> the proposal and expected expenditure (£200) to provide an Easter Egg Hunt for Bedlington school children.</p> <p>The agreed event will clash with a similar event hosted by Bedlington Salvation Army, and it is proposed to donate the 200 purchased Easter Eggs to the Salvation Army for their event. Councillor D Wallace.</p>  |
| h.                                | <p><b>Consultation – Council Response Requested</b></p> <p>The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon responses to a consultation “Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans Consultation”. Councillor Hogg has provided some suggested responses (distributed to members) to aid the discussion and provide a proposal for possible agreement.</p>  |

| i.              | <b>Working Groups / Committees</b> (items for decision or discussion). <b>Services Committee.</b><br>1. The Working Group Chair (Councillor Hogg) will provide a verbal report of the meeting decisions.  |                   |             |                   |              |  |                  |                 |  |                  |
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| j.              | <b>Working Groups / Committees</b> (items for decision or discussion). <b>Governance and Staffing Working Group.</b><br>1. <b>Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council.</b> None for this meeting.<br>2. <b>Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision)</b> – The Working Group Chair (Councillor Crosby) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.  |                   |             |                   |              |  |                  |                 |  |                  |
| j.              | <b>Working Groups / Committees</b> (items for decision or discussion). <b>Events Working Group</b><br>1. <b>Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council.</b> None for this meeting.<br>2. <b>Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision)</b> - The Working Group Chair (Councillor Reed) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.  |                   |             |                   |              |  |                  |                 |  |                  |
| k.              | <b>Working Groups / Committees</b> (items for decision or discussion). <b>Communications Working Group</b><br>1. <b>Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council.</b> None for this meeting.<br>2. <b>Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision).</b> Chair (Councillor Reed) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.   |                   |             |                   |              |  |                  |                 |  |                  |
| l.              | <b>Working Groups / Committees</b> (items for decision or discussion). <b>Neighbourhood Plan Working Group</b><br>1. <b>Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council.</b> None for this meeting.<br>2. <b>Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision)</b> Chair (Councillor Hogg) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.  |                   |             |                   |              |  |                  |                 |  |                  |
| m.              | <b>Working Groups / Committees</b> (items for decision or discussion). <b>Finance Working Group</b><br>1. <b>Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council.</b> None for this meeting.<br>2. <b>Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision)</b> Chair (Councillor R Wallace) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.  |                   |             |                   |              |  |                  |                 |  |                  |
| n.              | <b>Working Groups / Committees</b> (items for decision or discussion). <b>Youth Support Programme Working Group</b><br>1. <b>Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council.</b> None for this meeting.<br>2. <b>Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision)</b> The Working Group (No Chair) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.  |                   |             |                   |              |  |                  |                 |  |                  |
| o.              | <p><b>Working Groups / Committees</b> (items for decision or discussion). <b>Planning Working Group</b><br/><b>Planning Applications – Considered by Planning Working Group - Where Comments Have Been Requested.</b><br/>After considering any recommendation of its Planning Working Group, 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"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref.</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>22/00913/FUL</td> <td>Resubmission of approval 18/03632/REM for the construction of two detached dwellings and associated works. Location Land To North West Of Blue House Farm Cottages Blue House Farm Road Netherton Colliery Northumberland NE22 6BB</td> <td>19th April 2022.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22/00763/FELTPO</td> <td>Tree Preservation Order Application: T1 - Beech - Reduce overhang over garden by 2.5m (closest suitable growth point) to reduce shade and wind sail, T2 - Sycamore - Dead wood only, T3 - Atlas Cedar - Reduce by 2.5-3m in height and reshape to balance and lift to 2m to keep tree in good form and shape<br/>Location 1 Bellingham Court Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5QS</td> <td>27th April 2022.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: recent notified planning decisions and other planning applications (where comments have not been requested) are shown in PART C for information only).</p> | Ref.              | Description | Response Due Date | 22/00913/FUL | Resubmission of approval 18/03632/REM for the construction of two detached dwellings and associated works. Location Land To North West Of Blue House Farm Cottages Blue House Farm Road Netherton Colliery Northumberland NE22 6BB | 19th April 2022. | 22/00763/FELTPO | Tree Preservation Order Application: T1 - Beech - Reduce overhang over garden by 2.5m (closest suitable growth point) to reduce shade and wind sail, T2 - Sycamore - Dead wood only, T3 - Atlas Cedar - Reduce by 2.5-3m in height and reshape to balance and lift to 2m to keep tree in good form and shape<br>Location 1 Bellingham Court Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5QS | 27th April 2022. |
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**PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED**

| <b>Matters for Information or To Be Noted</b> |   |                                 |  |   |
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| a.  | <b>Correspondence.</b>  |                                 |  |   |
|   | The Council are requested to accept all correspondences and the actions noted in respect of each. |                                 |  |   |
|   | Ref   | From                            | Brief Description  | Action Taken  |
|   | 269   | Resident                        | Request For Individual Funding for Athletics Equipment                                       | Noted + Circulated + Replied                              |
|   | 270   | Age UK Northumberland           | Support for Local Residents with Scams Awareness from Age UK Northumberland                  | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 271   | East Bedlington Resident        | Copy of request to Bedlington Borderlands Place Programme                                    | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 272   | Northumbria Police              | Northumbria Connected  | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 273   | Bedlington Resident x 5         | Support For Ukraine  | Noted + Circulated + Replied                              |
|   | 274   | Community Action Northumberland | CAN E News 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022  | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 275   | Bedlington Salvation Army       | Note of Thanks   | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 276   | Gallagher Insurance             | Events: key considerations for clients   | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 277   | Bedlington Resident             | Copy of email to Planning Enforcement and Woodlands Team Re Current work on Choppington Road | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 278   | Playlist For Life               | Your March Help Point update   | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 279   | NCC Woodland and Trees Team     | Copy of acknowledgement ref 277  | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 280   | Northumbria Police              | Want to be heard in your community?  | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 281   | Northumbria Police              | March 2022 Crime Report Stats  | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 282   | Green Lane Association          | Countryside access: setting the record straight  | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 283   | Bedlington Resident x7          | Copy of correspondence re Planning Application   | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 284   | NCC Planning                    | Copy of Acknowledgement Ref 283  | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 285   | Bedlington Resident             | Precept Increase   | Noted + Circulated + Replied                              |
|   | 286   | Councillor Taylor               | Code of Conduct Complaint - Against Councillor Jayne Todd West Bedlington Town Council       | Noted + Circulated + Forwarded to NCC Monitoring Officer. |
|   | 287   | East Bedlington Resident        | Support for Pavement/Cycle way connecting Red Row Drive to Barrington Road (e petition).     | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 288   | County Councillor A Wallace     | Copy of Response to ref 287  | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 289   | NALC                            | NALC Member Council Update 15 March 2022 - Pay Scales  | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 290   | Northumbria Police              | Speeding figures   | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 291   | NALC                            | NALC Member Council Update 15 March 2022   | Noted + Circulated + Replied                              |
|   | 292   | Playlist For Life               | musical teas and free information session  | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 293   | Northumberland CC               | Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley Local Area Council - 23 March                        | Noted + Circulated  |
|   | 294   | SENUG                           | SENUG Public Meeting: 31st March 2022  | Noted + Circulated  |
| 295   | Community Engagement Advisor Infrastructure – Northumberland Rail Line                            | Gauging interest                | Noted + Circulated   |   |
| 296   | NALC  | NALC Enews 22 March 2022        | Noted + Circulated   |   |

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|    | 297                                   | Councillor R Wallace  | Code of Conduct Complaint - Against Councillor Taylor West Bedlington Town Council | Noted + Circulated + Forwarded to NCC Monitoring Officer.    |
|    | 298                                   | Councillor Crosby   | Code of Conduct Complaint - Against Councillor Taylor West Bedlington Town Council | Noted + Circulated + Forwarded to NCC Monitoring Officer.    |
|    | 299                                   | NCC Highways  | TTRO 128163550 Choppington Road Bedlington   | Noted + Circulated   |
|    | 300                                   | NALC  | NALC Enews 29 March 2022   | Noted + Circulated   |
|    | 301                                   | Bedlington Resident   | Blue Plaque Request  | Noted + Circulated + Added To Current Agenda                 |
|    | 302                                   | Northumberland CC   | NCC Parking Charges  | Noted + Circulated   |
|    | 303                                   | Northumberland CC   | Northumberland Local Plan - Adoption   | Noted + Circulated   |
|    | 304                                   | Resident  | Copy of email re: Market Tavern, Bedlington  | Noted + Circulated   |
|    | 305                                   | Bedlington Salvation Army                                     | Note of Thanks   | Noted + Circulated   |
|    | 306                                   | Wansbeck Valley Food Bank                                     | Note of Thanks   | Noted + Circulated   |
|    | 307                                   | Plantlife International - The Wild Plant Conservation charity | Peeking in cowslips to help the countryside - We need your help                    | Noted + Circulated   |
|    | 308                                   | Northumberland CC   | Support for Tree Planting in your Parish   | Noted + Circulated   |
|    | 309                                   | Northumberland CC   | Urban Tree Challenge Fund  | Noted + Circulated   |
|    | 310                                   | Northumberland CC   | TTRO 128236772 B1331 Netherton Road  | Noted + Circulated   |
|    | 311                                   | Gallagher Insurance   | Response to Request For Advice - Children's Play Area with Lockable Gates          | Noted + Circulated + Added to next Services Committee Agenda |
|    | 312                                   | Healthwatch Northumberland                                    | Northumberland Pharmacy Needs Assessment   | Noted + Circulated   |
| b. | <b>Consultations.</b>                 |   |  |  |
|    | From                                  | Description   | Details  |  |
|    | Northumberland CC                     | Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans Consultation   | Added To Agenda For a Council Response   |  |
|    | National Highways                     | National Highways Yorkshire and North East Stakeholder Survey | Online - Open To All   |  |
|    | NCC Planning Services                 | Planning Validation Checklist Re-consultation April 2022      | Closes 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2022   |  |
| c. | <b>Invitations.</b>                   |   |  |  |
|    | From                                  | Event   | Response Details   |  |
|    | Ashington & District male Voice Choir | Annual Concert of Ashington & District Male Voice Choir       | Invite To Mayor.   |  |

d.

**Schedule of Payments and Receipts.**

Details of payments and (receipts) to be noted since last Council update. All payments gross of VAT.

| Payee                             | Amount<br>£. p | Description  | Notes |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--|-------|
| Wansbeck Valley Food Bank         | 500.00         | Food Bank Donation                                   | S137  |
| Bedlington Salvation Army         | 500.00         | Food Bank Donation                                   | S137  |
| Reay Security Limited             | 83.04          | CCTV Charges   |       |
| Paul Bennet Electrical            | 710.00         | Defibrillator Electrical Installations               |       |
| Broxap Limited                    | 350.34         | New Litter Bin                                       |       |
| The Workplace Depot               | 358.56         | Defibrillator Accessories                            |       |
| Northumberland County Council     | 1,347.07       | War Memorial Spotlight                               |       |
| Glassfibre Flagpole Ltd           | 59.02          | Flag of Ukraine                                      |       |
| Glassfibre Flagpole Ltd           | 228.00         | Flagpole Annual Service                              |       |
| Talk Talk Business                | 45.54          | Telephone + Internet                                 |       |
| Wireless Logic Limited            | 499.20         | CCTV Sim Charges                                     |       |
| Swarco Traffic Ltd                | 4,496.40       | New Solar Panel and Repair Hartford Bridge Road Sign |       |
| Jo-Anne Garrick Ltd               | 360.00         | Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Fees                 |       |
| DL Maintenance & Repair           | 280.00         | Seat + Play Area Repairs                             |       |
| DL Maintenance & Repair           | 387.68         | Litter Bin Installations                             |       |
| Northumberland County Council     | 3,599.88       | Payroll Costs  |       |
| Reay Security Limited             | 83.04          | CCTC Charges   |       |
| High Street Safari                | 499.00         | Platinum Jubilee Beacon Trail                        |       |
| Microsoft.com                     | 79.99          | Annual Subscription                                  |       |
| Amazon                            | 30.96          | Easter Sweets For Schools                            |       |
| Everbrite for NALC Training       | 5.00           | Clerk Online Training                                |       |
| Everbrite for NALC Training       | 5.00           | Clerk Online Training                                |       |
| Bedlington Community Centre       | 120.00         | Room Hire – Arts Festival                            |       |
| Reay Security Limited             | 809.64         | CCTV Charges   |       |
| St Bede's Catholic Primary School | 1,500.00       | Pupils Fund Donation                                 |       |
| Wansbeck Valley Food Bank         | 500.00         | Food Bank Donation                                   | S137  |
| Bedlington Salvation Army         | 500.00         | Food Bank Donation                                   | S137  |

e.

**Other Planning Applications**Where comments have **not** been requested.

| Ref.            | Description  |
|-----------------|--|
| 22/01253/MISC   | Notice under The Electronic Communications Code Regulation 5, informing of the intention to install 2x 9M and LIGHT WOODEN POLES   Opposite Burnt House Farm Netherton Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AZ |
| 22/00693/CLEXIS | The use of the property is for one young person to live in as their main residence when leaving care   33 Briardale Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6EH   |

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| f.           | <b>Planning decisions notified to West Bedlington Town Council by Northumberland County Council.</b>   |   |                 |
|              | <b>Ref.</b>  | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Decision</b> |
|              | 22/00332/VARYCO  | Variation of condition 3 (approved plans) on approved application 21/03471/FUL in order to include Juliet Balcony to North elevation plus porch to West elevation. Location 80 Windsor Gardens Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5SY   | GRANTED         |
|              | 21/04242/FUL   | Proposed 2 storey side extension. Location 161 Hartlands Bedlington NE22 6JJ  | GRANTED         |
|              | 21/03109/COU   | Retrospective: Change of use from B1, B2 and B8 to D2 health and fitness studio (18/01392/COU relates). Location Lionhart Fitness Limited Unit 2 Vulcan Place Garage Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DL  | WITHDRAWN       |
|              | 21/04021/FUL   | Proposed supported living accommodation comprising construction of new building comprising of 12 self-contained 1-bedroom apartments (use class C3) for specialised independent supported living with associated external works and car parking Location 86 - 88 Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AB | GRANTED         |
|              | 21/01576/ADE   | Advertisement consent for one menu board. Location 10 Vulcan Place Bedlington NE22 5DN  | GRANTED         |
|              | 21/01927/OUT   | Outline permission for the construction of up to 6no dwellings including access, appearance, layout and scale. Location Land North West Of Blue House Farm Blue House Farm Road Netherton Colliery NE22 6BD   | GRANTED         |
| 21/04977/FUL | Change of use from open land to garden and erection of a boundary fence Location Land South Of 34 Glebe Mews Glebe Mews The Chesters Bedlington Northumberland   | GRANTED   |                 |
| g.           | <b>Police Report.</b><br>No Police Report for this meeting.<br>The next scheduled regular report is for June 2022 meeting.   |   |                 |
| h.           | <b>Bank Reconciliation</b><br>I. The Council are asked to note a checked bank reconciliation of £242,085.88 as of 31st March 2022 and a Deposit Account Balance of £100,453.33 as of 31st March 2022.<br>Note re Bank Reconciliation– In accordance with revised Statement of Internal Controls Councillor Todd as the nominated member has independently verified the monthly bank reconciliation.        |   |                 |
| i.           | <b>Matters for Information Only</b> – 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.<br>1. Councillor – matters for information only.<br>2. Town Clerk – The Annual Meeting of the Town is scheduled for Friday 22nd April 2022 starting at 6pm in Bedlington Community Centre – All welcome. |   |                 |
| j.           | <b>Date of Next Meeting.</b><br>The next scheduled meeting of the Council (The Annual Meeting of The Town Council) will be on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington.<br>The agenda for this meeting will be issued on Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2022.   |   |                 |

**WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:** Bill Crosby, Paul Hedley, Adam Hogg, Wendy Reed, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Jane Todd, Diane Wallace, Russ Wallace.