**The Councils Logo
Incorporates a coat of arms and a Bedlington Terrier on top.
**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 11th April 2024 at 6.30pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Gillian Turner – Acting Town Clerk 3rd April 2024

**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.**

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|  | **Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.** |
| a. | **Apologies for Absence.**   1. To receive and note any apologies for absence from Councillors. 2. To consider and determine any dispensations for absent Councillors. |
| b. | **Declaration of Interests.**   1. 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. 2. 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 Acting Town Clerk. |

**PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION**

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS / SUMMARY OF DELEGATED DECISIONS**

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|  | **Details of Meeting or Delegated Decisions** |
| a. | To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 21st March 2024. |
| b. | To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not included as agenda items. |

1. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION**

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|  | **Matters for Discussion / Decision** |
| a. | **Community Chest Applications**  Members are requested to discuss and decide upon the following two funding applications – forms attached:   1. Toys, Snacks and Chats. 2. Cygnus Support |
| b. | **Pupil Fund –** An application for funding has been received from Bedlington West End Primary School  - details of project is attached, |
| c. | **Chairs Update and any Reports from External Meetings.**   1. The Chair will make any relevant announcements and provide updates to members. 2. To receive feedback from Councillors from any external meetings since the date of the last Council meeting. |
| d. | **To Consider any issues which would normally have been taken to the Services Committee**   1. New Bus Shelter Choppington Road – quotation forwarded to developer, but no response received as yet. |
| e. | **Other Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion).**   1. Any Recommendations from Other Working Groups for decision by full Council.    * 1. None for this meeting.      2. Any Other Items from Other Working Groups – Any feedback to the Council, any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by any working group. |
| f. | **Bank Reconciliation**   1. The Council are asked to APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation of £259,031.83 as at 31st March 2024 and a Deposit Account Balance of £101,715.66 as at 31st March 2024. |
| g. | **Annual Town Meeting** – to decide on the date for the meeting to be held in May 2024 |
| h. | **Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Places –** members are presented with the maps obtained from NCC for consideration. |

**PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED**

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|  | **Matters for Information or To Be Noted** |
| a. | **Correspondence.**  The Council are requested to accept all correspondences and the actions noted in respect of each.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Ref | From | Brief Description | Action Taken | | 12/03 | Northumberland County Council | 23/04705/FULL – 6 Dixon Court | Noted + Circulated | | 15/03 | Northumberland County Council | Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places | Response Required  Item B h. | | 18/03 | Northumberland County Council | 24/00631/LPS – The Tower Church Lane | Noted + Circulated | | 25/03 | Community Action Northumberland | CAN Enews March 2024 | Noted + Circulated | | 25/03 | Northumberland County Council | Latest Northumberland News and Jobs 22/03/24 | Noted + Circulated | | 25/03 | NALC | Latest NALC Enews March 2024 | Noted + Circulated | | 25/03 | Northumberland County Council | Land SW 21 Front Street Article 13 to Chairman | Noted + Circulated | | 26/03 | Northumberland County Council | Tree Preservation Orders in Existence | Noted + Circulated | | 27/03 | Thriving Together | VCSE March Newsletter | Noted + Circulated | | 27/03 | Resident | Support for Double Yellow Lines behind Wetherspoons | Noted + Circulated | | 27/03 | Northumberland Line | Newsletter March | Noted + Circulated | | 01/04 | W Lowry (Developers) | 86-88 Front Street – Request to remove bollard and bin to allow works to commence | Noted + Circulated | | 01/04 | Resident | Problems at Waverley Drive re Spoil and Rubbish on Road | Forwarded to East Bedlington PC | | 01/04 | Northumberland County Council | Latest Northumberland News and Jobs 28/03/24 | Noted + Circulated | | 01/04 | Northumberland County Council | 24/00392/ADE Land 2 Ewart Drive - GRANTED | Noted + Circulated | | 01/04 | Northumberland County Council | TTRO 138068284 Barrington Road Level Crossing – Notice of Road Closure | Noted + Circulated | |  |  |  |  | |
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| b. | **Consultations.**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | From | Description | Details | |  |  |  | |
| c. | **Invitations.**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | From | Event | Response Details | | None For This Meeting |  |  | |
| 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  £. p | Description | Notes | | Morrisons | 64.00 | Jelly Babies in Lieu of Eggs |  | | Talk Talk Business | 55.26 | Telephone + Internet |  | | House of Hamilton | 2,534.00 | Events Co-ordinator |  | | Reay Security Ltd | 83.04 | CCTV Charges |  | | Northumberland County Council | 5117.97 | Payroll Costs March |  | | Reay Security Ltd | 417.60 | Lock-ups at Meadowdale |  | | Reay Security Ltd | 809.64 | CCTV Town Centre |  | | Wireless Logic Ltd | 539.14 | CCTV SIM Charges |  | | HMRC | **-16,702.65** | VAT Reclaim April 23 to Feb 24 |  | | Reay Security Ltd | 83.04 | CCTV Charges |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | | Lloyds Bank Business Account | **-112.18** | Interest Received |  | |
| e. | **Other Planning Applications –**   * 24/00910/MISC To install communications apparatus at Bedlington Telephone Exchange – Glebe Road * 24/00866/NONMAT Amendment to plots 134-136 and remove play area – Land South West of Glebe Farm * 24/00631/LBC Listed building consent to replace roof of outbuilding in rear garden – The Tower Church Lane |
| f. | **Planning decisions notified to West Bedlington Town Council by Northumberland County Council** :   * 24/00392/ADE Advertisement consent re land South of 2 Ewart Drive, Fenwick Park – PERMITTED * 24/00093/DISOCN Condition 3 and 17 (External Lighting) Car Park Vulcan Place – PERMITTED * 23/04708/FUL Retrospective window in place of garage and extend bay window – 6 Dixon Court-PERMITTED * 21/02583/DISCON Discharge of conditions 6 and 7 re Swimming Pool St Benet Biscop Academy - DECIDED |
| g. | **Police Report.**  The Police report will be distributed when received. |
| h. | **Matters for Information Only –** Any matters pertaining to the Council, that members would like to bring to the attention of other members and residents. For Information only no proposals or voting on these matters. |
| i. | **Date of Next Meeting.** Annual Meeting Thursday 9th May 2024 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Thursday 2nd May 2024 |

**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.

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|  | **Matters for Discussion / Decision / Information** |
| a. | Latest update re: the Clerk |

**WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS**:Bill Crosby, Paul Hedley, Cath Henderson, Adam Hogg,

Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Jane Todd, Diane Wallace, Russ Wallace.