

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 12th October 2023 at 6.30pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Steven Young - Town Clerk

4th October 2023



WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL

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 Chair's 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.

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

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 14th September 2023.
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

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a.	Review of Food Bank Donations. Minute 23/76 (Funding of Bedlington Food Banks – Review) resolved to review Food Bank donations in 6 (six) months. The Council are requested to review the current donations and decide on future donations and reviews. Currently the Council is donating £500 per month to Bedlington Food Bank, Bedlington Salvation Army and Wansbeck Valley Food Bank. Summary of current years donations and budget distributed to members.

b.	Strategic Plan – review of targets. The Council are asked to review and decide what actions (if any) to take with regard to its current Strategic Plan targets. Summary of targets distributed to members.						
c.	Community Chest / Funding Requests. The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A funding request from Wansbeck Christmas Campaign to support the funding of “Christmas presents for local children who otherwise would not have any on Christmas morning” . (Request distributed to members). 2. A Community Chest Application from Dr Pit Park Bowling Club. (Application distributed to members). 						
d.	Audit Arrangements - 2022/23 Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR). The Council are asked to NOTE the external auditors’ certification of the Annual Return of Accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2023. There were no matters which came to the attention of the Auditor that required the issuing of a separate additional issues report and the notice of conclusion has been published on 28 th September 2023. (Copy of notice distributed to members for information).						
e.	Consultation Response The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon a response (if any) to the consultation detailed in Part C b Consultations – Northumberland County Council Proposal to extend the duration of a Public Spaces Protection Order for the consumption of alcohol Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Part 4.						
f.	Chairs Update and any Reports from External Meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Chair will make any relevant announcements and provide updates to members. ii. To receive feedback from Councillors from any external meetings since the date of the last Council meeting. 						
g.	Services Committee. The Services Committee Chair will provide a verbal report of any meeting decisions from the most recent Services Committee meeting.						
h.	Planning Working Group Planning Applications – Considered by Planning Working Group - Where Comments Have Been Requested. 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. <table border="1" data-bbox="245 987 1489 1122"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref.</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>23/03482/FUL</td> <td>Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension Location 20 Millfield North Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5EG</td> <td>13th October 2023.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Note: recent notified planning decisions and other planning applications (where comments have not been requested) are shown in PART C for information only).	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	23/03482/FUL	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension Location 20 Millfield North Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5EG	13th October 2023.
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i.	Other Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any Recommendations from Other Working Groups for decision by full Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Events Working Group – Proposals re Future Years Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 1. Proposal to reappoint Charmain Hamilton as the Town Councils Event Organiser for 2024/25. Events to be provided for School Holidays (not half term breaks), Easter, Jubilee Games, Summer Family Festival, Halloween, Lovely Afternoon, Christmas Lights Switch On, Pantomime and Christmas Film Shows (replacement for Christmas Drop In). Fee and Budgets not to exceed current years amounts. o 2. Proposal “any local organisations (including the current provider) to put in fixed cost event proposals”. 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. 						
j.	Bank Reconciliation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Council are asked to APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation of £366,581.55 of 30th September 2023 and a Deposit Account Balance of £101,066.55 as of 30th September 2023. 						

PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

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
	193	Miller Homes Ltd	Reply to Bus Shelter Request	Noted + Circulated
	194	Highways – Northumberland County Council	TTRO 135421767 A192 Plessey Checks to Harford Bank	Noted + Circulated
	195	Highways – Northumberland County Council	TTRO 135418038 A192 Shields Road Bedlington	Noted + Circulated
	196	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs September 8, 2023	Noted + Circulated
	197	Cramlington & Wansbeck Rotary Club.	Rotary Emblem, Hartford Road, Bedlington.	Noted + Circulated
	198	Northumberland County Council	Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley Local Area Committee	Noted + Circulated
	199	StageTruck Ltd	events solutions north east	Noted + Circulated
	200	Community Action Northumberland	CAN Enews 15 September 2023	Noted + Circulated.
	201	Advance Northumberland	Bedlington Update - Greggs	Noted + Circulated
	202	Resident	Play area - hazelmere estate	Noted + Circulated + Added to Services Agenda
	203	Resident	Note of Thanks re response to Consultation - Proposed Parking restrictions - High Ridge Back Lane	Noted + Circulated
	204	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs September 22, 2023	Noted + Circulated
	205	Northumberland Association of Local Councils	NALC SEPTEMBER 2023 ENews	Noted + Circulated
	206	Wansbeck Xmas Campaign	Funding Request	Noted + Circulated + Added to Agenda
	207	Mazars LLP	AGAR for 2022/23, completion letter, completion notice	Noted + Circulated + Added to Agenda
	208	Highways – Northumberland County Council	Parking Issues Front Street Bedlington	Noted + Circulated
	209	Northumberland County Council	Revocation of the Wansbeck District Council (Hartford Road West, Bedlington Tree Preservation Order 1985	Noted + Circulated
	210	SENRUG	Next SENRUG Public Meeting and Exhibition Opportunity	Noted + Circulated
211	Community Action Northumberland	CAN Enews 29 September 2023	Noted + Circulated	
212	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs September 29, 2023	Noted + Circulated	
213	Thriving Together Northumberland	Newsletter	Noted + Circulated	
214	Northumberland County Council	Northumberland Line Newsletter - September 2023	Noted + Circulated	
b.	Consultations.			
	From	Description	Details	
	Northumberland County Council	Proposal to extend the duration of a Public Spaces Protection Order for the consumption of alcohol Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Part 4	Response by 18 th October 2023	

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
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	Northumberland County Council	-136,425.00	Precept Receipt – 2 nd Payment	
	1p Mobile	30.00	Mobile Phone Charges	
	Kompan Scotland Ltd	114.00	Swing Part	
	Talk Talk Business	48.54	Telephone + Internet	
	S Dodds Electrical	340.00	Defibrillator Electrical Installation	
	Reay Security Limited	809.64	CCTV Charges	
	Reay Security Limited	446.40	Meadowdale Play Area Gate Locking	
	Northumberland County Council	3,950.86	September Payroll Costs	
	Bedlington Salvation Army	500.00	Food Bank Donation	S137
	Bedlington Food Bank	500.00	Food Bank Donation	S137
	Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	500.00	Food Bank Donation	S137
	Wireless Logic Limited	539.14	CCTV SIM Card Charges	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	Michael Wood Design Limited	222.00	Printing Costs – Remembrance	
	Charmain Hamilton	2,000.00	Halloween Event	
	BGC Ltd	374.40	Christmas Surprise Give Away	
	Alexander Marshall	350.00	Ice Rink Deposit	
e.	Other Planning Applications			
	Where comments have not been requested.			
	Ref.	Description		
	None For This Meeting			
f.	Planning decisions notified to West Bedlington Town Council by Northumberland County Council.			
	Ref.	Description	Decision	
	23/02345/ADE	Advertisement consent for one fascia sign with logo and stainless-steel lettering Location Greggs Market Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TN	GRANTED	
	23/02344/FUL	Proposal for one fascia sign with logo and stainless-steel lettering, three air conditioning condenser units and two extract vents. Location Greggs Market Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TN	GRANTED	
	23/02470/FUL	Small external side storage. Location 2 Hallwood Close Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6BG	GRANTED	
	23/02777/COU	Change of use from caretaker's bungalow (Class Use C3) to school offices and meeting room (Class Use F1) Location School House St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy Ridge Terrace Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6ED	GRANTED	
	23/02807/FUL	Proposed single storey side extension Location 132 Hartlands Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6JJ	GRANTED	
	23/02817/FUL	Proposed garage conversion. Location 10 Hotspur Avenue Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TD	GRANTED	
	23/03010/FELTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application - T1 Beech - crown reduction 2-3m and reshape; T2 and T4 Holly - 2-3m crown reduction and reshape; Remove suppressed T3 Holly Location Stableford Lodge Fairway Rise Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG	PERMIT	
	23/02762/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application: T1 - Hornbeam - Reducing the height and spread of tree by up to 2M reduction is only to remove the new growth. Location 3 South Farm Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6BH	PERMIT	

g.	Police Report. There is no police report for this meeting. The next scheduled regular report is for December 2023 meeting.
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. Thursday 9th November 2023 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 1st November 2023.

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 / Information
a.	None For This Meeting.

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