

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 November 2024 at 6.30pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.
Steven Young - Town Clerk
6th November 2024



PRESENTATIONS and REPRESENTATIONS

- None 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.

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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 10 th October 2024.
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.	<p>Community Chest / Funding Requests. The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon funding requests from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Wag & Company North East Friendship Dogs. Details distributed to members. ii. St Bede’s Primary school PTA for a financial contribution to assist with the continuation of The Jubilee Games. Details distributed to members. 												
b.	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2025 -26 Budget and Precept Preparation. The Council are asked to consider and decide upon a proposal (in principle) to set aside funding within the new year’s (2025 -26) budget for the provision of an event to commemorate VE 80th Anniversary. ii. Internal Audit Interim Report The Council are requested to NOTE the interim internal audit report distributed. There is no area of concern reported. 												
c.	<p>Bedlington Walking and Cycling Consultation Members are requested to formulate the Council’s response to Northumberland County Councils consultation re the proposed Bedlington Walking and Cycling Route.</p>												
d.	<p>Bedlington Community Centre – Insurance Renewal The Council is asked to discuss and decide upon received insurance quotes for risks associated with its ownership of Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington, (Quote Comparison distributed to members - all risk covers are comparable).</p>												
e.	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Planning Applications – Where Comments Have Been Requested. 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" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Ref.</th> <th style="width: 60%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Response Due Date*</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">24/02929/ADE</td> <td>Retrospective: Advertisement Consent for adverts erected on commercial premises displaying information and name of business with rolling shutters. Location 66A Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AB</td> <td style="text-align: center;">30th October 2024.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">24/03606/PRUTPO</td> <td>Tree Preservation Order Application - T1 Corsican Pine - remove lower scaffold limb. Location Pinegrove House 2 Bellingham Court Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5QS</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14th November 2024.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">24/03162/FUL</td> <td>Retrospective-Erection of 12 stables and 5 barns Land To South Of Hartford Drive Hartford Drive Hartford Bridge Northumberland NE22 6AJ</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5th November 2024.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Where the response date is before the date of the meeting an extension has been agreed to allow consideration of the application at the meeting and an opportunity to submit comments. 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*	24/02929/ADE	Retrospective: Advertisement Consent for adverts erected on commercial premises displaying information and name of business with rolling shutters. Location 66A Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AB	30th October 2024.	24/03606/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application - T1 Corsican Pine - remove lower scaffold limb. Location Pinegrove House 2 Bellingham Court Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5QS	14th November 2024.	24/03162/FUL	Retrospective-Erection of 12 stables and 5 barns Land To South Of Hartford Drive Hartford Drive Hartford Bridge Northumberland NE22 6AJ	5th November 2024.
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h.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Any Recommendations from Working Groups for decision by full Council. None for this meeting. 2) Any Other Items from Working Groups – The Working Group Chair will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group. 												
i.	<p>Bank Reconciliation The Council are asked to APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation of £17,623.50 as of 31st October 2024 for current account, a Deposit Account Balance of £411,100.39 as of 31st October 2024, and a CCLA account balance of £25,000.</p>												

PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

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a.	<p>Chairs Update and any Reports from External Meetings.</p> <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. 																																																																																														
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	Service and Disabled Lifts Ltd	6,755.40	BCC Lift Deposit	
	Smart Office Systems Ltd	954.00	New Printer	
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	Station Entertainments Ltd	150.00	Remembrance PA	
	Wireless Logic Limited	539.14	CCTV Sim Card Charges	
	Northumberland County Council	26,077.31	Annual SLA Costs	
	DL Maintenance & Repair	204.42	Bus Shelter Repair	
	HMRC	-4,286.03	Vat Reclaim	
	Charmain Hamilton	7,350.00	Christmas Lights Switch On Event Costs	
	Transfer In from Deposit Account	-10,000.00	Internal Bank Account Transfer	
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	
	24/02773/FUL	Single story extension over garage, double story extension to side of property, single story extension to back of property. Location 1 Dunstanburgh Close Hazelmere Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6NA	GRANTED	
	24/02959/FELTPO	Tree Preservation Order: T1 - Fell one Rowan tree Location Grass Verge South Of Greenside Fairway Rise Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG	PERMIT	
g.	Police Report. The next scheduled regular report is for December 2024 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. 1. Councillors – Any matters for information only. 2. Town Clerk – Governance - advance notice of impending bank charges from January 2025. Services - Repairs to play equipment awaiting spare parts from suppliers. Bus Shelter Choppington Road awaiting installation date from supplier. War Memorial, Market Place Seats and Welcome Train complete. Office closure – advance notice the office will be closed on 25 th December 2024 to 2 nd January 2025.			
i.	Date of Next Meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 12th December 2024 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 4 th December 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.

	Matters for Discussion / Decision / Information
	Nothing 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.