

Minutes of the West Bedlington Town Councils Services Committee Meeting held at Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. on Thursday 25th August 2022 at 6.30pm.



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

PRESENTATION

Michelle Redfern – Northumberland County Councils Locality Coordinator (Cramlington/Bedlington/Seaton Valley) updated The Council on Northumberland Communities Together initiative. The presentation was very well received and members thanks Michelle for her time and support.

PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

| Min Ref | | Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests. | Determination |
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| S22/172 | | In Attendance | Councillors Crosby, Hedley, Hogg, Todd, D Wallace, and R Wallace. 1 (One) members of the public. 1 (One) presenter. |
| S22/173 | 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. | i. Apologies for absence were NOTED for Councillors Taylor and Reed. ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting. |
| S22/174 | 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. | i. There were no Declarations of Interest for this meeting. ii. No dispensations for this meeting. |

PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION

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

| | | Details of Meeting or Delegated Decisions | Determination |
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| S22/175 | a. | To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on 28th July 2022. | RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee held on 28th July 2022 are APPROVED as a true record. |
| S22/176 | b. | To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not included as agenda items | There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2022. |

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

| | | Matters for Discussion / Decision | Determination | | | | | | | | |
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| S22/177 | a. | <p>Meadowdale Play Area Gates. The committee are requested to discuss and decide upon a fixed term agreement for the closing of Meadowdale Play Area Gates. (Proposal distributed to members).</p> | RESOLVED to enter into a fixed term (3 year) discounted agreement for the closing of Meadowdale Play Area Gates. | | | | | | | | |
| S22/178 | b. | <p>Litter Bins. The committee are asked to discuss and decide upon a quote for the refurbishment of the cast iron litter bins on Front Street East and West, Bedlington. (Quote and Cost Comparisons Distributed).</p> | RESOLVED to ACCEPT the provided quote for the refurbishment of the cast iron litter bins on Front Street East and West, Bedlington. | | | | | | | | |
| S22/179 | c. | <p>Bus Shelters. The Committee are requested to consider and decide upon a request (distributed) from a resident to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Improve access to the bus shelter on Choppington Road (Opposite Chester Court Nursing Home). ii. Review the current position of the bus shelter on the Chester Court Nursing Home side of the road (the current location was chosen by concerned bus users). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. RESOLVED to Improve access to the bus shelter on Choppington Road (Opposite Chester Court Nursing Home) after consultation with NCC Highways re appropriate permissions. ii. RESOLVED not to make any changes to the current position of the bus shelter on the Chester Court Nursing Home side of the road but to request Northumberland County Council to review the location of the bus stop. | | | | | | | | |
| S22/180 | d. | <p>Environmental</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bedlington In Bloom. The Committee are asked to discuss and decide on any ways it can support Bedlington in Bloom residents' group. This was deferred from July's meeting to receive feedback from the residents group. ii. Wild Flower Beds. The Committee are requested to review (following feedback from NCC) how it wishes to proceed with the provision of wild flower beds in Bedlington. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. DEFERED pending additional information from Bedlington In Bloom. ii. RESOLVED not to pursue a wildflower bed scheme for the time been. | | | | | | | | |
| S22/181 | | <p>Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) – Bedlington Bank, Bedlington.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Committee are asked to discuss and decide upon a request from Northumberland County Council to enter into a Section 50 Application (responsibility of the ongoing maintenance and repair of the signs once they have been installed). ii. If i. approved, then the committee must review its ongoing replacement provision (distributed) and decide if any revision is required. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. RESOLVED to enter into a Section 50 Application (responsibility of the ongoing maintenance and repair of the signs). ii. RESOLVED not to amend the its ongoing replacement provision at this time. | | | | | | | | |
| S22/182 | d. | <p>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.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Ref.</th> <th style="width: 55%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>22/02717/FUL</td> <td>Change of use from existing Grass football pitch to a 3G artificial grass pitch; replace existing sports rail Location Welfare Park, Bedlington Terriers Football Club Park Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DP</td> <td>2nd September 2022.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Ref. | Description | Response Due Date | 22/02717/FUL | Change of use from existing Grass football pitch to a 3G artificial grass pitch; replace existing sports rail Location Welfare Park, Bedlington Terriers Football Club Park Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DP | 2nd September 2022. | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Determination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; height: 100px;">No Comment</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Determination | No Comment |
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PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

| Matters for Information or To Be Noted (not for decision) | | | | |
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| S22/183 | a. | Bus Shelters | | |
| | | 1 | Work In Progress / Recently Completed | o Residents request for Chester Court Bus Shelters on current agenda. |
| | | 2 | Any member updates. | No members update. |
| S22/184 | b. | Defibrillators | | |
| | | 1 | Work In Progress / Recently Completed | o No further update for this meeting. |
| | | 2 | Any Member Updates. | No members update. |
| S22/185 | c. | CCTV | | |
| | | 1 | Work In Progress / Recently Completed | o No further update for this meeting. |
| | | 2 | Any member updates | No members update. |
| S22/186 | d. | Environmental | | |
| | | 1 | Work In Progress / Recently Completed | o Bedlington in Bloom on current agenda. o Street furniture painting scheduled for week commencing 19 th Sept 2022. o Supply of Community Litter Picking Sticks to be replenished. |
| | | 2 | Any member updates | Councillor Hogg to investigate possible tree planting near existing Play Areas - costed proposal in future once all details available. |
| S22/187 | e. | Litter Bins | | |
| | | 1 | Work In Progress / Recently Completed | o New bins and replacement bin liners due to be installed asap. o Front Street Bins on current agenda. o Burnt out bin at Woosingham Court to be replaced with a spare bin already in stock new bins and replacement bin liners due to be delivered 23 rd June 2022 o Link Avenue Bin needs to be reset. |
| | | 2 | Any member updates | Councillor Hogg - Bin at Warton Arms needs to be reset. |
| S22/188 | f. | Play Areas | | |
| | | 1 | Work In Progress / Recently Completed | o Meadowdale Gates Review on current agenda. o Meadowdale Spring Rocker Replacement parts ordered. o 20 Acre Swing Replacement ordered. |
| | | 2 | Any member updates | No Members update. |
| S22/189 | g. | Public Seats | | |
| | | 1 | Work In Progress / Recently Completed | o Memorial Plaque for public seat in Nedderton Village ordered and installed. o New commemorative seats in Market Place have been installed. |
| | | 2 | Any member updates | No members update. |
| S22/190 | h. | School Art in Bus Shelters. | | |
| | | 1 | Work In Progress / Recently Completed | o No further update for this meeting. |
| | | 2 | Any Member Updates. | No members update. |
| S22/191 | i. | Speed Reduction Signs. | | |
| | | 1 | Work In Progress / Recently Completed | o Section 50 Application for Bedlington Bank x 2 on current agenda. |
| | | 2 | Any Member Updates. | No members update. |
| S22/192 | j. | War Memorial. | | |
| | | 1 | Work In Progress / Recently Completed | o Awaiting quote for wreath hanging rail. |
| | | 2 | Any Member Updates. | No members update. |

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| S22/193 | k. | Bedlington Community Centre. | | |
| | | 1 | Work In Progress / Recently Completed | o AGM scheduled for Wednesday 24 th August 2022 in Bedlington Community Centre starting at 11.45am. All Welcome. |
| | | 2 | Any Member Updates. | Councillor R Wallace provided an update from the AGM – Officers elected, Requirement to update Bank Mandate, Renewed call for additional volunteers, desire to host a warm space throughout the winter months. |
| S22/194 | l. | Items a. to k - All updates NOTED | | |
| S22/195 | m. | 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. o Nothing for this meeting. | | |
| S22/196 | n. | Date of Next Meeting. RESOLVED The next meeting of the Services Committee will be on Thursday 22nd September 2022 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting will be issued on Wednesday 14 th September 2022. | | |
| S22/197 | o. | The Chair closed the meeting at 7.31pm | | |

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 | Determination |
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| | There was No Exempt Business for this meeting | |

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:

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

Signed by Chair

Date