

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town held on
Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre.**



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

PRESENT.

10 Electors, 4 Non-Electors.

IN THE CHAIR.

Councillor Christine Taylor (Chair West Bedlington Town Council) was in the chair for the meeting.

MINUTES PREPARED BY.

Steven Young Town Clerk West Bedlington Town Council.

AM1/24

1. WELCOME TO THE MEETING.

Councillor Taylor (Meeting Chair) welcomed those present to the Annual Meeting of the Town for 2024.

AM2/24

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

No apologies were received for this meeting.

AM3/24

3. KEYNOTE SPEAKERS.

Rob Strettle - Interim Senior Regeneration Manager Northumberland County.
Ed Clark - Senior Programme Transport Officer Northumberland County Council.
Andrew Mowbray – Advance Northumberland.

All three keynote speakers provided updates in relation to various projects (past, present and future) within the parish.

Residents were then invited to submit their questions to the keynote speakers for a lengthy and comprehensive Question and Answer session.

The Chair thanked all the keynote speakers for their attendance, time and endeavours to help update residents.

AM4/24

4. DISCUSSION / PROPOSALS FROM ELECTORS

Nothing further was discussed – the meeting disbursed after the Question-and-Answer session to keynote speakers.

AM5/24

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting disbursed at approximately 8.51pm.

Approved by the Meeting Chair tba 2025

Chairman's initials

*Note 1. – these draft minutes will be **noted** as a true record of the meeting at the next meeting of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting (scheduled June 2024 but require formal approval at the next Annual Meeting of The Town (date to be arranged 2025).*

Note 2 – there was no Annual Meeting of The Town in 2023 due to flooding of the venue.

Note 3 – the Draft minutes from the Annual Meeting of The Town in 2022 are still to be formally approved – the meeting disbursed ahead of approving the previous meeting’s minutes.

Note 4 – the keynote speakers have provided the following email addresses for any follow questions from residents.

*Rob Strettle - Interim Senior Regeneration Manager Northumberland County. -
growth@northumberland.gov.uk*

*Ed Clark - Senior Programme Transport Officer Northumberland County Council. -
BedlingtonLUF@northumberland.gov.uk*

Andrew Mowbray – Advance Northumberland. - enquiries@advancenorthumberland.co.uk

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