



PRESENTATIONS.

- Northumbria Police Inspectors Pattison and Daniels presented a verbal crime report. Inspector Pattison thanked the Council for its support throughout his tenure as Inspector for Bedlington before handing over to the incumbent Inspector Daniels. Inspector Daniels introduced himself to the meeting and looked forward to continuing the work with the Town Council.
- Councillor Hedley asked if the Police could support the Council with issues at Meadowdale Play Area.
- The Council and residents thanked the outgoing Inspector Pattison for all his work in Bedlington.

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- A resident whilst acknowledging the fantastic support and attendance at the event did express their disappointment at the failure of the lighting of the beacon at the recent Queens Platinum Jubilee Event. The Council stated that they were more disappointed and had already taken the issue up with the event organisers so that lessons could be learned for future events.

PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	Determination
22/081		In Attendance	Councillors Crosby, Hedley, Hogg, Reed, and R Wallace. Town Clerk Steven Young, and 2 (Two) members of the public.
22/082	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, from Councillors Taylor, Thompson, Todd, and D Wallace were NOTED . ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting.
22/083	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. Councillor R Wallace made a declaration of interest in relation to Agenda item Part B 2g. Funding of Bedlington Food Banks - Review. The Matthew Project. 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
22/084	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 12th May 2022.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 12 th May 2022 are APPROVED as a true record.
22/085	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 last meeting held on 12 th May 2022.

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

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22/086	a.	<p>Annual Return of Accounts 2021/22 – Annual Internal Audit Report.</p> <p>In accordance with The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Council are requested to note and approve The Annual Internal Audit report of May 2022. ii. To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor. <p>All papers distributed to members in advance of meeting.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. RESOLVED to note and approve The Annual Internal Audit report of May 2022. ii. There were NO actions arising from the report of the internal auditor.
22/087	b.	<p>Annual Return of Accounts 2021/22 – Annual Governance Statement.</p> <p>In accordance with The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The Council are requested to approve The Annual Governance Statement 2021-22 (Section 1 Annual Return of Accounts) in advance of considering the Approval of Accounts for 2021-22. All papers distributed to members in advance of meeting.</p>	RESOLVED to approve The Annual Governance Statement 2021-22 (Section 1 Annual Return of Accounts) in advance of considering the Approval of Accounts for 2021-22.
22/088	c.	<p>Annual Return of Accounts 2021/22 – Accounting Statements.</p> <p>In accordance with The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. Only after approval of The Annual Governance Statement 2021 – 22 (at b above). The Council are requested to approve the 2021 -22 Accounting Statements (Section 2 Annual Return of Accounts) As already signed by the Council's Responsible Finance Officer. All papers distributed to members in advance of meeting.</p>	RESOLVED to approve the 2021 -22 Accounting Statements (Section 2 Annual Return of Accounts) As already signed by the Council's Responsible Finance Officer.
22/089	d.	<p>Annual Return of Accounts 2021/22 – Year on Year Variances.</p> <p>The Council are requested to approve the explanation of year on year variances provided. All papers distributed to members in advance of meeting.</p>	RESOLVED to approve the explanation of year on year variances provided.
22/090	e.	<p>Setting the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights. Accounts 2021/22.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Council are asked to note the dates (Monday 13 June and Friday 22 July 2022) chosen for the period for the exercise of public rights. The inspection period must include the first 10 working days of July. ii. The Council are further asked to note the date (Friday 10 June 2022) of publishing the relevant Notice advertising the dates which public rights may be exercised. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. RESOLVED to NOTE the dates (Monday 13 June and Friday 22 July 2022) chosen for the period for the exercise of public rights. ii. RESOLVED to NOTE the date (Friday 10 June 2022) of publishing the relevant Notice advertising the dates which public rights may be exercised.
22/091	f.	<p>Reserves</p> <p>The Council are asked to review and decide upon any amendments to The Councils current provision of reserves held over for specific projects / identified future spending reserves. (Details of current Specific Reserves distributed to members).</p>	RESOLVED after REVIEW to return Set Aside Specific Reserve Provisions to Non Specific reserves as follows Potential Skate Park Project £9k and Defibrillators £3k.
22/092	g.	<p>Funding of Bedlington Food Banks - Review.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council are requested to discuss, review, and decide upon any financial support to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bedlington Salvation Army. ii. Bedlington Matthew Project. 	1. RESOLVED to set aside a £500 donation for each of the 3 food banks for February 2022 – to be released upon

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank. 2. The Council are requested to discuss and determine next review dates for the funding of Food Banks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bedlington Salvation Army. ii. Bedlington Matthew Project. iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank. <p>Any approved funding would be in respect of a S137 payment</p>	<p>receipt of an individual request from each food bank.</p> <p>2. RESOLVED to review on-going donations on a month-by-month basis. Any approved funding would be in respect of a S137 payment.</p>
22/093	h.	<p>Funding Application – Pupils Fund</p> <p>The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon an application from West End Primary School for funding from The Town Councils Pupils Fund. Application distributed to members.</p>	<p>RESOLVED to APPROVE an application from West End Primary School for funding from The Town Councils Pupils Fund and award £1,500.</p>
22/094	i.	<p>Hope Church Bedlington – Request for Letter of Support</p> <p>The Council are requested to discuss and decide if it wishes to supply a letter of support to Hope Church Bedlington for them to use to assist in their funding applications that they are currently in the process of making for a purchase of a permanent Bedlington premises. Request distributed to members.</p>	<p>RESOLVED to supply a letter of support to Hope Church Bedlington for them to use to assist in their funding applications that they are currently in the process of making for a purchase of a permanent Bedlington premises.</p>
22/095	j.	<p>External Meetings.</p> <p>To receive feedback from Councillors from any external meetings since the date of the last Council meeting.</p>	<p>Councillor Hogg provided a verbal summary of a recent meeting with Woodlands Officer (Communities Advisor) of the Great Northumberland Forest.</p>
22/096	k.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Services Committee.</p> <p>The Working Group Chair (Councillor Hogg) will provide a verbal report of the meeting decisions.</p>	<p>Committee Chair Councillor Hogg provided a verbal update of the decisions approved at the Services Committee meeting on 26th May 2022.</p>
22/097	l.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Governance and Staffing Working Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council. None for this meeting. 2. Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision) – The Working Group Chair (Councillor Crosby) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No recommendations for this meeting. 2. No updates for this meeting.
22/098	m.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Events Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council. None for this meeting. 2. Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision) - The Working Group Chair (Councillor Reed) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No recommendations for this meeting. 2. Working Group Chair Councillor Reed provided verbal feedback on both recent Platinum Jubilee Events (Beacon Event and Tea Party) and reminded the meeting of the upcoming Family Festival over both days of the weekend. 3.
22/099	n.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Communications Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council. None for this meeting. 2. Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision). Chair (Councillor Reed) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No recommendations for this meeting. 2. Working Group Chair Councillor Reed asked for contributions for the next e-newsletter before Wednesday 15th June 2022.

22/100	o.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Neighbourhood Plan Working Group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council. None for this meeting. Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision) Chair (Councillor Hogg) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No recommendations for this meeting. Working Group Chair Councillor Hogg provided a verbal update re lack of progress with Technical Support Team re Design Codes. 								
22/101	p.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Finance Working Group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council. None for this meeting. Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision) Chair (Councillor R Wallace) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No recommendations for this meeting. No updates for this meeting. 								
22/102	q.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Youth Support Programme Working Group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council. None for this meeting. Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision) The Working Group (No Chair) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No recommendations for this meeting. Councillor Reed advised that the schools Jubilee Games had went well and had been well received. 								
22/103	r.	<p>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Planning Working Group Planning Applications – Considered by Planning Working Group - Where Comments Have Been Requested.</p> <p>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.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 1120 834 1473"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref.</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>22/01655/FUL</td> <td>Creation of garden platform Location 4 Tantallon Grove Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6FA</td> <td>9th June 2022</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>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	22/01655/FUL	Creation of garden platform Location 4 Tantallon Grove Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6FA	9th June 2022	<table border="1" data-bbox="1050 1120 1520 1473"> <thead> <tr> <th>Determination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>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	
22/104		<p>RESOLVED to NOTE Section's a, b and c. Correspondence, Consultations and Invitations and the actions taken for each detailed below. Section d, Schedule of payments and receipts Section e, Other planning applications Note section f is not part of the agenda and is included for information only.</p>	
	a.	Correspondence.	
		Ref	From
		Brief Description	Action Taken
		313	Northumberland CC
		LOVE Northumberland Awards 2022	
		314	Northumberland CC
		Latest Northumberland News and Jobs May 6, 2022	
		315	Virgin Media
		Broadband Works In Bedlington	
		316	Carers Northumberland
		Supporting Unpaid Carers in Northumberland for Carers Week 6-12th June	
		317	NALC
		NALC - Staff Absence	
		318	Northumberland CC
		Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley LAC – 18 May 2022	
		319	Community Action Northumberland
		CAN Enews 13 May 2022	
		320	Thriving Together Northumberland
		National survey on children and young people's social prescribing	
		321	Northumberland Day
		Northumberland Day 2022: How to Get Involved	
		322	Northumbria Police
		Insp Pattison - Leaving	
		323	NCC Highways
		Amended TTRO 128236772 B1331 Netherton Road	
		324	West End Primary School
		Pupils Fund Application	
		325	Northumbria Police
		Inspector Daniels Introduction	
		326	NCC Highways
		TTRO 128874807 U6539 Glebe Road/Bishops Meadow Footway	
		327	Thriving Together Northumberland
		CAB Statistics	
		328	Thriving Together Northumberland
		Northumberland Neglect Summit Summary	
		329	Northumberland CC
		Latest Northumberland News and Jobs May 20, 2022	
		330	Bedlington Resident
		Thanks For Personal Tea Party Invitations	
		331	NALC
		Enews 25 May 2022	
		332	NALC
		Direct Access Councils	
		333	NCC Highways
		TTRO 128992880 U6548 Rowan Close Bedlington	
		334	NALC
		Member Council Update 27 May 2022	
		335	Northumberland County Council
		Upcoming Inequalities Events - Bedlington & Choppington	
		336	Hope Church Bedlington
		Request for Letter of Support	
		337	Northumberland CC
		Latest Northumberland News and Jobs May 27, 2022	
		338	NCC Highways
		TTRO 128991154 Horton Road Blyth.	
		339	Thriving Together Northumberland
		VCS Liaison Group Agenda Setting – Have your say!	
		340	Northumberland County Council
		Reminder - Upcoming Inequalities Events - Bedlington & Choppington	

	341	Thriving Together Northumberland	Learning Disabilities & Differences Network Join now!	Noted + Circulated
b.	Consultations.			
	From	Description	Details	
	Northumberland CC	Climate Website consultation	Open To All – By 8 th July – online at https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=3qkTu5CC8EKpgNw73-cPQA4KpKNwOwxLhcmAV4mICZIUNVY0SUdONDJGRFI4QUg4UFpVMDY4RE5YRC4u	
	Northumberland CC	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Consultation	Open To All until - 18th July online at https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Care/Health.aspx#publichealth	
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
	Northumberland County Council	-499.00	Jubilee Event Funding	
	Northumberland County Council	4,567.92	April Payroll Costs	
	Physical Education & Active Kids Ltd	6343.92	Jubilee Games	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	Reay Security Limited	809.64	CCTV Charges	
	Crosby Hire	360.00	Chair Hire – Music Event	
	Talk Talk Business	45.54	Telephone + Internet	
	Discount Displays Limited	216.78	Lamppost Jubilee Decorations	
	DoWant Ltd	239.80	Jubilee Bunting	
	Rainblo Design	125.00	Tea Party Balloon Structures	
	Wireless Logic Limited	499.20	CCTV Sim Charges	
	Groundworks UK	-4,500.00	Neighbourhood Plan Funding	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	Printed.Com	59.82	Tea Party Invitations	
	Amazon Market Place	12.45	Tea Party Napkins	
	DL Maintenance & Repair	405.50	Bus Shelter Repairs	
	Vanilla Teas	170.00	Tea Party China	
	HMRC	-15,496.66	VAT Refund	
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	
	22/00763/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application: T1 - Beech - Reduce overhang over garden by 2.5m (closest suitable growth point) to reduce shade and wind sail, T2 - Sycamore - Dead wood only, T3 - Atlas Cedar - Reduce by 2.5-3m in height and reshape to balance and lift to 2m to keep tree in good form and shape. Location 1 Bellingham Court Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5QS	PERMIT	

22/105	g.	<p>Police Report. RESOLVED to NOTE the Police Report presented for this meeting. The next scheduled regular report is for September 2022 meeting.</p>					
22/106	h.	<p>Financial Update / Bank Reconciliation.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> <p>Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>i. The Council are asked to note a checked bank reconciliation of £346,761.54 as of 31st May 2022 and a Deposit Account Balance of £100,455.01 as of 31st May 2022.</p> <p>Note re Bank Reconciliation– In accordance with revised Statement of Internal Controls Councillor Todd as the nominated member has independently verified the monthly bank reconciliation.</p> </td> <td> <p>The Council NOTED the bank reconciliation.</p> </td> </tr> </table>		<p>Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>i. The Council are asked to note a checked bank reconciliation of £346,761.54 as of 31st May 2022 and a Deposit Account Balance of £100,455.01 as of 31st May 2022.</p> <p>Note re Bank Reconciliation– In accordance with revised Statement of Internal Controls Councillor Todd as the nominated member has independently verified the monthly bank reconciliation.</p>	<p>The Council NOTED the bank reconciliation.</p>		
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22/107	i.	<p>Matters for Information Only</p> <p>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.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Councillors</td> <td>None for this meeting.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Town Clerk</td> <td> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Town Clerk – Local Transport Plan Priorities to be included on next meeting agenda – background papers have already been distributed. 2. Town Clerk – Clerks Leave / Office Closures – The Council Office will be closed on the following dates additional dates to accommodate The Clerks Leave - Thursday and Friday 29th and 30th June 2022, Friday 8th July 2022, Friday 15th July and Wednesday to Friday 20th – 22nd July 2022. </td> </tr> </table>		Councillors	None for this meeting.	Town Clerk	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Town Clerk – Local Transport Plan Priorities to be included on next meeting agenda – background papers have already been distributed. 2. Town Clerk – Clerks Leave / Office Closures – The Council Office will be closed on the following dates additional dates to accommodate The Clerks Leave - Thursday and Friday 29th and 30th June 2022, Friday 8th July 2022, Friday 15th July and Wednesday to Friday 20th – 22nd July 2022.
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22/108	j.	<p>Meeting Close and Date of Next Meeting. RESOLVED the next scheduled meeting of the Council (The Annual Meeting of The Town Council) will be on Thursday 14th July 2022 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting will be issued on Wednesday 6th July 2022. The Chair closed the meeting at 7.25pm</p>					

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:

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

Signed by Chair

Date