

**Minutes of the West Bedlington Town Councils Services Committee Meeting held at Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. on Thursday 26th January 2023 at 6.30pm.**



**WEST BEDLINGTON  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**PRESENTATION**

There were no presentations for this meeting.

**PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.**

Min Ref		<b>Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.</b>	<b>Determination</b>
S23/001		<b>In Attendance</b>	Councillors Crosby, Hedley, Hogg (Chair), Reed, Thompson, D Wallace, and R Wallace. 1 (One) member of the public.
S23/002	a.	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b> i. To receive and note any apologies for absence from Councillors. ii. To consider and determine any dispensations for absent Councillors.	i. No Apologies for absence received. ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting.
S23/003	b.	<b>Declaration of Interests.</b> 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**

		<b>Details of Meeting or Delegated Decisions</b>	<b>Determination</b>
S23/004	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on 27th October 2022.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee held on 27th October 2022 are <b>APPROVED</b> as a true record.
S23/005	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 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2022.

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

Matters for Discussion / Decision			Determination						
S23/006	a.	<b>Planning Applications – Where Comments Have Been Requested.</b> The Council are asked to discuss and decide if it wishes to make any comments in relation to the Planning applications received for comment.	<b>Determination</b>  <b>RESOLVED to STRONGLY OBJECT to the application.</b>						
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PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

Matters for Information or To Be Noted (not for decision)				
S23/007	a.	<b>Bus Shelters</b>		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Bus Shelter at North Ridge repair to panel – School Art Work Panel replaced with plain panel.
		2	Any member updates.	No members update.
S23/008	b.	<b>Defibrillators</b>		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Periodic Checks to be confirmed to “The Circuit” – Defibrillator register – All completed.
		2	Any Member Updates.	No members update.
S23/009	c.	<b>CCTV</b>		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Current contract expires on 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2023.
		2	Any member updates	Ask Police for any preferred system features for any prospective new system.
S23/010	d.	<b>Environmental</b>		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Street furniture painting needs to be completed – reminder sent to contractor.
		2	Any member updates	Follow up outstanding request to NCC Planning re planning enforcement case, ref: 21/00880/BRCOND.
S23/011	e.	<b>Litter Bins</b>		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Post mounted bin between Centenary Way and Augustus Close dislodged – Clerk has arranged a repair.
		2	Any member updates	No members update.
S23/012	f.	<b>Play Areas</b>		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o No further update for this meeting.
		2	Any member updates	Councillor Thompson provided some information about a potential “Play Zone” scheme initiated by Northumberland County Council.
S23/013	g.	<b>Public Seats</b>		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o No further update for this meeting.
		2	Any member updates	No members update.

S23/014	h.	<b>School Art in Bus Shelters.</b>		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o No further update for this meeting.
		2	Any Member Updates.	Councillor Hogg – Art Work in Bus Shelter near Centenary Cottages damaged. Clerk to arrange a repair.
S23/015	i.	<b>Speed Reduction Signs.</b>		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o No further update for this meeting.
		2	Any Member Updates.	No members update.
S23/016	j.	<b>War Memorial.</b>		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Funding authorisation received from NCC – total cost of “lest we forget” wreath hanging rail from County Councillor Taylors Small Claims Fund. o Dislodged curb stone replaced.
		2	Any Member Updates.	No members update.
S23/017	k.	<b>Bedlington Community Centre.</b>		
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o The Community Centre continues to run on shoestring resources – additional volunteers are needed.
		2	Any Member Updates.	No members update.
S23/018	l.	Items a. to k - <b>All updates NOTED</b>		
S23/019	m.	<p><b>Any other information in relation to Services (not covered on agenda)</b> 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Councillor Hogg – provided feedback from Borderlands Project and requested members to submit suggestions for major projects – AH to coordinate.</li> <li>o Councillor Hogg – provided feedback from the recent Town and Parish Council Conference – specifically highlighting problems with communications with NCC Planning and Planning Enforcement Department.</li> <li>o Councillor Hogg – offer of a visit to a future Council meeting by The Leader of Northumberland County Council.</li> </ul>		
S23/020	n.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting.</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> The next scheduled meeting of the Services Committee is currently on Thursday 23rd February 2023 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. Please note the agenda for this meeting would be issued on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</p>		
S23/021	o.	The Chair closed the meeting at 7.20pm		

## 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.

	<b>Matters for Discussion / Decision</b>	<b>Determination</b>
	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