

**Minutes of the West Bedlington Town Councils Services Committee Meeting held at Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. on Thursday 27th October 2022 at 6.30pm.**



**WEST BEDLINGTON  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**PRESENTATION**

A representative from Bright Red made a short presentation in support of their Community Chest Application (Agenda Item Part B 2a.)

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

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	Determination
S22/198		<b>In Attendance</b>	Councillors Hedley, Hogg (Chair), Reed, and R Wallace. 1 (One) presenter.
S22/199	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. Apologies for absence were <b>NOTED</b> for Councillors Crosby, Taylor, Thompson, Todd, and D Wallace. ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting.
S22/200	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**

		Details of Meeting or Delegated Decisions	Determination
S22/201	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on 25th August 2022.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee held on 25th August 2022 are <b>APPROVED</b> as a true record.
S22/202	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 25th August 2022.

**2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION**

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S22/203	a.	<b>Funding Application – Community Chest Fund</b> The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon a Community Chest application from “Bright Red”. Application distributed to members.	<b>RESOLVED</b> to award £850 to Bright Red in respect of their Community Chest application.																
S22/204	b.	<b>Policy 18 Vandalism Policy</b> i. The committee are asked to discuss and decide upon a proposal to pursue a claim under Policy 18 Vandalism. The Claim would be against the offender’s motor insurance to recover the cost of repairs for damage caused to a public seat located in Bedlington Market Place. (Estimated repair cost to be IRO £150). ii. The committee are requested to discuss and decide if the current policy 18 Vandalism needs to be revised and updated to take account for similar incidents. (Copy of the current policy distributed to members).	<b>i. RESOLVED</b> to pursue a claim against the offender’s motor insurance to recover the cost of repairs for damage caused to a public seat located in Bedlington Market Place. (Estimated repair cost to be IRO £150). <b>ii. RESOLVED</b> to ask the Councils Governance and Staffing Working Group to update the policy.																
S22/205	c.	<b>Events – King Charles III Coronation.</b> I. The Committee are requested to discuss and decide in principle if it wishes to provide a community event(s) to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. II. If resolved to approve in (i) the committee are asked to set an indicative budget for the event(s) and to specify if funding is to be provided from reserves or next year’s revenue budget.	<b>i. RESOLVED</b> in principle to provide a community event(s) to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. <b>RESOLVED</b> to set aside no more than £5k in Reserves to fund a Community Coronation event.																
S22/206	d.	<b>Environmental – Tree planting / watering.</b> The Committee are requested to discuss and decide upon a proposal to plant 96 (Ninety Six) trees in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II under the Queens green canopy scheme. Details of the proposal together with a link to the green canopy scheme distributed to members.	<b>RESOLVED</b> in principle to support a tree planting project up to the cost of £5k subject to a detailed proposal for the watering and maintenance of the trees.																
S22/207	e.	<b>Consultation - Northumberland Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show people Local Plan - Call for sites.</b> The Committee are requested to discuss and decide upon the submission of any potential sites by Friday 11 November 2022. (Details of the consultation distributed to members).	<b>RESOLVED</b> not to submit any suggested sites.																
S22/208	f.	<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.																	
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**PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED**

<b>Matters for Information or To Be Noted (not for decision)</b>					
S22/209	a.	<b>Bus Shelters</b>			
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Awaiting outcome of insurance claim to replace the shelter outside Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West.</li> <li>○ Awaiting quote to widen access to Choppington Road shelter to provide disabled access..</li> </ul>	
		2	Any member updates.	No members update.	
S22/210	b.	<b>Defibrillators</b>			
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No further update for this meeting.</li> </ul>	
		2	Any Member Updates.	No members update.	
S22/211	c.	<b>CCTV</b>			
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No further update for this meeting.</li> </ul>	
		2	Any member updates	No members update.	
S22/212	d.	<b>Environmental</b>			
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Street furniture painting continues on an ad – hoc basis.</li> </ul>	
		2	Any member updates		
S22/213	e.	<b>Litter Bins</b>			
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 New bin liners ordered for bins at Woosingham Court, Meadowdale, and x2 Car Park.</li> <li>○ Refurbishment project continues with 5 or 6 bins been removed periodically, refurbished, and refitted. The bin on the corner of Perry Stone Mews has been incorrectly sited and will be moved asap.</li> </ul>	
		2	Any member updates		
S22/214	f.	<b>Play Areas</b>			
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meadowdale Gates new SLA in place.</li> <li>○ Meadowdale Spring Rocker repaired.</li> <li>○ 20 Acre Swing repaired.</li> </ul>	
		2	Any member updates	Councillor Reed asked if the Council could consider providing additional equipment for users with disabilities.	
S22/215	g.	<b>Public Seats</b>			
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No further update for this meeting.</li> </ul>	
		2	Any member updates	No members update.	
S22/216	h.	<b>School Art in Bus Shelters.</b>			
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No further update for this meeting.</li> </ul>	
		2	Any Member Updates.	No members update.	

S22/217	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.
S22/218	j.	<b>War Memorial.</b>	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o Awaiting manufacture and installation of new wreath hanging rail.
		2 Any Member Updates.	No members update.
S22/219	k.	<b>Bedlington Community Centre.</b>	
		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	o AGM scheduled for Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 in Bedlington Community Centre starting at 11.45am. All Welcome.
		2 Any Member Updates.	Councillor R Wallace provided an update from the most recent Trustees meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2022.
S22/220	l.	Items a. to k - <b>All updates NOTED</b>	
S22/221	m.	<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. o Planning Application Site Visits - RESOLVED not to send any representative to the site visit but Councillor Hogg was delegated to submit a written response highlighting the Town Councils concerns.	
S22/222	n.	<b>Date of Next Meeting.</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> The next scheduled meeting of the Services Committee will be on Thursday 22nd December 2022 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington only if there is any urgent business to consider. Please note the agenda for this meeting would be issued on Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	
S22/223	o.	The Chair closed the meeting at 7.37pm	

#### 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