



**PRESENTATIONS.**

- Bedlington and District Red Squirrel Group made a presentation in support of their Community Chest application.

**QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL**

- A resident reminded the Town Council that there were no public toilets in Bedlington town centre and asked if there were any plans to provide toilets within the proposed new Town Centre Development. The Chair responded by advising the resident that Northumberland County Council were responsible for public toilets and that The Town Council had already made a representation to Northumberland County Council for the inclusion of public toilets within the proposed development.
- A resident interjected that Northumberland County Council have placed a reliance upon the “Your Welcome Scheme” for the provision of public toilets and that he was aware that Northumberland County Council had previously carried out a review of Public Toilets for the whole of Northumberland with no changes proposed for Bedlington.

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

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	Determination
22/109		<b>In Attendance</b>	Councillors Crosby, Hedley, Hogg, Reed, Todd, D Wallace and R Wallace. Town Clerk Steven Young, and 5 (Five) members of the public.
22/110	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, from Councillors Taylor and Thompson were <b>NOTED</b> . ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting.
22/111	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. Councillor R Wallace made a declaration of interest in relation to Agenda item Part B 1a ii. 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
22/112	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 9th June 2022.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 are <b>APPROVED</b> as a true record.
22/113	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 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### 2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

		Matters for Discussion / Decision	Determination
22/114	a.	<p><b>Funding of Bedlington Food Banks - Review.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Council are requested to discuss, review, and decide upon any financial support to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Bedlington Salvation Army.</li> <li>ii. Bedlington Matthew Project.</li> <li>iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The Council are requested to discuss and determine next review dates for the funding of Food Banks.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Bedlington Salvation Army.</li> <li>ii. Bedlington Matthew Project.</li> <li>iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Any approved funding would be in respect of a S137 payment</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>RESOLVED</b> to set aside a £500 donation for each of the 3 food banks for July 2022 – to be released upon receipt of an individual request from each food bank.</li> <li>2. <b>RESOLVED</b> to review on-going donations at the next scheduled meeting and request an update from each of the food banks receiving donations ahead of the meeting. Any approved funding would be in respect of a S137 payment.</li> </ol>
22/115	b.	<p><b>Funding Application – Community Chest Fund</b></p> <p>The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon a Community Chest application from Bedlington and District Red Squirrel Group. Application distributed to members.</p>	<b>RESOLVED</b> to <b>APPROVE</b> the Community Chest application from Bedlington and District red Squirrel Group and award £500.
22/116	c.	<p><b>2023-24 Local Transport Plan Programme Consultation.</b></p> <p>The Council are asked to determine its top three transport and highways priorities for inclusion within Northumberland County Councils Local Transport Plan Programme for 2023-24. (Information distributed to members)</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> to submit the following for inclusion within Northumberland County Councils Local Transport Plan Programme for 2023-24</p> <p>Generic request to implement 20mph speed restrictions in all Bedlington residential estates.</p> <p>Speed reduction measures for Attlee Bank</p> <p>Speed reduction measures for B1331 (High Ridge to Broadoaks Estate).</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to request a more detailed update in relation to both of the previous year requests.</p>
22/117	d.	<p><b>External Meetings.</b></p> <p>To receive feedback from Councillors from any external meetings since the date of the last Council meeting.</p>	Councillor Hedley provided a verbal summary of a recent NALC meeting.
22/118	e.	<p><b>Establishment of New Working Groups.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon the membership of a new Working Group to create a “Treasure Trail” for Bedlington.</li> <li>ii. The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon the membership of a new working group to agree specific Community Benefits should a contribution from Bluefield Renewable Developments Ltd be received following their solar farm planning application.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>RESOLVED</b> the membership of the Treasure Trail Working Group is Councillors Hedley, Reed, and D Wallace.</li> <li>ii. <b>RESOLVED</b> the membership of the Community Benefits Working Group is Councillors Crosby, Hedley, Hogg, Reed and R Wallace.</li> </ol>

		iii. The Council are asked to decide upon the scope and terms of reference of both new Working Groups.	iii. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the scope of both newly formed working groups will be to make recommendations only to Full Council for approval – the working group may not incur any expenditure without prior approval of Full Council.
22/119	f.	<b>Youth Leisure Programme – Summer School Holidays.</b> i. Minute 22/101 set out a time frame for the submission of youth provision / event proposals. At its meeting on 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022 the Councils Services Committee deferred a decision on this matter until this meeting. The Council are now asked to consider and decide upon any proposals for youth provision / events during the summer school holidays (18 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022). Proposals to follow	<b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the quotes of both providers (Mint Management and Timestep Activities) and ask them to share the provision by providing three weeks of activities each – total cost estimated to be £7k.
22/120	g.	<b>The Rural Market Towns Group – Membership.</b> The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon an invitation from Rural Market Towns Group to join the group. Membership is free until October 2022 and then £113 per annum. Invite distributed to members.	<b>RESOLVED</b> to join on a free membership until October 2022 and then review any ongoing membership at that time.
22/121	h.	<b>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Services Committee.</b> The Working Group Chair (Councillor Hogg) will provide a verbal report of the meeting decisions.	Committee Chair Councillor Hogg provided a verbal update of the decisions approved at the Services Committee meeting on 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022.
22/122	i.	<b>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Governance and Staffing Working Group.</b> 1. <b>Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council.</b> None for this meeting. 2. <b>Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision)</b> – 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.	1. No recommendations for this meeting.  2. Councillor Crosby advised that the working group had resumed the review of existing policies and would submit some at the next scheduled Council meeting.
22/123	j.	<b>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Events Working Group</b> 1. <b>Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council.</b> None for this meeting. 2. <b>Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision)</b> - 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.	1. No recommendations for this meeting. 2. No update for this meeting.
22/124	k.	<b>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Communications Working Group</b> 1. <b>Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council.</b> None for this meeting. 2. <b>Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision).</b> Chair (Councillor Reed) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.	1. No recommendations for this meeting. 2. Councillor Reed advised that the event booking system had now been added to the Councils website and made a further request for news items for inclusion within the next monthly enews letter.
22/125	l.	<b>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Neighbourhood Plan Working Group</b> 1. <b>Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council.</b> None for this meeting. 2. <b>Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision)</b> Chair (Councillor Hogg) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.	1. No recommendations for this meeting.  2. No update for this meeting.

22/126	m.	<p><b>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion).</b>  <b>Finance Working Group</b></p> <p>1. <b>Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council.</b> None for this meeting.</p> <p>2. <b>Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision)</b> 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.</p>	<p>1. No recommendations for this meeting.</p> <p>2. No updates for this meeting.</p>								
22/127	n.	<p><b>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion).</b>  <b>Youth Support Programme Working Group</b></p> <p>1. <b>Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council.</b> None for this meeting.</p> <p>2. <b>Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision)</b> 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.</p>	<p>1. No recommendations for this meeting.</p> <p>2. No update for this meeting. The Clerk reminded members of proposal submission deadlines in accordance with May 2022 resolved time frame.</p>								
22/128	o.	<p><b>Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion).</b>  <b>Planning Working Group</b>  <b>Planning Applications – Considered by Planning Working Group - Where Comments Have Been Requested.</b></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="296 853 1018 1989"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="296 853 533 952">Ref.</th> <th data-bbox="533 853 868 952">Description</th> <th data-bbox="868 853 1018 952">Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="296 952 533 1989">22/02205/FELTPO</td> <td data-bbox="533 952 868 1989"> <p>Tree Preservation Order Application: T25 - Chilean pine, crown raise tree to approx. 3. removing dead / untidy branches, T26 - Beech - Prune back overextended branches back to overall natural profile of tree, T28 - Holly Removing approx 20% of overall height. Side prune to maintain distance from drive, and improve form and T30 - Cedar of Lebanon Reduce upper crown and reshape, bringing the sides in to a more tapered form. Leaving no less than 70% of any individual branch length. Overextended branches will be brought back in line with overall form of tree and thin out density in upper crown. Location Greenside Fairway Rise Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG</p> </td> <td data-bbox="868 952 1018 1989">14th July 2022.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	22/02205/FELTPO	<p>Tree Preservation Order Application: T25 - Chilean pine, crown raise tree to approx. 3. removing dead / untidy branches, T26 - Beech - Prune back overextended branches back to overall natural profile of tree, T28 - Holly Removing approx 20% of overall height. Side prune to maintain distance from drive, and improve form and T30 - Cedar of Lebanon Reduce upper crown and reshape, bringing the sides in to a more tapered form. Leaving no less than 70% of any individual branch length. Overextended branches will be brought back in line with overall form of tree and thin out density in upper crown. Location Greenside Fairway Rise Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG</p>	14th July 2022.	<table border="1" data-bbox="1046 853 1530 1989"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1046 853 1530 952">Determination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1046 952 1530 1989">No Comment</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Determination	No Comment
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		22/02108/FUL	Change of use : E(d) (old D2) / E(b) (old A3) to F1(f), F2 (a) and F2 (b) while retaining ancillary use of E(b). Building to be used for church gatherings, youth and children's work, a charitable shop, community kitchen and other church activities. Works to include internal alterations Location Former Lionheart Gym Vulcan Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DL	18th July 2022.	No Comment
		22/02278/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application - TP67 - Beech Tree - prune and reduce the height of tree to 6 mtrs along with the overhang which stretches out over the road to protect longevity of the tree Location Dovecote House Farmstead Court Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG	25th July 2022.	No Comment
Note: recent notified planning decisions and other planning applications (where comments have not been requested) are shown in PART C for information only).					

**PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED**

		<b>Matters for Information or To Be Noted</b>	
22/129		<p><b>RESOLVED to NOTE</b>                      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
		342	NALC
		Enews 1 June 2022	Noted + Circulated
		343	Resident
		Note of thanks for all the Jubilee Events	Noted + Circulated
		344	Resident
		Look of Bedlington – Planning Objection	Noted + Circulated + Replied
		345	Northumberland County Council
		Reminder - Upcoming Inequalities Events - Bedlington & Choppington	Noted + Circulated
		346	SENUG
		Latest Newsletter and Next Public Meeting	Noted + Circulated
		347	Bluefield Developments
		Response to Planning Application Comments	Noted + Circulated
		348	Age Concern Northumberland
		Scam Awareness	Noted + Circulated
		349	Bedlington Library
		Information Update	Noted + Circulated
		350	Northern Powergrid
		Response to BEIS and Ofgem storm reviews	Noted + Circulated
		351	NALC
		Enews 10 June 2022	Noted + Circulated
		352	Community Action Northumberland
		Enews 10 June 2022	Noted + Circulated
		353	Northumberland County Council
		Latest Northumberland News and Jobs June 10, 2022	Noted + Circulated
		354	Bluefield Developments
		Land at Burnt House Farm, Bedlington. Application Number 22/01082/RENE Community Fund	Noted + Circulated + Replied + Added To Agenda
		355	Bedlington Terrier Society
		Note of Thanks	Noted + Circulated
		356	Northumberland County Council
		Northumberland Town and Parish Council Climate Change Toolkit	Noted + Circulated
		357	NALC
		Enews - Vacancy for the Chief Officer	Noted + Circulated
		358	Bedlington and District Red Squirrel Group
		Community Chest Application	Noted + Circulated + Added To Agenda
		359	East Bedlington Parish Council
		Response to request to support a joint fireworks event.	Noted + Circulated
		360	The Rural Market Towns Group
		Membership Offer	Noted + Circulated + Added To Agenda
		361	NALC
		Enews 17 June 2022	Noted + Circulated
		362	Northumberland County Council
		Latest Northumberland News and Jobs June 17, 2022	Noted + Circulated
		363	Rural Growth Team Northumberland County Council
		Funding Advice – Hedge Planting	Noted + Circulated
		364	Queens Hall Arts Centre Hexham Northumberland
		Adopt an Illuminated Sheep - a Lindisfarne Gospels event	Noted + Circulated + Asked For response From Members Before 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022.
		365	Northumberland County Council
		NCC Climate Action support	Noted + Circulated
		366	Northumberland County Council
		Latest Northumberland News and Jobs June 24, 2022	Noted + Circulated
		367	Community Action Northumberland
		CAN Enews 24 June 2022	Noted + Circulated
		368	Northumberland County Council
		Amended TTRO 128992880 Rowan Close Bedlington	Noted + Circulated
		369	NALC
		Enews 30 June 2022	Noted + Circulated

		370	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs July 1, 2022	Noted + Circulated
		371	SENUG	Public Meeting & AGM Next Tuesday, PLUS Northumberland Line Transport & Works Order Signed Off	Noted + Circulated
		372	Healthwatch Northumberland	Annual Report 2021/22	Noted + Circulated
		373	Northumberland County Council	Veteran Needs Survey	Noted + Circulated
	b.	<b>Consultations.</b>			
		From	Description	Details	
			None For This Meeting		
	c.	<b>Invitations.</b>			
		From	Event	Response Details	
		West End School Bedlington	Head Teacher Leaving Event	Via email to angela.markham- lee@westend.northumberland. sch.uk	
	d.	<b>Schedule of Payments and Receipts.</b>			
		Details of payments and (receipts) to be noted since last Council update. All payments gross of VAT.			
		Payee	Amount £. p	Description	Notes
		Mint Management	4,320.00	Event Management Fee	
		R J Wallace	30.00	Play Area Key Cutting Charges	
		Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
		Bedlington Community Centre	500.00	Community Chest Funding Award	
		Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	500.00	Food Bank Donation	
		Bedlington Salvation Army	500.00	Food Bank Donation	
		Northumberland County Council	3,786.72	Payroll Costs	
		Charmaine Hamilton	150.00	Jubilee Tea Party Room Decoration	
		Charmaine Hamilton	23,005.00	Bedlington Family Festival Charges	
		Jason King	200.00	Jubilee Tea Party Fee	
		W Mitchell	5,000.00	Bedlington Family Festival Performance Fee	
		Grays cafe bar ltd	1,388.40	Jubilee Tea Party Food Costs	
		Jayne Todd	30.00	Jubilee Tea Party Bingo Prizes	
		Talk Talk Business	45.54	Telephone + Internet	
		Vanilla Teas	-50.00	Crockery Hire Return of Damage Waiver	
		Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
		Widescope Web Design	420.00	Event Booking System Costs	
		Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	500.00	Food Bank Donation	
		Reay Security Limited	809.64	CCTV Charges	
		West End First School	1,500.00	Pupils Fund Funding	
		Wireless Logic Limited	499.20	CCTV SIM Charges	
		Bedlington Salvation Army	500.00	Food Bank Donation	
		Northumberland County Council	1,440.00	Event Traffic Management – Jubilee Beacon	
		Playsafety Limited	323.40	Annual ROSPA Inspection Charges	

		Noble Funfairs	-3,600.00	Bedlington Family Festival Funfair Income Contribution.	
		Northumberland County Council	1,194.00	Event Traffic Management – Bedlington Family Festival	
		Bedlington Salvation Army	500.00	Community Chest Funding Award	
	e.	<b>Other Planning Applications</b> Where comments have not been requested.			
		<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>		
			None For This Meeting		
	f.	<b>Planning decisions notified to West Bedlington Town Council by Northumberland County Council.</b>			
		<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Decision</b>	
		22/01515/FELTPO	Tree preservation order : T1 - Spruce (fell due to instability of tree and risk of falling onto adjacent buildings) Location 9 Hallwood Close Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BG	PERMIT	
		22/01306/FUL	Rear extension and new porch. Location The Lodge 25 Netherton Road Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6AX	GRANTED	
		22/01655/FUL	Creation of garden platform Location 4 Tantallon Grove Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6FA	GRANTED	
22/130	g.	<b>Police Report.</b> No report for this meeting. The next scheduled regular report is for September 2022 meeting.			
22/131	h.	<b>Financial Update / Bank Reconciliation.</b>			
		i. The Council are asked to note a checked bank reconciliation of £ 303,103.56 as of 30th June 2022 and a Deposit Account Balance of £100,455.86 as of 30th June 2022.  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		The Council <b>NOTED</b> the bank reconciliation.	
22/132	i.	<b>Matters for Information Only</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.			
		Councillors	Councillor Hogg asked if members had any knowledge or information about the poor reinstatement work carried out by Virgin throughout the town.		
		Town Clerk	1. 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 29 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022, Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022, Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022.		
22/133	j.	<b>Meeting Close and Date of Next Meeting.</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> the next scheduled meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 11th August 2022 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting will be issued on Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2022. <b>The Chair closed the meeting at 7.56pm</b>			

**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