



WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the West Bedlington Town Councils Services Committee Meeting held at Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. on Thursday 28th April 2022 at 6.30pm.

PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	Determination
S22/74		In Attendance	Councillors Crosby, Hedley, Hogg, Reed, Thompson, D Wallace, and R Wallace. 2 (Two) members of the public.
S22/75	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 were NOTED for Councillors Taylor, and Todd. ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting.
S22/76	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. 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
S22/77	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous West Bedlington Town Council Services Meeting held on 24 th March 2022.	RESOLVED (subject to correction one typing error) that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee held on 24 th March 2022 are APPROVED as a true record.
S22/78	b.	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not included as agenda items	The Town Clerk asked in relation to Min S22/51 Matter of Urgent Business – Youth Support Programme if the Committee had in making its decision been aware that only one proposal had been received and if the Committee had been satisfied to decide on that basis. Those members present at both meeting and the Committee Chair confirmed that they were both aware that only one proposal had been received and that they had been confident to decide on that proposal alone. The Town Clerk asked in relation to Min S22/52 Litter Bins if Committee members could provide some more detail (for operational purposes) in relation to the resolved decision. The Committee Chair Councillor Hogg

		<p>offered to meet with the Town Clerk and provide a detailed outline of the proposal.</p> <p>The Town Clerk asked in relation to Min S22/54 Street Furniture Painting if Committee members could provide some more detail (for operational purposes) in relation to the resolved decision. The Committee Chair Councillor Hogg offered to meet with the Town Clerk and provide a detailed outline of the proposal.</p> <p>The Town Clerk asked in relation to Min S22/57 CCTV For Tree Replanting Scheme if Committee members could provide some more detail (for operational purposes) in relation to the resolved decision. The Committee members outlined the additional information they required to consider the proposal further.</p>
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2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

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S22/79	a.	<p>Meadowdale Play Area Gates</p> <p>This matter was deferred from the Services Committee held on 24th March 2022 to obtain advice from The Councils insurers (distributed to members). The Committee are asked to provide a response to Northumberland County Councils request for advice in relation to the closing of Meadowdale Play Area Gates as follows “If when the park is to be locked any users refuse to leave the play area should they still lock the park (as they are currently doing) or leave it open?” Copy of request distributed to members.</p>	DEFERRED to obtain further information from Northumbria Police and to obtain potential costs from an alternative service provider.								
S22/80	b.	<p>Local Authority Treescape Fund April 2022</p> <p>Following submission of an Expression of Interest the Committee are requested to consider the information required to complete a funding application “April 2022 Treescape Fund” and agree details of any projects to be included within the application. Link to online application distributed to members.</p>	RESOLVED to submit agreed details (draft previous circulated by Councillor Hogg) for a funding application “April 2022 Treescape Fund.								
S22/81	c.	<p>Defibrillator - Public telephone kiosk 01670 822003 at North Ridge, Bedlington</p> <p>The Committee are asked to discuss and decide if it wishes to peruse its Expression of Interest (lodged in 2019) to use the kiosk as a potential site for a further defibrillator. (Correspondence distributed to members).</p>	RESOLVED not to peruse an Expression of Interest (lodged in 2019) to use the kiosk as a potential site for a further defibrillator. Alternative locations have been utilised for the expansion of The Councils defibrillator programme.								
S22/82	d.	<p>Planning Applications – Where Comments Have Been Requested.</p> <p>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="295 1709 1023 1910"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref.</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>22/00611/FUL</td> <td>7 Market Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TN</td> <td>29th April 2022.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	22/00611/FUL	7 Market Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TN	29th April 2022.	<table border="1" data-bbox="1050 1709 1501 1910"> <thead> <tr> <th>Determination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>OBJECTION – Not in keeping with the Conservation Area, Lack of Fire Access, Litter Bin Storage and Parking.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Determination	OBJECTION – Not in keeping with the Conservation Area, Lack of Fire Access, Litter Bin Storage and Parking.
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S22/92	k.	Any other information in relation to Services (not covered on agenda) 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Clerk reported that the Christmas Tree Hole Cover had been removed and taken away. The Town Clerk will arrange a repair / replacement.
S22/93	l.	Date of Next Meeting. RESOLVED The next meeting of the Services Committee will be on Thursday 26 th May 2022 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting will be issued on Wednesday 18 th May 2022.
S22/94		The Chair closed the meeting at 7.26pm

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.

		Matters for Discussion / Decision	Determination
S22/95	a.	Bedlington Community Centre.	No further update for the 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