**The Councils Logo
Incorporates a coat of arms and a Bedlington Terrier on top.
**To: **ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

You are hereby summonsed to attend the meeting of **WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL** to be held at **Bedlington Community Centre**, Front Street West, Bedlington.

On Thursday 21st March 2024 at 6.30pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Gillian Turner – Acting Town Clerk 14th March 2024

**QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL**

* The Chair will invite members of the public present to put questions and bring matters to the attention of the Council.
* This question time will last for a period of up to 15 minutes overall (which may be extended if the Chairman deems it necessary)
* To give every member of the public a fair chance of asking a question, the number of questions asked by any individual person may be limited at the Chairs discretion. The above covers both verbal and written submissions.
* Any member of the public who speaks should first state their name and address.

***Please note that Members of the Public are not permitted to speak after question time is completed.***

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

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|  | **Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.** |
| a. | **Apologies for Absence.**   1. To receive and note any apologies for absence from Councillors. 2. To consider and determine any dispensations for absent Councillors. |
| b. | **Declaration of Interests.**   1. 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. 2. To consider any requests for dispensations.   Members are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature, they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. Any member needing clarification should contact the Acting Town Clerk. |

**PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION**

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS / SUMMARY OF DELEGATED DECISIONS**

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|  | **Details of Meeting or Delegated Decisions** |
| a. | To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 8th February 2024. |
| b. | To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not included as agenda items. |

1. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION**

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|  | **Matters for Discussion / Decision** |
| a. | **Internal Controls – Annual Review Carried Forward from December**  The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon the DRAFT documents for Final Accounts:   1. Statement of Internal Controls. 2. Financial Governance 3. Asset Register |
| b. | **Town Twinning** – A request for financial support has been received re: visit from Schalksmuhle in September 2024. |
| c. | **Chairs Update and any Reports from External Meetings.**   1. The Chair will make any relevant announcements and provide updates to members. 2. To receive feedback from Councillors from any external meetings since the date of the last Council meeting. |
| d. | **To Consider any issues which would normally have been taken to the Services Committee** |
| e. | **Other Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion).**   1. Any Recommendations from Other Working Groups for decision by full Council.    * 1. None for this meeting.      2. Any Other Items from Other Working Groups – Any feedback to the Council, any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by any working group.  * **Events Group –** Cllr Taylor to raise the issue of the on-line “Booking-Tool”. |
| f. | **Bank Reconciliation**   1. The Council are asked to APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation of £265,856.08 at 29th February 2024 and a Deposit Account Balance of £101,603.48 as of 29th February 2024. |
| g. | **Pupil Fund –** An application for funding has been received from Whitley Memorial C of E Primary School  - details of project is attached, |

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

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|  | **Matters for Information or To Be Noted** |
| a. | **Correspondence.**  The Council are requested to accept all correspondences and the actions noted in respect of each.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Ref | From | Brief Description | Action Taken | | 05/02 | Northumberland County Council | 24/00364/PRUTO at 8 Hallwood Close | Noted + Circulated | | 05/02 | Northumberland County Council | Planning Officer re: 21Front Street | Noted + Circulated | | 05/02 | Northumberland County Council | Latest Northumberland News and Jobs | February 02, 2024 | Noted + Circulated | | 12/02 | Community Action Northumberland | CAN Enews February 2024 | Noted + Circulated | | 12/02 | Groundwork | February Newsletter | Notes + Circulated | | 12/02 | Northumberland County Council | Latest Northumberland News and Jobs | February 09, 2024 | Noted + Circulated | | 12/02 | Foodbank | Notice of AGM | Noted + Circulated | | 13/02 | Resident | Support for Double Yellow Lines behind Wetherspoons | Noted + Circulated | | 13/02 | To Resident | Faulty Speed Camera Nedderton | SWARCO informed and engineer requested | | 13/02 | Northumberland County Council | 24/00432/LCB re: The Beeches, Church Lane | Noted + Circulated | | 16/02 | Cubiquity Media | Official Portrait of King Charles III for all public buildings/organisations | Ordered (FOC) | | 16/02 | Northumberland County Council | 23/04389/FUL Hartford Bridge House | Noted + Circulated | | 16/02 | NALC | Latest NALC Enews | Noted + Circulated | | 16/02 | SENRUG | Notice of Public Meeting 11.04.24 | Noted + Circulated | | 20/02 | Northumberland County Council | 24/00398/VARICO St Benet Biscops | Noted + Circulated | | 20/02 | Northumberland County Council | TTRO 136873070 Station Road LC | Noted + Circulated | | 04/03 | Northumberland County Council | Latest Northumberland News and Jobs 01/03 | Noted + Circulated | | 07/03 | Borderlands | Place Programme Update | Noted + Circulated | | 07/03 | Network Rail | Biodiversity Programme | Noted + Circulated | | 07/03 | Northumberland CC | Planning 24/00678/VARCO 86-88 Front Street | Noted + Circulated | | 07/03 | Ashington & District Male Voice Choir | Potential Meeting | Noted + Circulated | | 07/03 | Northumberland CC | Planning 24/00578/COU 1A Front Street | Noted + Circulated | | 07/03 | Northumberland CC | Planning 24/00364/PRUTPO 8 Hallwood Close, Nedderton | Noted + Circulated | | 07/03 | Groundwork | Newsletter March | Noted + Circulated | | 08/03 | Northumberland Line | Newsletter February | Noted + Circulated | | 08/03 | Potential Music Festival | 20 Acres Field | Noted + Circulated | | 08/03 | Northumberland CC | Latest Northumberland News and Jobs 08/03 | Noted + Circulated | | 11/03 | Police | Invite to discuss operation | Noted + Circulated | | 11/03 | CAN | Latest ENews | Noted + Circulated | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |
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| b. | **Consultations.**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | From | Description | Details | |  |  |  | |
| 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 | | Bedlington Community Centre | 18.00 | Hall Hire Pantomime retro charge |  | | Widescope Net | 432.00 | Website Hosting Annual Charge |  | | Reay Security Ltd | 83.04 | CCTV Charges |  | | Smart Office Systems Ltd | 13.30 | Photocopier Charges |  | | Talk Talk Business | 55.26 | Telephone + Internet |  | | Reay Security Ltd | 83.04 | CCTV Charges |  | | Reay Security Ltd | 446.40 | Lock-ups at Meadowdale |  | | Reay Security Ltd | 809.64 | CCTV Town Centre |  | | Northumberland County Council | 5,715.01 | Payroll Costs February |  | | Morrisons | 862.50 | Easter Eggs for Schools |  | | Wireless Logic Ltd | 539.14 | CCTV SIM Charges |  | | Widescope Net | 153.96 | Microsoft 365 License |  | | Reay Security Ltd | 83.04 | CCTV Charges |  | | Northumberland County Council | 13,534.80 | Festive Lighting 2023 |  | | Viking Office UK Ltd | 51.41 | Stationery |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | | Lloyds Bank Business Account | (112.06) | Interest Received |  | |
| e. | **Other Planning Applications – Please see the attached listing from NCC Planning Portal** |
| f. | 1. **Planning decisions notified to West Bedlington Town Council by Northumberland County Council** – Please see the attached listing from NCC Planning Portal.   ii . **Revocation of Wansbeck District Council Tree Preservation Order** **Ridge Terrace** –due to most of the trees were found to be no longer present and those remaining are no longer worthy of protective status. |
| g. | **Police Report.**  The Police report is attached for your information. |
| h. | **Matters for Information Only –** Any matters pertaining to the Council, that members would like to bring to the attention of other members and residents. For Information only no proposals or voting on these matters. |
| i. | **Date of Next Meeting.** Thursday 11th April 2024 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Thursday 4th April 2024 |

**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.

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|  | **Matters for Discussion / Decision / Information** |
| a. | Latest update re: the Clerk |

**WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS**:Bill Crosby, Paul Hedley, Cath Henderson, Adam Hogg,

Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Jane Todd, Diane Wallace, Russ Wallace.