

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 10th November 2016 at 6.30pm

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.
Steven Young - Town Clerk
2nd November 2016



PRESENTATIONS

An invitation to present in support of their funding request (Agenda Item 13) was sent to West End School Bedlington and Bedlington Town FC.

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)
- In order 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 Chair's 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.

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from Councillors.

2) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council meeting held on 13th October 2016.

3) MATTERS ARISING

To discuss any matters arising from the minutes that are not included as agenda items.

4) DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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.

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 must contact the Town Clerk.

5) CHAIRS UPDATE

The Chair will make any relevant announcements and provide updates to the members.

6) COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUPS –

a. Finance and Governance Working Group

1. Update from the group Chair – Councillor Robinson

b. Events and Communications Working Group

1. Update from the group Chair – Councillor Graham

c. Services Committee

1. Update from the Committee Chair – Councillor Taylor (Draft minutes of meeting 27th October 2016 circulated to members).

7) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

- a. The Council are requested to discuss and decide if it wishes to provide financial support in principle for "Bedlington Live 2017". The proposal is to support the event in the sum of £5,000.
- b. The Council are requested to accept and approve the current report from The Councils Internal Auditor.
- c. The Council are requested to review its current levels of Insurance and if appropriate determine new levels of cover ahead of any policy renewals.
- d. Councillor Graham – The Council are requested to discuss and decide if it wishes to comment to Northumberland County Council in relation to the Bedlington Steering Group dissolving.
- e. Councillor Hogg – The Council are asked to discuss and determine if it wishes to communicate to The Planning Inspectorate in relation to various planning applications at Bedlington Old School Church Lane Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5EL (latest revised application 16/03536/ VARYCO).
- f. Councillor Robinson – The Council are requested to discuss and review the current pupils fund criteria.
- g. The Council are requested to discuss and decide if it wishes to approve the recommendation of the Councils "Play Area Refurbishment Project Group" to commit an addition £8,594.21 (gross of potential discounts) to fund the supply of additional "inclusive" swings and the replacement of the proposed bark chipping surface with matching soft pour safety surface.
- h. The Council are requested to discuss and decide if it wishes to purchase "line markings for football and basketball" on the existing surface of the Westlea "Muga unit" at a cost of £850.

8) CORRESPONDENCE.

The Council are requested to accept all correspondence, consultations and invitations and the actions noted shown in **Appendix A**.

9) COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- a) Feedback from Councillor Representatives on External Committees - Standing item if anything needs to be reported. Written reports please.
 - i. Town / Parish Liaison Committee - Councillor Robinson.
 - ii. NALC – Councillor Dalton.
 - iii. LMAPS – Councillor Hedley.
 - iv. Northumberland in Bloom – Councillor Hedley.
 - v. Red House Farm Residents Group – Councillor Hogg.
 - vi. Gallagher Park Steering group – Councillor Dalton.
 - vii. Dr Pitt Stakeholders meeting – Councillor Dalton.
 - viii. The Bedlington Steering Group - Councillor Graham.
 - ix. Bedlington partnership – Councillor Robinson.

10) CLERK'S REPORT

The Council are requested to approve the Clerks Report **Appendix B**.

11) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

The Council are requested to approve the schedule of payments and (receipts) shown in **Appendix C**.

12) PLANNING

The Council are asked to discuss and decide if it wishes to make any comments in relation to the Planning applications received for comment shown in **Appendix D**.

(Note: recent notified planning decisions are shown in Appendix E for information only).

13) COMMUNITY CHEST / PUPILS FUND / FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND REQUESTS

The Council are requested to consider and decide upon the following Applications / Requests.

- Pupils Fund Application from West End School Bedlington.
- Community Chest Application from Bedlington Town FC.
- Community Chest Application from Leading Link.

14) RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

This is a standing item to report any updates in relation to the publication and distribution of the next scheduled resident’s newsletter.

15) POLICE REPORT

The Council are requested to accept the current Police Report if available (Circulated to members ahead of the meeting).

16) FINANCIAL UPDATE AND BUDGET PREPARATION

- a. The Council are requested to approve the financial update provided.
- b. The Council are requested to discuss and approve a schedule of budget setting meetings (suggested schedule distributed to members).

17) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Advance notice of items to be brought forward to the next meeting of the Council on 8th December 2016.

18) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 8th December 2016 at 6.30pm at Bedlington Community Centre.

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCILLORS:

David Graham Keith Dalton Paul Hedley Joe Dobie Christine Taylor
 Jim Tyler Adam Hogg Simon Tyler Malcolm Robinson

Appendix A, B, C and D Form Part of this Agenda**Appendix A – Correspondence, Consultations and Invitations. (Agenda Item 8).****a. Correspondence**

Ref	From	Summary	Action
187/16	Vera Baird QC – Police and Crime Commissioner	Notice of public meetings	Noted and Circulated
188/16	Northumberland County Council	Copy of BDT Community Chest (Disabled Play Equipment in Bedlington Play Areas) Application decision.	Noted and Circulated
189/16	NALC	NALC Enews 4 October 2016	Noted and Circulated
190/16	Northumberland VCS	Assembly News	Noted and Circulated
191/16	NALC	NALC AGM Draft Minutes	Noted and Circulated
192/16	Adam Hogg	Copy of reply from NCC Planning Enforcement Officer re Market Place Advertisement Hoarding.	Noted and Circulated
193/16	Paul Jones NCC Director of Local Services and Housing Delivery	Revised Arrangements for Local Services Liaison Meetings	Noted and Circulated
194/16	Bedlington Forum	Meeting Agenda and Minutes	Noted and Circulated
195/16	NALC	NALC Enews 11 October 2016	Noted and Circulated
196/16	Housing Policy Officer - NCC	Rough Sleeper Estimate	Noted and Circulated
197/16	W L Straughan	Snow and Gritting Services	Noted and Circulated
198/16	BRICK	Digital Mapping Survey	Noted and Circulated
199/16	NALC	NALC Enews 18 October 2016	Noted and Circulated
200/16	Planning Enforcement – NCC	Update on Market Tavern Tidy Up	Noted and Circulated
201/16	Technical Services – NCC	Hartford Bridge Consultation Reminder	Noted and Circulated
202/16	Bedlington Community Allotment	Aviva Community Fund Vote Request	Noted and Circulated
203/16	Countryside Alliance	The Rural Oscars	Noted and Circulated
204/16	NALC	NALC Enews 25 October 2016	Noted and Circulated
205/16	Northumberland VCS	Ebulletin – Issue 62	Noted and Circulated
206/16	CAN Northumberland	CAN News Autumn Edition	Noted and Circulated
207/16	Bedlington Forum	Forum Update and Draft Minutes	Noted and Circulated
208/16	Bedlington Community Allotment	Aviva Community Fund Vote Request Reminder	Noted and Circulated

209/16	NALC	NALC Enews Transparency Training	Noted and Circulated
210/16	NALC	National Bulletin	Noted and Circulated
211/16	A1 in Northumberland	Notice of Public Consultation	Noted Circulated and Displayed

b. Consultations

Owner	Description	Where and When
NCC Planning	Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy - Advance Notice	11 Nov 2016 to 23 Dec 2016

c. Invitations

Date	From	Description	Comments
Various	NCC Planning Dept	Training Sessions – Planning Development	Open to all
11 Oct 2016	Historic Towns Forum	Seminar Invite	Open to all
2 Nov 2016	CAN Northumberland	AGM	Open to all
2 Nov 2016	CAN Northumberland	Smart Meter Information Event	Open to all

Appendix B - Clerks Report (Agenda Item 10) (Circulated to Councillors).

No report at this time – an update may be given at the meeting.

Appendix C – Schedule of Payments and Receipts (Agenda Item 11) Payment 1st October 2016 to 31st October 2016.

All payment GROSS of VAT.

Payee	Amount	BCC	Bloom	Description
Talk Talk Business	34.74			Telephone + Internet
Xmas Direct	399.53			Christmas Tree Lights
Viking Payments	45.86			Stationary
R & L Keenleyside	116.04			Paint
Malcolm Wilkinson	76.50			Internal Audit
Bedlingtonshire Development Trust	1,400.00			Seat
Christine Dunn	(10.00)			Christmas Fair Stall Rent
Northumberland County Council	2,706.75			Payroll Costs
Azure Garden Centre			721.03	Plants + Planters
Sleekburn Welding Ltd - Lloyds Com Finance	199.20			Bus shelter Repairs
Sleekburn Welding Ltd - Lloyds Com Finance	84.00			Play Area Repairs
Christmas Plus Ltd	2,851.20			New Christmas Lights + Brackets

Appendix D – Planning applications received for comment (Agenda Item 12)

Ref.	Description	Response Due
16/13681/AGTRES	Prior notification for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house and for associated operational development at Land North East of Netherton Moor Farm Shields Road Hartford Bridge Northumberland	10 th Nov 2016
16/03721/FUL	Proposed side and rear two storey extension to provide additional bedroom space with en-suite and ground floor utility room Location Rowan Brae 4 Netherton Road Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6AS	15th Nov 2016
16/03698/FUL	Construction of enclosures to house refuse wheelie bins to 42no. dwelling - 1-11, 13-19, 21-28, 54-56, 58, 59, 63-68, 70, 72-75 Location 1-11, 13-19, 21-28, 54-56, 58, 59, 63-68, 70, 72-75 Red House Farm Estate Bedlington NE22 6HE	22 nd Nov 2016

Appendix E - Planning decisions notified to WBTC by NCC - Information Only

Ref.	Description	Decision
16/02623/FUL	Retrospective: Installation of externally mounted steel roller shutters to front elevation Location Astons Late Bar 34 Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5UB	GRANTED
16/02863/FUL	Proposed Two Storey Rear Extension to provide Lounge on Ground Level with Bedrooms Above Location 32 Featherstone Grove Hazelmere Bedlington NE22 6NU	WITHDRAWN