

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 13th July 2023 at 6.30pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.
Steven Young - Town Clerk
5th July 2023



PRESENTATIONS

- Northumbria Police have been invited to provide their Quarterly Police Report (Part C item g.)
- Bedlington Salvation Army have been invited to support their Community Chest Application.
- Bedlington Brass Community Trust have been invited to support their Community Chest Application.

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 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.

PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

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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.
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. 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 Town Clerk.

PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION

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

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 June 2023.
b.	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not included as agenda items.

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

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a.	Northumberland County Council - 2024-25 LTP Programme Consultation. The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon its top three highways and transport priority issues for the West Bedlington area, so that they can be considered for inclusion in the Programme. (Request and Guidelines distributed to members).

b.	<p>Community Chest Applications. The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon the following Community Chest funding applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bedlington Brass Community Trust ii. Bedlington Salvation Army 												
c.	<p>Environmental The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon a proposal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Declare a climate emergency. ii. Adopt a formal position to make formal comments on measures and planning applications which involve carbon reduction measures such as solar farms, public footpath/cycleway enhancements and sustainable transport such as bus and rail travel. iii. Establish a working group to review guidance and measures and make recommendations to the council. Background paper distributed to members. 												
d.	<p>Strategic Plan – Aims and Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon a proposal to include the following Environmental Aims and Objectives within its Strategic Plan’s Aims and Objectives (and thereafter monitor through its Action Plan). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commit to undertake and/or support planting of at least 1500 trees (1 Hectare / 2.5 Acres) each year till at least 2030. 2. Commit to support measures to reduce the carbon footprint of Bedlington Community Centre (as the only building owned by the town council) via measures such as Solar Panel installation. 3. Commit to using local suppliers for goods and services wherever possible. 4. Commit to reusing assets wherever possible such as litter bins and public seats. 5. Commit to reducing the use of single use plastics within the council. 6. Commit to supporting residents’ environmental awareness such as litter picking schemes, tree wardens, etc. 7. Work with NCC and landowners to increase environmental schemes in West Bedlington such as woodland, allotments, growing wild areas, etc. ii. The Council are asked to review (and update any targets if appropriate) its Strategic Plan Monitoring Report – Action Plan. Monitoring Report distributed to members. 												
e.	<p>Chairs Update and any Reports from External Meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Chair will make any relevant announcements and provide updates to members. ii. To receive feedback from Councillors from any external meetings since the date of the last Council meeting. 												
f.	<p>Services Committee. The Services Committee Chair will provide a verbal report of any meeting decisions from the most recent meeting.</p>												
g.	<p>Planning Working Group Planning Applications – Considered by Planning Working Group - Where Comments Have Been Requested. 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" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Ref.</th> <th style="width: 65%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">23/01831/FUL</td> <td>Demolition of existing sixth form centre and construction of new sixth form centre upon unused area of hard standing to South of main academy building. Location St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy Ridge Terrace Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6ED</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10th July 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">23/02205/RENE</td> <td>Construction of a solar farm and battery energy storage facility (BESS) together with all associated work, equipment and necessary infrastructure. Location Land South Of Broadway House Farm Church Lane Bedlington Northumberland</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12th July 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">23/02172/FUL</td> <td>Propose to convert paddocks to a storage yard including an extension to existing workshop; propose to add a tree line along the south side of the site so that the extended yard will not be visible to the general public. Location Bedlington Lane Farm Hartford Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AA</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18th July 2023</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: recent notified planning decisions and other planning applications (where comments have not been requested) are shown in PART C for information only).</p>	Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	23/01831/FUL	Demolition of existing sixth form centre and construction of new sixth form centre upon unused area of hard standing to South of main academy building. Location St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy Ridge Terrace Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6ED	10th July 2023	23/02205/RENE	Construction of a solar farm and battery energy storage facility (BESS) together with all associated work, equipment and necessary infrastructure. Location Land South Of Broadway House Farm Church Lane Bedlington Northumberland	12th July 2023	23/02172/FUL	Propose to convert paddocks to a storage yard including an extension to existing workshop; propose to add a tree line along the south side of the site so that the extended yard will not be visible to the general public. Location Bedlington Lane Farm Hartford Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AA	18th July 2023
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h.	<p>Other Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion).</p> <p>1. Any Recommendations from Other Working Groups for decision by full Council.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. Governance and Staffing Working Group. Review of Standing Orders. Following a review, The Governance and Staffing Working group request the approval of the Council to accept the updated Standing Orders distributed to members.</p> <p>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.</p>
i.	<p>Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>i. The Council are asked to APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation of £289,746.32 as of 30th June 2023 and a Deposit Account Balance of £100,829.07 as of 30th June 2023.</p>

PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

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a.	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>The Council are requested to accept all correspondences and the actions noted in respect of each.</p>											
	Ref	From	Brief Description									
	131	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs June 2, 2023									
	132	Northumbria Police	Update From Inspector Daniels									
	133	Guide Dogs For The Blind	National Volunteering Week									
	134	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs June 9, 2023									
	135	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs June 16, 2023									
	136	Sports Development NCC	3G in Bedlington - Update									
	137	NALC	Enews June 2023									
	138	Northumbria Police	Further Update from Inspector Daniels									
	139	Planning Enforcement NCC	Response re Land South Of Glebe Farm, Choppington Road – Bus Shelters									
	140	Community Action Northumberland	CAN Enews 23 June 2023									
	141	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs June 23, 2023									
	142	Northumberland County Council	Library Service news									
	143	Citizens Advice Northumberland	Contact from the Energy Team									
	144	Northumberland County Council	Northumberland Line Newsletter - June 2023									
	145	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs June 30, 2023									
	146	Healthwatch Northumberland	Annual Report 2022/23									
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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
	Robert L Eastway Springview PTY	1,470.00	Street Furniture Painting	
	Public Performance Music Licence	154.62	Annual Public Performance Licence Fee	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	House of Hamilton	19,472.50	Family Festival Expenditure	
	House of Hamilton	600.00	Summer School Holiday Events Deposits	
	MB Audio Visual Ltd	3,037.20	Family Festival Stage Hire	
	Talk Talk Business	48.54	Telephone + Internet	
	Northumberland County Council	1,470.00	Family Festival Traffic Management	
	Reay Security Limited	446.40	Meadowdale Gates SLA	
	Reay Security Limited	809.64	CCTV Charges	
	Broxap Limited	754.68	New Litter Bins	
	Playsafety Limited	341.40	ROSPA Annual Safety Check Fee	
	Northumberland County Council	3,950.86	June Payroll Costs	
	Bedlington Salvation Army	500.00	Food Bank Donation	S137
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	Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	500.00	Food Bank Donation	S137
	Wireless Logic Limited	539.14	CTTV SIM charges	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
	Blyth Bespoke Fabrication	156.00	Litter Bin Repair	
	DL Maintenance & Repair	425.75	Litter Bin Installations	
	Noble Funfairs	-3,200.00	Family Festival Contribution	
	Dr Pit Allotment Assosiation Ltd	2,260.00	Release of held over reserves from lease assignment	
e.	Other Planning Applications Where comments have not been requested.			
	Ref.	Description		
		None for this meeting.		
f.	Planning decisions notified to West Bedlington Town Council by Northumberland County Council.			
	Ref.	Description	Decision	
	23/01500/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application to crown reduce the height and spread of the tree by up to 3 metres on one Yew Location Dovecote House Farmstead Court Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG	PERMIT	
	23/01292/FUL	Widening of current garage to enable a car to be parked within and to create a bedroom with en-suite above the garage Location 18 Towers Close Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5ER	GRANTED	
g.	Police Report. The Council are requested to NOTE the report provided. The next scheduled regular report is for September 2023 meeting.			
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 10th August 2023 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 2nd August 2023.			

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 / Information	
a.	None For This Meeting.

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS: Bill Crosby, Paul Hedley, Cath Henderson, Adam Hogg, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Jane Todd, Diane Wallace, Russ Wallace.