

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 April 2023 at 6.30pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Steven Young - Town Clerk

5th April 2023



WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL

PRESENTATIONS

- Northumbria Police have been invited to present a regular Police Report. (Part C item g.)

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.

Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of Interests.	
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 9th March 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

Matters for Discussion / Decision	
a.	Rural/Market Towns Group – Subscription. The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon the option to renew its current subscription but on a paid for basis. (The Town Council's free membership of the Rural Market Towns Group is due to expire at the end of April 2023 after an extended six- month period of free membership. A paid subscription for the remainder of the financial year 23/24 would for this year be £121.82 + normally recoverable VAT. (details distributed to members).

b.	<p>Funding of Bedlington Food Banks - Review.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council are requested to discuss, review, and decide upon any financial support to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bedlington Salvation Army. ii. Bedlington Matthew Project. iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank. 2. The Council are requested to discuss and determine next review dates for the funding of Food Banks. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bedlington Salvation Army. ii. Bedlington Matthew Project. iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank. <p>Any approved funding would be in respect of a S137 payment.</p>						
c.	<p>Internal Audit</p> <p>The Council are asked to NOTE the Internal Audit Report (17th March 2023). Report distributed to members.</p>						
d.	<p>External Meetings</p> <p>To receive feedback from Councillors from any external meetings since the date of the last Council meeting.</p>						
e.	<p>Services Committee.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Services Committee Chair (Councillor Hogg) will provide a verbal report of any meeting decisions. 						
f.	<p>Planning Working Group</p> <p>Planning Applications – Considered by Planning Working Group - Where Comments Have Been Requested.</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="245 857 1489 1055"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="245 857 483 958">Ref.</th> <th data-bbox="483 857 1299 958">Description</th> <th data-bbox="1299 857 1489 958">Response Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="245 958 483 1055">23/00993/FUL</td> <td data-bbox="483 958 1299 1055">Proposed gate piers and small wall to join up to existing gate piers and wall of site A. Location Blossom View 60B Station Road Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6NN</td> <td data-bbox="1299 958 1489 1055">13th April 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	23/00993/FUL	Proposed gate piers and small wall to join up to existing gate piers and wall of site A. Location Blossom View 60B Station Road Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6NN	13th April 2023.
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g.	<p>Other Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any Recommendations from Other Working Groups for decision by full Council. 2. Any Other Items from Working Groups) – The Working Group Chair will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group. 						

PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

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
	65	Resident	“Attendance Numbers to Clear The Matter Up”	Noted + Circulated + Replied
	66	Community Action Northumberland	CAN Enews 3 March 2023	Noted + Circulated
	67	Northumberland County Council	PlayZones - Bedlington	Noted + Circulated
	68	Resident	“Attendance Numbers to Clear The Matter Up” Follow Up	Noted + Circulated + Replied
	69	SENUG	Northumberland line opening Finally Confirmed	Noted + Circulated
	70	Resident	“Attendance Numbers to Clear The Matter Up” Follow Up	Noted + Circulated + Replied
	71	Royal Horticultural Society	"It's Your Neighbourhood Awards" 2023	Noted + Circulated
	72	SENUG	SENUG DELIGHT AS NORTHUMBERLAND LINE GETS FINAL APPROVAL - TRAINS BY SUMMER 2024	Noted + Circulated
	73	Rural/Market Towns Group	Request to commence a “paid for” subscription	Noted + Circulated + Added to Agenda
	74	NCC Elections	Voter ID Leaflet PDF	Noted + Circulated
	75	NORTHERN POWERGRID	WE'RE WATCHING A WEATHER FRONT AND ARE PREPARED TO RESPOND ACCORDINGLY	Noted + Circulated
	76		Newsletter Volume 12 - March 2023	Noted + Circulated
	77	Bedlington Food Bank	Note of Thanks for Donation	Noted + Circulated
	78	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs March 10, 2023	Noted + Circulated
	79	Northumberland County Council	Great British Spring Clean 2023	Noted + Circulated
	80	SENUG	Newsletter 40: Northumberland Line - Re-opening Announcement Special	Noted + Circulated
	81	Northumberland County Council	Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council	Noted + Circulated
	82	Rural Services Network	Rural Market Town Group of the Rural Services Network.	Noted + Circulated
	83	Northumberland Line Project Team	Northumberland Line - proposed changes to level crossings & TROs	Noted + Circulated
	84	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs March 17, 2023	Noted + Circulated
	85	Community Action Northumberland	CAN Enews 17 March 2023	Noted + Circulated
86	NCC Cultural Services	PlayZones Site Visit Schedule	Noted + Circulated	
87	Resident	Note of thanks for improving access to bus shelter on Choppington Road, Bedlington.	Noted + Circulated	
88	NALC	Enews March 2023	Noted + Circulated	
89	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs March 24, 2023	Noted + Circulated	
90	Northumbria Police	Neighbourhood Alert – Anti Social Behaviour	Noted + Circulated	
91	Northumberland Communities Together	PlayZones consultation update	Noted + Circulated	
92	NCC Cultural Services	PlayZones Draft results from the Community Engagement.	Noted + Circulated	

93	Electric Car Guide	New green resource for West Bedlington residents	Noted + Circulated
94	NCC Cultural Services	PlayZone Site Information Forms	Noted + Circulated
95	Northumbria Police	News from Northumbria Police - A dedicated operation to tackle the anti-social and illegal use of 4x4 vehicles and off-road bikes reaped fantastic results over the weekend.	Noted + Circulated
96	Northumberland Line Project Team	Northumberland Line Newsletter - March	Noted + Circulated
97	Community Action Northumberland	CAN Enews 31 March 2023	Noted + Circulated
98	Northumberland County Council	Latest Northumberland News and Jobs March 31, 2023	Noted + Circulated
99			Noted + Circulated
100			Noted + Circulated

b. **Consultations.**

From	Description	Details
Northumberland County Council - Highways	B1331 Nedderton to Bedlington 50mph	Before 31 st March 2023 – Response Whilst the Town Council would welcome any speed restriction scheme along this stretch of road we would strongly request the speed limit is reduced to 30mph for the whole stretch of road (To prevent drivers speeding up and then having to slow down) We feel it would be safer to simply reduce the speed limit throughout."

c. **Invitations.**

From	Event	Response Details
NCC Cllr Jeff Watson - Cabinet Member for Healthier Lives	NCC Filming Friendly Seminar - 10 March	RSVP by 9am on Wednesday 8 th March.
NCC CLIMATE CHANGE TEAM	The Carbon Literacy Project is hosting a webinar on Monday 20 March at 10:30 am to mark the launch of the new Parish, Town and Community Councils Toolkit Course.	Open to all online

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
Widescope Web Design	153.96		
Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
Morrisons Bedlington	990.51	Easter School Giveaways	
DL Maintenance & Repair	556.66	Bus Shelter Repairs	
Northumberland County Council	24,110.19	Service Level Agreement Costs	
Bedlington Food Bank	500.00	Food Bank Donation	S137 payment
Bedlington Salvation Army	500.00	Food Bank Donation	S137 payment
Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	500.00	Food Bank Donation	S137 payment
Talk Talk Business	48.54	Telephone + Internet	
Reay Security Limited	809.64	CCTV Charges	
Reay Security Limited	403.20	Play Area Gate Locking Service	
Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
St Bede's Catholic Primary School	1,500.00	Pupils Fund Application	S137 payment
Whitley Memorial CE First School	1,500.00	Pupils Fund Application	S137 payment
Northumberland County Council	3,947.84	March Payroll Charges	

	Groundworks UK	4,500.00	Return of unused Neighbourhood Planning Funding	
	Wireless Logic Limited	539.14	CCTV Sim Charges	
	Malcolm Wilkinson	90.00	Internal Audit Fees	
	Northumberland Scouts County Scout Council	300.00	Community Chest Application Funding	\$137 payment
	Defib Machines Limited	210.00	Defibrillator Charges	
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Charges	
e.	Other Planning Applications Where comments have not been requested.			
	Ref.	Description		
	23/01042/DISCON	Discharge of condition 5 (External Materials) and 6 (Demolition, Construction and Remediation Method Statement) on approved application 21/00460/LBC. The Beeches Church Lane Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5EL		
f.	Planning decisions notified to West Bedlington Town Council by Northumberland County Council.			
	Ref.	Description	Decision	
	23/00214/FUL	Single storey lean-to side extension. Location 20 Hollymount Square Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AH	GRANTED	
	23/00293/FUL	New Shop Front Location 48 Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AB	REFUSED	
	22/04452/FUL	Change of use: paddocks to storage yard including extension to workshop and planting trees along south side of site so yard will be hidden from public view. Location Bedlington Lane Farm Hartford Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AA	WITHDRAWN	
	23/00195/FUL	Retrospective single storey, rear extension Location 60 Hollymount Square Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AH	GRANTED	
g.	Police Report. The Council are requested to NOTE the Police Report provided. The next scheduled regular report is for June 2023 meeting.			
h.	Bank Reconciliation i. The Council are asked to note a checked bank reconciliation of £212,266.96 as of 31 st March 2023 and a Deposit Account Balance of £100,643.93 as of 31 st March 2023. Note re Bank Reconciliation– In accordance with revised Statement of Internal Controls Councillor J Todd as the nominated member has independently verified the monthly bank reconciliation.			
i.	Date of Next Meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be its Annual Meeting on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 3 rd May 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, Adam Hogg, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Jane Todd, Diane Wallace, Russ Wallace.