## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town held on Thursday 27th May 2021 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre.

## PRESENT.

12 Electors, 3 Non-Electors.

## IN THE CHAIR.

Councillor Russ Wallace (Chair West Bedlington Town Council) was in the chair for the meeting.

## MINUTES PREPARED BY.

Steven Young Town Clerk West Bedlington Town Council.

## AM1/21 1.WELCOME TO THE MEETING.

Councillor Wallace (Meeting Chair) welcomed those present to the Annual Meeting of the Town for 2021.

#### AM2/21 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. There were no apologies received for the meeting.

AM3/21 3. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING 2019 (no meeting in 2020) RESOLVED to APPROVE the draft minutes presented as a true record of The Annual Meeting of The Town held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

# AM4/21 4. DISCUSSION / PROPOSALS FROM ELECTORS

a. A resident brought to the attention of the meeting several matters in relation to town center development and the availability of funding. Further and specifically in relation the proposed new development in Bedlington the need for community space where its use(s) should be led by residents. Following support from other electors a proposal was presented to the meeting.

**Proposal 1:** West Bedlington Town Council to take a more proactive role in seeking a town center development that residents can lead upon.

**Vote by Electors Only** – It was unanimously agreed to **ACCEPT** and **APPROVE** the proposal presented.

- A resident asked if anyone had any update in relation to land previously available for the possible development of a sporting facility in Bedlington. The Town Clerk and others present were able to advise that the land was no longer available.
- c. A resident asked a question in relation to the new members of The Town Council working together. The Town Clerk responded that it would be more appropriate to ask the question directly to the Town Council at a future meeting of the Town Council.

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#### AM5/21 MEETING CLOSE

The Chair closed the meeting at 6.55pm by thanking everyone for their attendance and contributions.

Approved by the Meeting Chair ...... Date tbc 2022

Note 1. – these draft minutes will be noted as a true record of the meeting at the next meeting of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting (scheduled 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 but require formal approval at the next Annual Meeting of The Town.

Note 2 – the meeting was available to view live via Zoom video conferencing – meeting details https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86907760980?pwd=NUxNVXhxTUUwQ2tjNlZieHp6UFZ6dz09 Meeting ID: 869 0776 0980 Passcode: 863137

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