Minutes of the West Bedlington Town Councils Services Committee Meeting held at Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. on Thursday 22nd June 2023 at 6.30pm.



PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of	Determination
		Interests.	
S23/112		In Attendance	Councillors Hedley, Henderson, Hogg (Chair), and Taylor No members of the public in attendance.
S23/113	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. 	i. Apologies for absence from Councillors Thompson Todd and The Town Clerk were NOTED . ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting.
S23/114	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.	i. There were no Declarations of Interest for this meeting.
		ii. To consider any requests for dispensations.	ii. No dispensations for this meeting.

PART B - MATTERS FOR DECISION

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

		Details of Meeting or Delegated Decisions	Determination
S23/115	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of	RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington
		the previous West Bedlington Town Council Services	Town Council Services Committee held on 25th May
		Committee Meeting held on 25th May 2023.	2023 are APPROVED as a true record.
			Thanks to Councillor Taylor for taking the meeting
			notes.
S23/116	b.	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of	Councillor Taylor explained where the relocated Litter
		the last meeting that are not included as agenda	Bin currently on The Hartlands should be relocated to
		items	on the "Red Ash Path".

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

		Matters for Discussion / Decision	Determination
S23/117 a	а.	Election Of Committee Deputy Chair It is at the Committees discretion whether to elect a Deputy Chair or not. The Committee are asked to decide upon the election of a Deputy Committee Chair (if appropriate).	RESOLVED to elect Councillor Thompson as the Deputy Committee Chair.

S23/118	b.	Bus Shelters – Quote for repainting of "old style with apex roof" Bus Shelters. The Committee are requested to decide upon a quote for the repainting of 7 (seven) "old style with apex roof bus shelters at 3 x A1068 Hartford Road and 4 x B1331 Netherton Road / North Ridge Bedlington. (Quote distributed to members).		9	RESOLVED to APPROVE the supplied que Springview Property Maintenance for the bus shelters.		
		Planning A	Applications – Where Comme	ents Have			
S23/119	c.	Been Requested.					
		The Council are asked to discuss and decide if it		cide if it			
		wishes to make any comments in relation to the					
		Planning applications received for comment.		1_			
		Ref.	Description	Response		Determination	
				Due Date			
			None For This Meeting			None For This Meeting	
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PART C - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

		Matters for Information or To Be Noted (not for decision)				
S23/120	a.	Bus Shelters				
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	 Awaiting reply from Planning Enforcement re Longridge Farm development Planning conditions. Repainting of "old style" bus shelters on current agenda. Nothing further for this meeting. 		
		2	Any member updates.	 Councillor Hedley advised that a number of bus timetables had been defaced. Councillor Hedley will also advice Northumberland County Council. 		
S23/121	b.	Defil	brillators			
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	 Clerk to progress installation of additional defibrillator at Coffin Chapel. Nothing further for this meeting. 		
		2	Any Member Updates.	Nothing For This Meeting		
S23/122	c.	CCT\	I			
		2	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	 Informal meeting arranged with Reay's (Clerk and Chair). Nothing for this meeting. 		
		<u> </u>	Any member updates	Nothing For This Meeting		
S23/123	d.	Environmental				
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	 Awaiting replies re Planning Enforcement (from previous meeting agenda's). Street Furniture repainting nearly completed. Nothing further for this meeting. 		
		2	Any member updates	 Councillor Hogg advised of his intention to propose some Environmental Aims and Targets for inclusion within the Councils Strategic Plan. Councillor Taylor asked if The Committee could obtain quotes for the upkeep / ongoing maintenance of plant pots and tubs on Front Street Bedlington. Town Clerk to pursue. 		
S23/124	e.	Litte	r Bins			
		1	Work In Progress / Recently Completed	 No Change since previous meeting – repeated below for info only. Litter Bin at Link Avenue to be replaced – new bin delivered currently awaiting installation. Bin at Black Path / Westmoreland Avenue still awaiting repair. Post mounted bin at Bus Stop Ridge Terrace Near West End School to be replaced with ground mounted (larger capacity) bin following request from NCC. Bin has been delivered currently awaiting installation. 		

			 NCC have agreed to The Town Councils request to relocate the litter bin on the main path Ridge Terrace (opposite the pedestrian crossing island - approx. 60 meters from the corner with Hazelmere Avenue) to the grass verge on the corner of Hazelmere / North Ridge, following a resident's request. Bin awaiting relocation. Litter Bin Centurion Way is to be replaced following request from NCC (bin cover has been removed and discarded). Replacement Bin ordered awaiting delivery and installation. A small number of minor repairs (hinge and lock lubrication etc) has been ordered following feedback from NCC operatives. 			
		2 Any member updates	 Damaged litter bin outside Creative Chicken has now been repaired and returned to its location at no cost to the Council. The removed litter bin (fire damage) on the footpath above Woolsington Court will not be replaced. Councillor Taylor asked if The Council could obtain quotes for the regular maintenance of the cast iron bins on Front Street, Bedlington. Town Clerk to pursue. 			
S23/125	f.	Play Areas				
010, 110		1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	 20 Acre Play Area working group to create a specification for the possible extension of the existing provision. 20 Acre Play Area. Swing now repaired. 			
		2 Any member updates	 Thanks to Councillor Taylor for arranging a replacement padlock for the Meadowdale Play Area gates. Councillor Henderson asked if service provider could be reminded that the Meadowdale Play Area gates should be locked at 8pm each evening. Town Clerk to remind service provider. 			
S23/126	g.	Public Seats				
323, 223	8.	1 Work In Progress / Recently Completed	No further update for this meeting.			
		2 Any member updates	Councillor Hedley advised of some loose seat lathes a seat on Schalksmuhle Road, Bedlington. Town Clerk to arrange a repair.			
S23/127	h.	School Art in Bus Shelters.				
323/12/	11.	1 Work In Progress /	Clerk to progress 8 (eight) new replacement designs.			
		Recently Completed	No further update.			
		2 Any Member Updates.	Nothing For This Meeting			
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S23/128	i.	Speed Reduction Signs.				
		1 Work In Progress /	No further update.			
		Recently Completed				
		2 Any Member Updates.	 Councillor Henderson asked about the provision of a speed safety sign on North Ridge / High Ridge Bedlington. This is a matter for Northumberland County Council. 			
S23/129	j.	War Memorial.				
		1 Work In Progress /	No Further Update for This Meeting			
		Recently Completed				
		2 Any Member Updates.	Nothing For This Meeting			
C22/420	L.	Radlington Community County				
S23/130	k.	Bedlington Community Centre. 1 Work In Progress / Recent Completed	ly O No Further Update for This Meeting			
		2 Any Member Updates.	 Members discussed some issues recently encounter at a Town Council event within the Community Centre. 			
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S23/131		Items a. to k - All updates NOTE	ט			

S23/132	Ι.	Date of Next Meeting.		
		RESOLVED The next scheduled meeting of the Services Committee is on Thursday 27th July 2023 at 6.30pm in		
		Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington.		
		Please note the agenda for this meeting will be issued on Wednesday 19 th July 2023.		
S23/133		The Chair closed the meeting at 6.58pm		

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	Determination
S23/134	Nothing For This Meeting	

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL	L - COUNCILLORS:
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Paul Hedley, Cath Henderson, Adam Hogg, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Jayne Todd.

Signed by Chair	Date
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