Minutes of the West Bedlington Town Councils Services Committee Meeting held at Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. on Thursday 28th July 2022 at 6.30pm.



PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Min Ref		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of	Determination
		Interests.	
S22/146		In Attendance	Councillors Crosby, Hedley, Hogg, Reed, D Wallace, and
			R Wallace.
			1 (One) members of the public.
S22/147	a.	Apologies for Absence.	
		i. To receive and note any apologies for absence	i. Apologies for absence were NOTED for Councillors
		from Councillors	Taylor and Todd.
		ii. To consider and determine any dispensations	ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this
		for absent Councillors.	meeting.
S22/148	b.	Declaration of Interests.	
		i. Unless already entered in the Council's Register	i. There were no Declarations of Interest for this
		of Members' interests, members are required to	meeting.
		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.	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
S22/149	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 23rd June
		Committee Meeting held on 23rd June 2022.	2022 are APPROVED as a true record.
S22/150	b.	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of	There were no matters arising from the minutes of the
		the last meeting that are not included as agenda	meeting held on 23rd June 2022.
		items	

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

		Matters for Discussion / Decision	Determination
S22/151	a.	Meadowdale Play Area Gates	RESOLVED to retain the existing
		The Council are requested to review the interim procedures and	arrangements for the foreseeable future
		expenditure for the opening and closing of Meadowdale Play Area	but to approach the current service
		Gates and determine what to next.	provider with a view of negotiating a
			longer term contract at a more
			favourable cost.

S22/152	b.	Litter Bins.			
		the refurbishment	e asked to discuss and decide upon of the cast iron litter bins on Front con. (Quote to follow upon receipt)	Street East	Deferred until receipt of a quote(s).
S22/153	C.	Public Seats The committee are requested to discuss and decide upon a request from Nedderton and Bedlington WI to transfer ownership (and take on responsibility for ongoing maintenance and repair) of a public seat located on the village main road opposite the site of the old school. (Request distributed to members).			RESOLVED to take on responsibility for ongoing maintenance and repair of a public seat located on the village main road opposite the site of the old school. Further RESOLVED to purchase and fix a plaque to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.
S22/154 d.		 Environmental Wild Flower Beds The committee are asked to discuss and decide upon the following in relation to the possibility of wild flower beds in Bedlington. Does the committee wish to investigate the possibility of Northumberland County Council creating wild flower beds in Bedlington. If in agreement at i. above, the committee are further asked to identify suitable locations within Bedlington for the creation of wild flower beds (email from NCC distributed to members). Again, if in agreement a I above, the committee are further requested to agree upon a specific seed mix for the identified locations. (Email from NCC distributed to members). 			 RESOLVED to investigate the possibility of Northumberland County Council creating wild flower beds in Bedlington. RESOLVED to submit the following locations as possible sights for wild flower beds – Hartford Bridge A192 / A1068 junction, Attlee Bank Top / Millfield, North Ridge to Broadmeadows verges, Between Westlea and Westlea Cemetery, Road Verges between Bedlingtonshire Golf Club and Hartford Hall, Verge near Bus Shelter opposite Hartford Hall entrance. DEFERRED to decide upon a specific seed mix for the identified locations until receipt of feedback from Northumberland County Council.
		2. Bedlington In Bloom The Committee are asked to discuss and decide on any ways it support Bedlington in Bloom residents' group.		ny ways it can	2. DEFERRED until such a time as contact can be made with the residents group.
S22/155		The committee are request for funding	ss – Funding Request / Youth Leisure Proposal. e are requested to discuss and decide upon a ding support from Trinity Youth Association for the 'Kids Kitchen" during the summer school holidays. buted).		RESOLVED not to support the funding request.
S22/156	d.	Planning Applications – Where Comments Have Been Requested. The Council are asked to discuss and decide if it wishes to make any comments in relation to the Planning applications received for comment.			
		Ref. 22/02072/FUL	Description Construction of replacement porch to the front elevation. Location 12 Lanchester Green The Chesters Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6JP.	Response Due Date 28th July 2022.	Determination No Comment

		Matters for Information or To Be Noted (not for decision)				
S22/157	a.	Bus Shelters				
		1 Work In Progress / • No further update for this meeting. Recently Completed • No further update for this meeting.				
		2 Any member updates. O Councillor Hogg reported the bus shelter on North Ridge had graffiti on it. Clerk to arrange for the graffiti to be removed.				
S22/158	b.	Defibrillators				
522, 155	2.	1 Work In Progress / O No further update for this meeting.				
		Recently Completed				
		2 Any Member Updates. Councillors Hedley, Hogg and R Wallace agreed to be defibrillator guardians.				
S22/159	с.					
		1 Work In Progress / • No further update for this meeting.				
		Recently Completed 2 Any member updates No members update.				
		Z Any member updates No members update.				
S22/160	d.	Environmental				
		1 Work In Progress / o Wild Flower Beds and Bedlington in Bloom added to current agenda.				
		Recently Completed O Councillor Hogg reported graffiti on flower planter at Red Lion. Clerk to				
		arrange for the graffiti to be removed.				
		2 Any member updates No members update.				
S22/161	e.	Litter Bins				
522/101	с.	1 Work In Progress / New bins and replacement bin liners due to be delivered 23rd June 2022 				
		Recently Completed				
		2 Any member updates No Members update.				
S22/162	f.	Play Areas				
		1 Work In Progress / • Meadowdale Gates Review on current agenda.				
		Recently Completed O Spring Rocker removed from Meadowdale Play Area for repair. Curring a frame 20 Area Disuised field removed for repair.				
		2 Any member updates O Swings from 20 Acre Playing field removed for repair.				
		2 Any member updates No Members update.				
S22/163	g.	Public Seats				
		1 Work In Progress / o No further update for this meeting.				
		Recently Completed				
		2 Any member updates No members update.				
S22/164	h.	School Art in Bus Shelters.				
522/104		1 Work In Progress / No further update for this meeting. In the second s				
		Recently Completed				
		2 Any Member Updates. No members update.				
S22/165	i.	Speed Reduction Signs.				
		1 Work In Progress / • No further update for this meeting.				
		Recently Completed 2 Anno Mambar Undeter				
		2 Any Member Updates. No members update.				
S22/166	j.	War Memorial.				
,	, .	1 Work In Progress / O Clerk has asked for designs and quotes for a rail to display remembrance				
		Recently Completed wreaths.				
		2 Any Member Updates. No members update.				
S22/167		Items a. to j - All updates NOTED				

PART C - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

S22/168	k.	 Any other information in relation to Services (not covered on agenda) Any matters that members would like to bring to the attention of other members and residents. For Information only no proposals or voting on these matters. Councillor R Wallace commented about the number of banners around the railings on the Red Lion Roundabout and asked how proactive the County Council is with removing them. 	
S22/169	Ι.	Date of Next Meeting. RESOLVED The next meeting of the Services Committee will be on Thursday 25th August 2022 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting will be issued on Wednesday 17 th August 2022.	
S22/170		The Chair closed the meeting at 7.16pm	

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
S22/171 a.	Bedlington Community Centre.	The Town Clerk together with Councillor R Wallace provided a verbal update in relation to operational and governance matters related to the Community Centre. It was agreed that for future meeting this item will now be moved to the open session part of the agenda.

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:

Bill Crosby, Paul Hedley, Adam Hogg, Wendy Reed, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Jayne Todd, Di Wallace, Russ Wallace.

Signed by Chair

Date