Minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held at Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. On Thursday 14th April 2022 at 6.30pm.

PRESENTATIONS.

o There were no presentations for this meeting.

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- A resident asked if the Town Council could distribute details of how to obtain Jubilee Party Packs as soon as possible. The Town Clerk confirmed a draft communication had been prepared and once approved would be distributed via The Councils website and Social Media streams.
- A resident expressed his disappointment that in relation to a purchase from Amazon of £30.96 for Easter Sweets for Schools that the purchase was not made locally. The Clerk advised that he had sought to purchase the sweets from Morrisons in Bedlington, but they were unable to provide the products.
- A resident asked what the level was of reserves held by the Council and why some could not have been used to offset the
 precept increase of £2.78 per year (at band A) as it had been in the previous year. The Clerk responded that to
 continually offset the level of the required precept from reserves was an unsustainable practice. The Clerk estimated that
 the overall level of reserves held by the Council was approximately £350k, though at that time he had not finalised the
 end of year accounts.

PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Min		Attendance / Apologies and Declarations of	Determination
Ref		Interests.	
22/054		In Attendance	Councillors Crosby, Hedley, Hogg, Reed, Todd, D Wallace, and R Wallace. Town Clerk Steven Young, and 6 (Six) members of the public.
22/055	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 Taylor and Thompson were NOTED. ii. There were no dispensations for absence for this meeting.
22/056	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. Councillor R Wallace made a declaration of interest in relation to Agenda item Part B 2c. Funding of Bedlington Food Banks - Review. The Matthew Project.
		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
22/057	a.	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of	RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington
		West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on	Town Council Meeting held on 10 th March 2022 are
		10th March 2022	APPROVED as a true record.
22/058	b.	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of	Min 22/052 Matters for Information Only. Councillor
		the last meeting that are not included as agenda	Todd asked if The Council had received Councillor
		items.	Taylors resignation. The Clerk replied that no
			resignation had been received to date.

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

		Matters for Discussion / Decision	Determination
22/059	a.	Queens Platinum Jubilee - Commemorative Merchandise The Council are asked to debate and decide upon the making of financial provisions within its reserves, for the supply of Platinum Jubilee commemorative merchandise, together with the possible delegation of the purchase to an individual member or small group of members to provide the same within any agreed budget. At its meeting on 10th March 2022 the Council agreed to delegate to Councillor Thompson the purchase of commemorative merchandise for Schools and Party Packs for Street Party Organisers but deferred a decision on providing any commemorative merchandise for any other groups. Do the Council wish to provide any commemorative merchandise for any other group(s) determined by members? And if so, agree a budget and agree to delegate the choice of commemorative	RESOLVED to purchase and distribute to West Bedlington Care Homes a box of commemorative shortbread biscuits for all residents.
22/060	b.	merchandise to a Councillor. Queens Platinum Jubilee – Beacon The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon the type of Beacon to purchase to facilitate The Towns inclusion within the official Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. (Details of Beacon types together with details of the official event distributed to members). Councillor Reed.	RESOLVED to purchase 21CC Group Ltd a gas fuelled beacon at the cost of £490.
22/061	C.	Funding of Bedlington Food Banks - Review. 1. The Council are requested to discuss, review, and decide upon any financial support to: i. Bedlington Salvation Army. ii. Bedlington Matthew Project. iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank.	1. RESOLVED to set aside a £500 donation for each of the 3 food banks for February 2022 – to be released upon receipt of an individual request from each food bank.

		2. The Council are requested to discuss and determine next review dates for the funding of Bedlington Food Banks. i. Bedlington Salvation Army. ii. Bedlington Matthew Project. iii. Wansbeck Valley Food Bank. Any approved funding would be in respect of a S137 payment.	2. RESOLVED to review on-going donations on a month-by-month basis. Any approved funding would be in respect of a S137 payment.
22/062	d.	Additional Plaque (s) for Bedlington Heritage Guide The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon a resident's request to provide a plaque or information board at The Rotary Clubs Rondel on Hartford Road, Bedlington. The resident states "at the moment the rondel means very little apart from the fact that there was a Rotary presence in the area. An explanation of Rotary's work at international,	The Council are broadly in agreement with the proposal but DEFERRED its decision to obtain further information from the poposer.
		national and local levels would be a significant addition to Evan Martin's (creator of the Heritage Guide) work and a testimony to its importance within our community". (Request and correspondence distributed to members).	
22/063	e.	External Meetings To receive feedback from Councillors from any external meetings since the date of the last Council meeting.	No external meetings for this meeting.
22/064	f.	Upload of Council Meeting Audio Recordings to Social Media The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon a proposal to upload audio recordings of Council meetings to social media. (Proposal distributed to members). Councillor Hogg.	RESOLVED (subject to the quality of recording) to upload audio recordings of West Bedlington Town Council meetings (including Committee meetings) to social media.
22/065	g.	Easter Egg Hunt – Donation of Easter Eggs At its meeting on 10 th March 2022 the Council RESOLVED to APPROVE the proposal and expected expenditure (£200) to provide an Easter Egg Hunt for Bedlington school children. The agreed event will clash with a similar event hosted by Bedlington Salvation Army, and it is proposed to donate the 200 purchased Easter Eggs to the Salvation Army for their event. Councillor D Wallace.	RESOLVED to donate 200 Easter Eggs to Bedlington Salvation Army for their Easter Egg Hunt Event.
22/066	h.	Consultation – Council Response Requested The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon responses to a consultation "Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans Consultation". Councillor Hogg has provided some suggested responses (distributed to members) to aid the discussion and provide a proposal for possible agreement.	RESOLVED Councillor Hogg to distribute a DRAFT corporate response to all members for examination and addition of any further comments before submitting the agreed response.
22/067	i.	Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Services Committee. The Working Group Chair (Councillor Hogg) will provide a verbal report of the meeting decisions.	Committee Chair Councillor Hogg provided a verbal update of the decisions approved at the Services Committee meeting on 24th March 2022.
22/068	j.	 Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Governance and Staffing Working Group. 1. Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council. None for this meeting. 2. Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision) – The Working Group Chair (Councillor Crosby) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group. 	 No recommendations for this meeting. No updates for this meeting.

22/069	k.	Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion). Events Working Group	
		1. Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Council. None for this meeting.	1. No recommendations for this meeting.
		2. Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not	Group Chair Councillor Reed provided
		for decision) - The Working Group Chair (Councillor Reed)	feedback on the recent Easter Events in
		will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any	Bedlington Community Centre.
		ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the	
		working group.	
22/070	I.	Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or	
		discussion). Communications Working Group	
		Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full	1. No recommendations for this meeting.
		Council. None for this meeting.	2 Warking Croup Chair Councillar Bood
		2. Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for decision). Chair (Councillor Reed) will feedback to the Council	2. Working Group Chair Councillor Reed
		any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been	asked members for any contributions for the next edition of the e-newsletter
		worked upon by the working group.	as soon as possible and advised that
		worked apon by the working group.	work was continuing in the background
			on an events booking system for the
			website.
22/071	m.	Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion).	
		Neighbourhood Plan Working Group	
		Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full Convert. Name for this reporting.	1. No recommendations for this meeting.
		Council. None for this meeting.	7 The Working Croup Chair Counciller
		2. Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for	2. The Working Group Chair Councillor
		decision) Chair (Councillor Hogg) will feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been	Hogg advised that the group was waiting on an update from the technical
		worked upon by the working group	support team to help with the creation
		worked apon by the working group	of "design codes".
22/072	n.	Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or	<u> </u>
		discussion). Finance Working Group	
		1. Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full	1. No recommendations for this meeting.
		Council. None for this meeting.	
		2. Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for	2. No updates for this meeting.
		decision) Chair (Councillor R Wallace) will feedback to the	
		Council any other items discussed, any ongoing and future matters been worked upon by the working group.	
22/073	0.	Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion).	
	••	Youth Support Programme Working Group	
		Recommendations from Working Group for decision by full	1. None for this meeting.
		Council. None for this meeting.	J
		Any Other Items from the Working Group Meeting (not for	Councillor D Wallace provided a verbal
		decision) The Working Group Chair (Councillor Thompson) will	update in relation to Jubilee Games
		feedback to the Council any other items discussed, any ongoing	preparations.
		and future matters been worked upon by the working group.	
22/074	p.	Working Groups / Committees (items for decision or discussion).	
		Planning Working Group	
		1. 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.	

Ref.	Description	Response Due Date	Determination
22/00913/FUL	Resubmission of approval 18/03632/REM for the construction of two detached dwellings and associated works. Location Land To North West Of Blue House Farm Cottages Blue House Farm Road Netherton Colliery Northumberland NE22 6BB	19th April 2022.	OBJECTION – The proposed development lies outside of the settlement boundary.
22/00763/FELTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application: T1 - Beech - Reduce overhang over garden by 2.5m (closest suitable growth point) to reduce shade and wind sail, T2 - Sycamore - Dead wood only, T3 - Atlas Cedar - Reduce by 2.5- 3m in height and reshape to balance and lift to 2m to keep tree in good form and shape Location 1 Bellingham Court Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5QS	27th April 2022.	No Comment

PART C - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED

			Matters for Information or To Be Noted				
22/075		RESOL	VED to NOTE				
		Section	n's a, b and c. Correspondence	e, Consultations and Invitations and the actions	taken for each detailed below.		
		Section	n d, Schedule of payments and	d receipts			
		Section	n e, Other planning applicatio	ns			
		Note s	ection f is not part of the age	nda and is included for information only.			
	a.	Corres	pondence.				
		Ref	From	Brief Description	Action Taken		
		269 Resident		Request For Individual Funding for Athletics	Noted - Circulated - Benlied		
				Equipment	Noted + Circulated + Replied		
		270	Age UK Northumberland	Support for Local Residents with Scams	Noted + Circulated		
		270	Age or Northamberland	Awareness from Age UK Northumberland	Noted + Circulated		
		271	East Bedlington Resident	Copy of request to Bedlington Borderlands	Noted + Circulated		
		2/1	Last beamigton resident	Place Programme	Noted i circulated		
		272 Northumbria Police		Northumbria Connected	Noted + Circulated		
		273 Bedlington Resident x 5		Support For Ukraine	Noted + Circulated + Replied		
		274	Community Action	CAN E News 3 rd March 2022	Noted + Circulated		
		2/4	Northumberland		Noteu + Circulateu		

275	5 Bedlington Salvation Army Note of Thanks		Noted + Circulated
276	Gallagher Insurance	Events: key considerations for clients	Noted + Circulated
270	Ganagner maurance	Copy of email to Planning Enforcement and	Noted Fellediated
277	Bedlington Resident	Woodlands Team Re Current work on	Noted + Circulated
2//	beamigton resident	Choppington Road	Noted - Circulated
278	Playlist For Life	Your March Help Point update	Noted + Circulated
	NCC Woodland and Trees		Noted + Circulated
279	Team	Copy of acknowledgement ref 277	Troted - ell-calacea
280	Northumbria Police	Want to be heard in your community?	Noted + Circulated
281	Northumbria Police	March 2022 Crime Report Stats	Noted + Circulated
282	Green Lane Association	Countryside access: setting the record straight	Noted + Circulated
283	Bedlington Resident x7	Copy of correspondence re Planning Application	Noted + Circulated
284	NCC Planning	Copy of Acknowledgement Ref 283	Noted + Circulated
285	Bedlington Resident	Precept Increase	Noted + Circulated + Replied
		Code of Conduct Complaint - Against	Noted + Circulated +
286	Councillor Taylor	Councillor Jayne Todd West Bedlington	Forwarded to NCC Monitoring
		Town Council	Officer.
		Support for Pavement/Cycle way	Noted + Circulated
287	East Bedlington Resident	connecting Red Row Drive to Barrington	
		Road (e petition).	
288	County Councillor A Wallace	Copy of Response to ref 287	Noted + Circulated
289	NALC NALC Member Council Update 15 March 2022 - Pay Scales		Noted + Circulated
290	Northumbria Police	Speeding figures	Noted + Circulated
291	NALC	NALC Member Council Update 15 March 2022	Noted + Circulated + Replied
292	Playlist For Life	musical teas and free information session	Noted + Circulated
293	Northumberland CC	Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley Local Area Council - 23 March	Noted + Circulated
294	SENRUG	SENRUG Public Meeting: 31st March 2022	Noted + Circulated
	Community Engagement		
295	Advisor	Gauging interest	Noted + Circulated
295	Infrastructure –	Gauging interest	Noted + Circulated
	Northumberland Rail Line		
296	NALC	NALC Enews 22 March 2022	Noted + Circulated
		Code of Conduct Complaint - Against	Noted + Circulated + Forwarded to NCC Monitoring
297	Councillor R Wallace	Councillor R Wallace Councillor Taylor West Bedlington Town	
		Council	Officer.
		Code of Conduct Complaint - Against	Noted + Circulated +
298	Councillor Crosby	Councillor Taylor West Bedlington Town	Forwarded to NCC Monitoring
		Council	Officer.
299	NCC Highways	TTRO 128163550 Choppington Road Bedlington	Noted + Circulated
300	NALC	NALC Enews 29 March 2022	Noted + Circulated
301	Bedlington Resident	Blue Plaque Request	Noted + Circulated + Added To Current Agenda
302	Northumberland CC	NCC Parking Charges	Noted + Circulated
303	Northumberland CC	Northumberland Local Plan - Adoption	Noted + Circulated
304	Resident	Copy of email re: Market Tavern, Bedlington	Noted + Circulated
305	Bedlington Salvation Army	Note of Thanks	Noted + Circulated
	Wansbeck Valley Food		Noted + Circulated
306	Bank	Note of Thanks	

	Plantlife International - The Wild Plant Conservation charity			Peeking in cowslips to We nee	to help the	-	Note	d + Circulated
	308	Northumberland		Support for Tree F	Planting in	your Parish	Note	d + Circulated
	309	Northumberland	CC	Urban Tree	Challenge	Fund	Note	d + Circulated
	310	Northumberland	CC	TTRO 128236772 E	31331 Net	therton Road	Note	d + Circulated
311 Gallagher Insurance		Response to Reques Play Area wit				Circulated + Added ervices Committee Agenda		
	312	Healthwatch Northumberlar	nd		Northumberland Pharmacy Needs Assessment		Note	d + Circulated
b.	Consu	Itations.				1		
	From		Descript			Details		
	North	numberland CC	•	cling and Walking acture Plans Consulta	ition	Added To Ago	enda For a Co	uncil Response
	Natio	onal Highways		l Highways Yorkshire ast Stakeholder Surve		Online - Oper	n To All	
	NCC I	Planning Services	_	g Validation Checklist ation April 2022	: Re-	Closes 17 th A	pril 2022	
c.								
	From			Event			Response De	etails
	Ashin Choir	gton & District male	Voice	Annual Concert of A Male Voice Choir	shington	& District	Invite To Ma	ayor.
d.	Schedi	ule of Payments and	Receipts.					
	Details	of payments and (re	ceipts) to	be noted since last (Council up	date. All paym	ents gross of	VAT.
		Payee		Amount £. p		Descriptio	n	Notes
	W	Wansbeck Valley Food Bank		500.00	F	Food Bank Donation S13		S137
	В	edlington Salvation	Army	500.00	F	ood Bank Dor	nation	S137
		Reay Security Lim	ited	83.04		CCTV Charges		
		Paul Bennet Electi	rical	710.00	Defibrillator Electrical			
					Installations			
		Broxap Limited		350.34		New Litter E		
		The Workplace De	•	358.56	Defibrillator Accessories			
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		Jo-Anne Garrick I	td	360.00		eighbourhoo		
		JO ATTIC GUITTER I		300.00		Consultation		
		DL Maintenance & F	Repair	280.00	_	t + Play Area		
		DL Maintenance & F		387.68		tter Bin Install		
	-	thumberland Count	•			Payroll Cos		
		Reay Security Lim	•	83.04		CCTC Charg		
		High Street Safa		499.00	Platin	um Jubilee Be		
		Microsoft.com		79.99	А	nnual Subscri	ption	
		Amazon		30.96		er Sweets For	•	
	E	verbrite for NALC T	raining	5.00	Cl	lerk Online Tr	aining	
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		Bedlington Comr	nunity Centre	120.00	Room Hire – Arts Festival			
		Reay Securit	y Limited	809.64	CCTV Charges			
		St Bede's Catholic	Primary School	1,500.00	Pupils Fund Donation			
		Wansbeck Valle	•	500.00	Food Bank Donation	S137		
		Bedlington Salv		500.00	Food Bank Donation	S137		
	e.	Other Planning Applic		rtod				
		Ref.		steu.				
		22/01253/MISC	Description 253/MISC Notice under The Electronic Communications Code Regulation 5, informi intention to install 2x 9M and LIGHT WOODEN POLES Opposite Burnt F Netherton Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AZ					
		22/00693/CLEXIS	The use of the	property is for on	e young person to live in as their main r ngton Northumberland NE22 6EH	esidence when		
2/076	f.	Ref.			cription	Decision		
		22/00332/VARYCO	Variation of cond 21/03471/FUL in porch to West el Northumberland	GRANTED				
		21/04242/FUL	D4242/FUL Proposed 2 storey side extension. Location 161 Hartlands Bedlington NE22 6JJ					
		21/03109/COU	Retrospective: Co studio (18/01392 Vulcan Place Gar	WITHDRAWN				
		21/04021/FUL	Proposed support new building corticles C3) for spectasternal works a	rted living accomm nprising of 12 self- cialised independe	nodation comprising construction of contained 1-bedroom apartments (use nt supported living with associated ation 86 - 88 Front Street East	GRANTED		
		21/01576/ADE		onsent for one me	nu board. Location 10 Vulcan Place	GRANTED		
		Outline permission for the construction of up to 6no dwellings including access, appearance, layout and scale. Location Land North West Of Blue House Farm Blue House Farm Road Netherton Colliery NE22 6BD						
		21/04977/FUL	Change of use from open land to garden and erection of a boundary fence Location Land South Of 34 Glebe Mews Glebe Mews The Chesters Bedlington Northumberland					
22/077	_	Police Report. RESOLVED to NOTE th The next scheduled re	Bedlington North	numberland esented for this m	eeting.	GRAN		

22/078	h.	Financial Update / Bank Reconciliation.					
Bank Re The Cou reconcil a Depos March 2 Note re Stateme		a Deposit Account Balance March 2022	88 as of 31st March 2022 and of £100,453.33 as of 31st n—In accordance with revised trols Councillor Todd as the dependently verified the	The Council NOTED the bank reconciliation.			
22/079	i.	Matters for Information Onl Any matters that member		ention of other members and residents. For Information			
		only no proposals or votin	g on these matters.				
		Councillors	None for this meeting.				
		Town Clerk	The Annual Meeting of the 6pm in Bedlington Commu	Town is scheduled for Friday 22nd April 2022 starting at nity Centre – All welcome.			
22/080	j.	Community Centre, Front S	Next Meeting. Iled meeting of the Council will street West, Bedlington. Ig will be issued on Wednesday	be on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 6.30pm in Bedlington 4 th May 2022 to account for The Clerks annual leave.			

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:

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

Signed by Chair

Date