

**Minutes of a West Bedlington Town Council Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 22 September 2016 at 6.00 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.**



**WEST BEDLINGTON  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Councillors Present:** C Taylor (Chair), K Dalton, J Dobie, P Hedley, A Hogg, M Robinson.

**Councillors Not Present:** D Graham, J Tyler.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Town Clerk Steven Young, Neil Brown Northumberland County Councils Markets Manager and 2 members of the public.

Ahead of the meeting Mr Brown (NCC Markets Manager) provided an update to the Committee about Bedlington Market. Members then directed a number of questions and matters of concern to Mr Brown. With the Committees thanks for his attendance Mr Brown left ahead of the meeting agenda starting.

**S134/16 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from Councillors D Graham and J Tyler for this meeting.

**Resolved that the apologies for absence received are accepted.**

**S135/16 - 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**Resolved that the minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 25th August 2016 are approved.**

**S136/16 - 3. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Hogg asked if there was any update with regard to the line markings in the car park. The Clerk advised that he had not received a reply to date.

Councillor Hogg asked if there was any update with regards to CCTV provision (Minute S124/16). The Clerk confirmed that an update meeting on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 had been arranged with an officer from NCC.

Councillor Robinson confirmed that in respect of minute S114/16 a funding application had been submitted by Bedlingtonshire Development Trust.

**S137/16 - 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

**S138/16 - 5. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION.**

1) Councillor Taylor advised that no further progress had been made in relation to completing a new lease for the Dr Pit Allotments. Councillor Taylor informed the Committee that she was reviewing the lease amendments suggested by the national Allotments Association and would once she had obtained a new contact address invite the Allotment Association to a further meeting to move the matter forward.

**2) Resolved to make the suggested repair to the Meadowdale play area gates.**

**Resolved to make the suggested repair to the fixings at the Westlea Muga unless the unit was to be replaced as part of the play area refurbishment project.**

**S139/16. - 6 ATTLEE PARK**

Councillor Robinson advised the Committee that a revised quote for the work was expected in the near future.

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**S140/16 - 7. BUS SHELTERS**

Discussion took about the need for a maintenance policy. Councillor Taylor advised that she would endeavour to devise a policy for the Committee consideration in the future.

**S141/16 - 8. PUBLIC SEATS**

Discussion took place about the installation of the new seat at Hartford Bridge (Minute S041/16). There was some uncertainty about the ownership of the land the seat is to be located upon. The Clerk and Councillor Hedley are to make enquires in relation to the ownership and report back to the Committee.

**S142/16 - 9. LITTER BINS**

Councillor Robinson advised the Committee that funding assistance from County Councillor Johnstone has now been received. The Clerk will order the new bins been funded together with additional bins funded by the West Bedlington Town Council (40 new litter bins in total) once Northumberland County Council have confirmed that installation of the new bins will be undertaken by them.

**S143/16 - 10. PLAY AREAS**

The Chair Councillor Taylor provided an update in relation to the tender process. Two companies have now been shortlisted to present to the Project Group and also demonstrate their designs to the public. A public exhibition of the shortlisted designs is scheduled for the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016. Councillor Robinson asked if The Clerk would pursue a section 106 funding application as soon as a preferred supplier and design is approved.

**S144/16 - 11. ENVIROMENTAL**

Councillor Robinson advised that the Council are still awaiting the necessary permissions from NCC to install the approved Gateway features.

**S145/16 - 12. PLANNING**

There were no planning applications for this meeting.

**S146/16 - 13. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Resolved to accept the Financial Report submitted.**

**S147/16 – 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**S148/16 – 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved that the next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on Thursday 27th October 2016 at 6pm in Bedlington Community Centre.**

**Approved by the Chair .....**

**27th October 2016**

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