



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th February 2017 at 6.30 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: M Robinson (Chair), K Dalton, J Dobie, D Graham, P Hedley, A Hogg, C Taylor, J Tyler.

COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT: S Tyler.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk S Young and 10 (Ten) members of the public.

PRESENTATIONS

There were presentations in support of funding applications (Agenda Item 13) from St Bede's R.C.V.A Primary School and Emily Wallace.

OPEN SESSION

- A resident asked when the Council would be able to reopen the play areas at Westlea and Meadowdale.
The Chair advised that the Council had hoped to be able to reopen both play areas in time for the half term holidays, however the contractor has expressed concerns about public safety due to the poor ground conditions on both sites and that a site visit was scheduled with the contractor on Friday 17th February 2017 to agree opening dates.
- A resident asked if the Council would support a "Bedlington Picnic" Event in 2017.
The Chair replied that the Council would consider any proposals it receives for an event of this nature and suggested an article requesting assistance go in the next edition of the Councils residents' newsletter.

C019/17 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Tyler.

RESOLVED to accept the apologies of absence received.

C020/17 - 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council meeting of 12th January 2017 are approved.

C021/17 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Robinson asked with regard to min C016/17 if a contractor had been instructed to relocate the litter bin.

The Clerk confirmed that a contractor had already been requested to relocate the litter bin.

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C022/17 – 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

C023/17 - 5. CHAIRS UPDATE

The Chair provided updates on the matters summarised in Appendix A – Chairs Update

C024/17 - 6. COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUPS

- a. Finance and Governance – No further meeting.
- b. Events and Communication working group – No further meeting.
- c. Services Committee – Councillor Taylor provided a verbal update in support of the previously distributed draft copy of the minutes from the Services Committee meeting held on 26th January 2017.

The Council wished to record its thanks to Councillor Taylor for all the work she had undertaken with regards to the assignment of new leases for the Councils allotments.

RESOLVED to accept all committee / working group reports

C025/17 - 7. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

- a. **RESOLVED to send a copy of the Councils “Advertising policy” to St Cuthbert’s Church**
- b. **RESOLVED to approve the following documents (subject to the minor change detailed).**
 - i. **Asset Register – APPROVED subject to the removal of the litter bins at Attlee Park car park.**
 - ii. **Governance Statement – APPROVED**
 - iii. **Standing Orders – APPROVED**
 - iv. **Financial Regulations - APPROVED**
- c. **RESOLVED to contact Bedlington Community Centre Trustees through the Councils appointed representative (Councillor Taylor).**
- d. **In relation to a Street Fair for 2017**
 - i. **RESOLVED to support the provision of a Street Fair for 2017.**
 - ii. **DEFERRED a decision on Street Fair proposal deadlines until a future meeting**
- e. **RESOLVED to invite Bedlingtonshire Development Trust (subject to terms of reference) to assist with the advancement of the “Sports Centre Project”.**
- f. **RESOLVED to approve the design of the advert to be used and await a financial proposal for its future use.**
- g. **RESOLVED to approve the draft content for information lecterns to accompany the Councils new gateway features.**

C026/17 – 8. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that all Correspondence, Consultations and Invitations (Appendix B) has been properly received and actioned.

C027/17 - 9. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- I. Town / Parish Liaison Committee (Councillor Robinson) – no meeting to report upon.
- II. NALC – (Councillor Dalton) – report distributed.
- III. LMAPS now Community Safety Hub– (Councillor Hedley) – no meeting to report upon.
- IV. Northumberland In Bloom – (Councillor Hedley) – no meeting to report upon.
- V. Gallagher Park Steering Group – (Councillor Dalton) – report distributed.
- VI. Dr Pit Stakeholder Meetings – (Councillor Dalton) – no meeting to report upon.
- VII. Bedlington Partnership – (Councillor Robinson) – no meeting to report upon.

RESOLVED to accept all reports provided.

RESOLVED to accept ARCH’s invitation through NALC to meet with Town / Parish Councils.

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C028/17 - 10. CLERKS REPORT

RESOLVED to accept the Clerks report (Appendix C).

C029/17 - 11. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments and receipts (Appendix D).

C030/17- 12. PLANNING

RESOLVED not to make any comment in relation to any of the applications contained within the schedule for the meeting (Appendix E).

Planning decisions are shown in Appendix F for information only.

C031/17 - 13. COMMUNITY CHEST / PUPILS FUND APPLICATIONS

- **RESOLVED** to award £1503.80 to St Bede's RCVA Primary in respect of its Pupils Fund Application.
- **RESOLVED** to award £806 to Emily Wallace in respect of her funding application.

C032/17 - 14. RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

RESOLVED that the deadline for any article submissions is Friday 10th February 2017.

The Council wished to place on record its thanks to Councillors Robinson and Taylor for their time and hard work to bring about the newsletter.

C033/17 – 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Hogg – Road marking and signs at the new mini roundabout adjacent to Morrison's.

Councillor Graham – Netherton Lane site traffic.

C024/17 – 16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED the next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 9th March 2017 at 6.30pm at Bedlington Community Centre

The meeting closed at 7.49pm

Signed by the Chair

9th March 2017

Appendix A, B, C, D and E only Form Part of these minutes.

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Appendix A – Chairs Update (Agenda Item 5).

Chair's update...Feb 2017

Following our last meeting Christine and I had a meeting with NCC, ostensibly about getting our concerns regarding the street lighting project seen to. This new officer has been brought in by NCC because of the problems this lighting project has thrown up. Sounds like the various contractors are leaving a trail of unfinished places and wrongly sited units all over the county! That's as maybe but we just want Bedlington sorted!

We gave her the list of non-working units, ones which hadn't as yet been changed and the pictures of wrongly sited units we had. Again she agreed these were justifiable concerns and promised to get them rectified.

We also spoke to her about the promises the lead officer had made to us regarding the painting of the new units and also the lamp post banners we wanted to see up last year.

She took all the information down and said whilst some were tricky other problems should have been dealt with straight away.

I have also had talks with Mike Jefferies about the bins in the car park in Attlee Park. This led to a site visit with Arthur Cranson where he agreed to take the old red metal bin out completely and move the floor mounted one and the grit bin out of the line of sight with our new gateway feature there.

Speaking of gateway features I would just remind members they are not finished yet. Also the BiB team have already agreed to plant up around them and make them fit more softly into the landscape. If we can agree the explanations for the lecterns later we should see this project drawing to a close pretty soon now.

I would like to put some background onto the Vets 4 Pets proposals. When they came in to see us several months ago they mentioned that they had small posters on some bins they had sponsored down south somewhere. I said they could do the same here for a fee and the local lasses thought it was a great idea; they went back and proposed it to their head office. That's why we have the poster on tonight's agenda but I was unhappy not to have the financial inducement listed too. That is still being negotiated at present and will probably go in front of the services committee to accept or decline if we agree the poster in principle tonight.

So in essence, we got the bins themselves essentially free, we negotiated the fitting of them, again free and now we are potentially selling space on them. Not a bad way to run a bin replacement project for tax payers!

Appendix B – Correspondence, Consultations and Invitations. (Agenda Item 8).

a) Correspondence

Ref	From	Summary	Action
33/17	Northumberland CC	TTRO 97200	Noted and Circulated
34/17	NALC	Royal Garden Party Nominations	Noted and Circulated
35/17	Northumberland CC	TTRO 97819	Noted and Circulated
36/17	Dr Nick Clague	Follow Up re Traffic Flow Improvements	Noted, Circulated and replied with information about Local Transport Plan
37/17	Northumberland CVA	Job Vacancies at Northumberland CVA	Noted and Circulated
38/17	Northumberland CVA	Volunteer Connect	Noted and Circulated
39/17	NALC	NALC Enews 10 Jan 2017	Noted and Circulated
40/17	Northumberland CC	Unauthorised obstructions Guidance 2016	Noted and Circulated
41/17	NALC	NALC Smooth Fee Model	Noted and Circulated
42/17	NALC	Northumberland May 2017 Elections Notes	Noted and Circulated

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43/17	Northumberland CC	EMG TTRO 98867	Noted and Circulated
44/17	NALC	Northumberland May 2017 Elections Notes 2	Noted and Circulated
45/17	Northumberland CVA	Ebulletin Issue 66	Noted and Circulated
46/17	Northumbrian Water	Response To Odour In Vicinity Of Church Lane Enquiry	Noted and Circulated
47/17	Northumbrian Water	Response To Bedlington Cemetery & Railway Viaduct Enquires	Noted and Circulated
48/17	NALC	NALC Enews 27 Jan 2017	Noted and Circulated
49/17	Northumberland CC	TTRO 99522	Noted and Circulated
50/17	Bedlington Community Allotment	Sensory Gardening Group	Noted and Circulated
51/17	NALC	Transparency Portal Invitation	Noted and Circulated
52/17	Mr Russ Wallace – Make A Noise For Bedlington	Current Construction In Bedlington	Noted, Circulated and Acknowledged. Awaiting further specific suggestions for comment.
53/17	NALC	NALC Enews 24 Jan 2017	Noted and Circulated
54/17	Northumberland CC	Funding 'e' Bulletin 25 Jan 2017	Noted and Circulated
55/17	Mr W E Brown	Various Suggestions	Noted, Circulated and Acknowledged. Copy forwarded to NCC for reply Town Council specific suggestions added to Services Committee Agenda
56/17	Northumberland Community Development Network	Northumberland Community Development Network News	Noted and Circulated
57/17	Northumbria Police	Bus Shelter Damage – Investigation Update	Noted and Circulated
58/17	Northumberland CC	Temporary Closure of Dr Pit Park	Noted and Circulated
59/17	Northumberland CC	Advance Notice of Survey – Design Vision For Northumberland	Noted and Circulated
60/17	Northumberland CC	TTRO 101360	Noted and Circulated
61/17	Community Action Northumberland	CAN News Winter Edition	Noted and Circulated
62/17	Northumberland CVA	Ebulletin – Issue 67	Noted and Circulated
63/17	Carnival Rides	Bedlington Street Fair 2017	Noted and added to the current agenda.
64/17	Northumberland CC	Pre Planning Advice Protocol	Noted and Circulated
65/17	Northumberland CVA	Jan 2017 Update	Noted and Circulated
66/17	NALC	Chief Executives Bulletin 3 – 27 Jan 2017	Noted and Circulated

b) Consultations

Owner	Description	Where and When
NCC	Design Vision For Northumberland	On Line at surveygizmo

c) Invitations

Date	From	Description	Comments
17 th Jan 2017	Northumberland CVA	SE Northumberland Network Meeting	Invite To All
30 th Jan 2017	Leading Link	Public Art Design Options	Invite To All

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Appendix C – Clerks Report (Agenda Item 10).

Finance

No update this Council Meeting but spending remains on target with the agreed budgets and use of reserves.

Services

Play area refurbishment: Still to finalise “reopening events” with contractor. Work has now also started at Westlea.

Still awaiting NCC to finalise litter bin installations – a reminder has been sent.

Events and Communications

No further update to what has already been included within the meeting agenda.

General

Clerk on holiday Wednesday 25th Feb 2017

And Change to normal working days as follows:

Off Monday 27th Feb 2017 and work Tuesday 28th Feb 2017

Appendix D – Schedule of Payments and Receipts (Agenda Item 11) Payment 1st Jan 2017 to 31st Jan 2017.

All payment GROSS of VAT.

Payee	Amount	BCC	Bloom	Description
Talk Talk Business	34.74			Telephone + Internet
Viking Payments	49.25			Stationary
Sleekburn Welding Ltd - Lloyds Com	434.00			Bus Shelter Repairs
HMRC	(6,154.33)			VAT Refund
Northumberland County Council	2,706.75			Payroll Costs
David Ogilvie Engineering Ltd	1,726.80			Public Seats

Appendix E – Planning Applications Received for Comment. (Agenda Item 12).

Applications Received for comment by the Council from the Planning Authority

Ref.	Description	Response Due
16/04669/FUL	Single storey rear extension Location 47 Millfield Court Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5EP	15th February 2017
17/00190/ADE	Advertisement Consent - replacement signage Location Bedlington Library Glebe Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6JX	17th February 2017
17/00124/FUL	Extension of existing ramp and installation of new shopfront and air conditioning condensers Location Bedlington Library Glebe Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6JX	14th February 2017

Other Applications.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
	None	

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Appendix F - Planning decisions notified to WBTC by NCC - Information Only

Ref.	Description	Decision
16/04220/FUL	Proposed double storey side extension to include a storage space/garage and utility on the ground floor; master bedroom and en-suite on the first floor; porch at the front entrance Location 2 Millfield North Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5EF	GRANTED
16/02268/CCM	Installation of waste picking station for period of 12 months to remove oversize non-compostables from site and to recycle other materials (wood and stone) previously not composted Location Land West Of Bedlington Lane Farm Hartford Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AA	GRANTED
16/04365/ADE	Advertisement consent to retain 1 internally illuminated projecting fascia and 1 non-illuminated recessed fascia. Location The Lion Garage 15 Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TZ	GRANTED
16/04360/FUL	Proposed extension to existing garage Location 58 Augustus Drive The Chesters Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6LE	GRANTED
16/03536/VARYCO	Variation of conditions 2 (External Detail), 3 (Boundary Treatment), 4 (Elevations), 7 (Landscaping), 10 (Cycle Storage) and 12 (Energy Conservation) relating to planning permission 03/00442/FUL allowed on appeal seeking to re-design and to reduce the number of apartments from 19 to 18 Location Bedlington Old School Church Lane Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5EL	GRANTED
16/02625/FUL	Change of use to 2 bedroom flat as supplemented by noise report received 02/11/16 and as amended by revised internal layout plan received 28/11/16 and as supplemented by acoustic report received 08/12/16 Location Lion Garage (Bedlington) Ltd First Floor Offices Coulson House 15 Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TZ	GRANTED
16/04456/FUL	Replacement of garage with two-storey side extension and replacement of conservatory with rear extension to run flush with the existing (Amended description 25.01.2017) Location 41 Augustus Drive The Chesters Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6LF	GRANTED

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