



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 13th July 2017 at 6.30 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: C Taylor (Chair), D Graham, P Hedley, C Henderson, A Hogg, K Roach, V Thompson, M Trimming.

COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT: J Tyler.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk S Young, County Councillors Crosby, Robinson and Wallace and 6 (six) members of the public.

PRESENTATIONS

There were presentations in support of funding applications (Agenda Item 14) from Morpeth & District Cage Bird Society and Bedlington Creatives.

OPEN SESSION

- A resident asked if the Council had any information in relation to the disbanding of The Gallagher Park Steering Group. The Council's representative (Councillor Graham) advised that he was not aware of the group being disbanded.
- A resident advised that they would not be undertaking the role as Chairperson of The Bedlington Steering Group but assured members that he would continue to remain a member of the group.
- A resident asked if the Council would arrange weed killing around its litter bins. The Chair advised that she had been advised by Northumberland County Council that they would be undertaking a comprehensive weed killing programme.
- A resident advised about the state of the overgrown path to Attlee Park. The Chair confirmed that she had already identified the issue and that the matter was in hand.

C110/17 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillor Tyler.

The Apologies received were noted.

C111/17 - 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council meeting of 15th June 2017 are approved.

C112/17 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes of 15th June 2017.

C113/17 – 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

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C114/17 - 5. CHAIRS UPDATE

The Chair provided updates on the matters summarised in Appendix E.

C115/17 - 6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATES

County Councillors Crosby, Robinson and Wallace provided brief updates on some of the matters they have been dealing with over the last month. The Chair thanked them for their attendance, updates and answering questions from the Council.

C116/17 - 7. COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUPS

- a. Finance and Governance - Councillor Taylor. No meeting to report upon.
- b. Events and Communication working group – Councillor Graham provided a verbal update in relation to some future events which were under consideration. He also placed on record his thanks to all those involved with the Bedlington Picnic Event.
- c. Services Committee – Councillor Trimming - draft minutes from the Services Committee meeting held on 22nd June 2017 were distributed. Councillor Graham asked if the flower planters for outside of Baedling Manor had been ordered. The Clerk was able to confirm that the order had been placed.

RESOLVED to accept all committee / working group reports

C117/17 - 8. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

- a. **RESOLVED to fund 6 Children’s Craft Events throughout the school summer holidays provided by Bedlington Creatives at a cost of £1240.**

C118/17 – 9. CORRESPONDENCE

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

C119/17 - 10. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- I. Town / Parish Liaison Committee (Councillor Taylor) – no meeting to report upon.
- II. NALC – (Councillor Hogg) – distributed draft minutes and a verbal update provided.
- III. LMAPS now Community Safety Hub– (Councillor Hedley) – report circulated.
- IV. Gallagher Park Steering Group – (Councillor Graham) – no meeting to report upon.
- V. Dr Pit Stakeholder Meetings – (Councillor Trimming) – no meeting to report upon.
- VI. Bedlington Partnership – (Councillor Thompson) – no meeting to report upon.

RESOLVED to accept all reports and updates provided.

C120/17 - 11. CLERKS REPORT

RESOLVED to accept the Clerks report (Appendix B).

C121/17 - 12. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

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

C122/17- 13. PLANNING

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

Planning decisions are shown in Appendix F for information only.

C123/17 - 14. COMMUNITY CHEST / PUPILS FUND APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to approve the following funding applications:

- a. **Community Chest Application – Morpeth & District Cage Bird Society awarded £200.**
- b. **Community Chest Application – Bedlington Creatives awarded £500.**

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C124/17 - 15. RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

- **RESOLVED to approve a request from Northumberland County Council to promote “The Dog Walkers Responsible Dog Owners Campaign”.**
- The Clerk was asked to contact local schools to enquire if they would like to make article contributions for the newsletter.

C125/17 – 16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Graham advised members of the Councils Communications and Events Working Group that the next meeting of the group would be on Friday 28th July 2017 starting at 4.00pm at Bedlington Masonic Hall.

C126/17 - 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED the next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 10th August 2017 at 6.30pm at Bedlington Community Centre

C127/17 – 18. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed by the Chair

10th August 2017

Appendix A, B, C, D and E only form part of these minutes.

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Appendix A – Correspondence, Consultations and Invitations. (Agenda Item 9).

a) Correspondence

Ref	From	Summary	Action
178/17	Northumberland County Council	The Green Gog Walkers Responsible Dog Owners Campaign	Noted, Circulated and added to agenda.
179/17	Northumberland Community Enterprise Ltd	Note of thanks for Community Chest Award	Noted and Circulated
180/17	NALC	Training Event 7 th September 2017 How To Run a Community Building	Noted and Circulated
181/17	NALC	Enews 6 June 2017	Noted and Circulated
182/17	Northumberland County Council	The Green Gog Walkers Responsible Dog Owners Campaign	Noted, Circulated and added to agenda.
183/17	Northumberland CVA	Funding Fair 5 th July 2017	Noted and Circulated
184/17	North Tyneside Council	Wear The Colour Purple Day 9 th June 2017	Noted and Circulated
185/17	Bedlington Forum	AGM & Forum Meeting 19 th June 2017	Noted and Circulated
186/17	Northumberland CVA	e-bulletin Issue 77	Noted and Circulated
187/17	April Goodwin	Speeding in Nedderton	Noted, Replied and both Circulated
188/17	Carers Northumberland	Introduction and Awareness Posters	Noted and Circulated
189/17	Northumberland County Council	Request for Town Council Meeting Dates	Noted, Replied and Circulated
190/17	Northumberland County Council	Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council Meeting – 28 th June 2017	Noted and Circulated
191/17	NALC	National Council Representative	Noted and Circulated
192/17	NALC	National Council Representative New Closing Date	Noted and Circulated
193/17	NALC	Meeting Notes for meeting of 20 th June 2017 with NCC Local Services	Noted and Circulated
194/17	NALC	Local Government Pay Claim 2018-2019	Noted and Circulated
195/17	NALC	Enews 20 June 2017	Noted and Circulated
196/17	Pauline Fryer	Comment/ Suggestion re proposed Gateway Lecterns	Noted, Circulated, Added to Services Committee and outcome advised.
197/17	Northumberland County Council	Community Regeneration Team Structure	Noted and Circulated
198/17	Northumberland County Council	Northumberland Fire And Rescue Open Day	Noted and Circulated
199/17	NALC	Enews 27 June 2017	Noted and Circulated
200/17	Bedlington Juniors Football Club	Note of thanks for Community Chest Award	Noted and Circulated
201/17	Bedlington Community Allotment	Summer 2017 Newsletter	Noted and Circulated
202/17	Northumbria Police	CCTV Images for Identification	Noted and Circulated
203/17	NALC	Suggested Parish Council Policy Checklist	Noted, Circulated and
204/17	NALC	Enews 4 July 2017	Noted and Circulated
205/17	NALC	Enews 5 July 2017 – Training Extra	Noted and Circulated

b) Consultations - None for this meeting.

c) Invitations – None for this meeting.

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Appendix B – Clerks Report (Agenda Item 11).

Finance

Accounts – The inspection period began on 3rd July 2017 and will end on 11th August 2017 which fulfils the statutory requirements and avoids my own planned holiday period.

Services

No further update other than those items already included upon the meeting agenda.

Events and Communications

No further update other than those items already included upon the meeting agenda.

Projects

No further update

Still awaiting quotes for railings, memorial garden landscaping and sun dial installation.

Admin

Holiday – advance notice of some ad hoc changes in my work pattern and holidays.

Friday 28th July 2017 – I will be on holiday, accordingly the draft minutes of the Services Committee meeting of Thursday 27th July 2017 will be delayed until Monday 31st July 2017.

Friday 8th September 2017 – The office will be open from 10am to 3.00pm only.

Friday 15th September 2017 and Monday 18th September 2017 – I will be on holiday and the office closed for those days.

Wednesday 20th September 2017 – the office will be closed – I will work Thursday 21st September 2017 instead.

Please note as a result of these changes The Services Committee meeting Agenda for 28th September 2017 will be posted earlier than normal and will now be sent on Thursday 14th September 2017.

Friday 29th September 2017 – I may need to be on holiday but will confirm at Augusts Council meeting.

Appendix C – Schedule of Payments and Receipts (Agenda Item 12) Payments 1st June 2017 to 30th June 2017. All payment GROSS of VAT.

Payee	Amount	BCC	Bloom	Dr Pit	Description
Northumberland County Council	(2,000.00)				Contribution towards cost of Picnic Event
Widescope Web Design	42.00				Backup Repairs
DL Maintenance & Repair	70.00				Bus Shelter Repair
Imaging Products Ltd	12.48				I.D Badge
Talk Talk Business	34.74				Telephone + Internet
Mini Marquee Hire Newcastle	650.00				Picnic Event
DL Maintenance & Repair	117.60				Play Area Repairs
Northumberland County Council	2,723.01				Payroll Costs
Home Barn Gifts	123.88				Trophies for Picnic Event
Nixon Hire	540.00				Toilets for Picnic Event
Bedlington Juniors Football Club	332.00				Community Chest Award
Northumberland Community Enterprise	500.00				Community Chest Award
The Salvation Army	500.00				Community Chest Award
Bedlington Community Centre	16.50				Refreshments Annual Meeting of The Town
Northumberland Association of Local Councils	1,329.91				Annual Subscription
Mini Marquee Hire Newcastle	50.00				Picnic Event
A.R.C.Entertainments	290.00				Picnic Event
Amazon - Handmade Rosettes	33.48				Picnic Event
Playsafety Limited	214.20				Annual Safety Reports
Northumberland County Council	(23,469.44)				S106 Payment

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Appendix D – Planning Applications Received for Comment. (Agenda Item 13).

Applications Received for comment by the Council from the Planning Authority.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
17/01787/VARYCO	Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning application 16/00216/FUL in order to amend the footprint of the building, the windows and the external materials Location Four Acres Hartford Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AQ	13 th July 2017
17/02106/FUL	40C-40D Front Street West Bedlington NE22 5UB	13 th July 2017
17/02359/FUL	Single storey side & rear extension with flat sarna roof & roof lantern. Location 4 Melrose Villas Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5UU	25 th July 2017

Other Applications.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
17/02085/FUL	To erect an extension to the rear of the property 32 Edinburgh Drive Hazelmere Bedlington NE22 6NY	NA
17/02080/FUL	Construction of two storey hipped roof side extension and two storey flat roofed rear extension to existing dwelling - Rowan Brae 4 Netherton Road Nedderton Village NE22 6AS	NA

Appendix E – Chairs Update (Agenda Item 5).

Mayors Update 13th July 2017

Another busy month with a number of additional meetings and activities going on.

Meetings –

16th June – Criminal damage in the market square one of the tower planters was emptied of plants and soil tipped out - I asked for CCTV but it wasn't clear

19th June – Bedlington Forum – highlights - the police reported the Community Police officers would be withdrawn from policing the streets by 10 pm every evening – this caused quite a discussion and it was agreed that a collective letter from Brain as for Forum head and NCC and Town Councillors would be sent to the Commissioner – a response was very quickly received and an meeting was subsequently arranged for 6th July

22nd June – Services – update via minutes

23rd June – Criminal damage windows put out in the fireplace shop, flower stop and empty chemist shop – three people were apprehended and have been charged with criminal damage.

28th June – Local Area Committee – Cramlington – Not knowing what to expect, I was pleasantly surprised, firstly by the number of attendees and secondly by a full turnout by both the County Councillors and residents, as I'd read on NCC site that these weren't being very well attended. Although no business was conducted, TORs were set out and discussed at length with one member having his full say about the LAC's his concerns and recommendations, its early days and I think they will settle down and become very productive meetings, a number of WBTC attended and I would urge others if you are interested and time and family commitments allow. I've been advised that they will rotate the location and will be held in Bedlington in September.

1st July – The Picnic – fabulous day with the highlight being the diverse wealth of talent we have for such a small town, Choir, dancers, Ukulele Band and live musicians absolutely brilliant. The stalls

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were duly manned by fundraisers and a variety of food was provided all along with the dog show, 127 dogs and owners and 12 categories, it was brilliant! And although we were all worried about the weather the sun shone brightly the whole day. I would like to acknowledge the NCC assistance we had, Ray Whelan's for organising the stalls and bins, plus lads for delivering them, setting up, taking down as well as clearing the field of all rubbish and bins they were super stars!

4th July – EBPC

6th July – Meeting Northumbria Police – really productive meeting, Supt Huddleston set his stall out regarding the closure of the station to members of the public and went to great lengths to reassure us that the foot fall wasn't there to support the opening hours but he reiterated Northumbria Polices commitment to maintaining the same level of service and that officers would still policing the town. Taking on our concerns especially around drinking in West lea and criminal damage he has agreed to provide additional budget to enable officers to work overtime over the next few weeks to identify and find solutions to some of the problems behind the anti-social behaviour.

10th July – NCC Liaison meeting with Steve Bucknall – always a pleasure to meet Steve, he is keen to help and support us and today was no different. He went away with a few issues,

- one was relating to the hedge near to the bus stop at Chester Court – I spoke to David Sanderson from NCC the officer in charge of hedgerows and verges he is keen to ensure these areas are kept cut back, Steve will request a cut back of 6/8 feet to enable residents to see when the bus is approaching and if allowed we will move the bus shelter to allow greater shelter on rainy days. If not we have looked at other options of moving the bus shelter further along the path way and taking a section out of the hedgerow further towards the bend in the road, either way we will resolve this issue.
- Steve confirmed that the ongoing issues with our lamp posts will be rectified at some point before the end of the project next August (2018). Apparently they are starting phase four now and will revisit issues following completion of this final phase. I sent a list of all our lamp post issues to NCC/Lindsey along with photographic evidence
- Steve brought along a map of all lamp posts in Bedlington, we will now be able to quickly identify where we need commando sockets for our Christmas lights as well as ones which require work at a glance.

11th July – Meeting Colin Patterson, Enid & Jack Dunbar, Ivy Lightly, Victoria Thompson & David Graham– this was to bring together Colin, Enid, Jack and Ivy try to find some common ground and get some additional local events within the town and to provide events which are focused on families and our younger residents – David will provide an update later in the meeting.

12th July – Bedlington in Bloom judging day – to lend a bit of support I did a sweep of the street and collected two bags of litter but thought the street looked great ahead of the judging and hope the judges thought so too.

And that is a quick canter through my council activities since the last council meeting.

Councillor Christine Taylor (Chair / Mayor).

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

Ref.	Description	Decision
17/01633/FUL	Proposed bungalow refurbishment including part loft conversion to form additional bedrooms & en-suite, new dormer/Velux style windows, installation of new front entrance canopy, rendering of front elevation and installation of bi-folding doors and window to West elevation. Location 16 Church Lane Bedlington NE22 5EL	GRANTED
17/01933/FUL	Rear ground floor extension Location 26 Ayton Court Hazelmere Bedlington NE22 6NS	GRANTED
17/01501/COU	Retrospective - Change of use of part of petrol station retail area to sandwich shop as amended by site layout plan received 07 June 2017 Location The Lion Garage 15 Front Street West Bedlington NE22 5TZ	GRANTED

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