



**WEST BEDLINGTON  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12th October 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 Councillor Crosby and 8 (eight) members of the public.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations for this meeting.

**OPEN SESSION**

- A representative of Bedlington in Bloom asked for clarity with regard to the Council's position in relation to the residents' groups' plans to provide additional planters in the town. In the absence of a Council representative at Bedlington in Bloom meetings the group were unsure as to how to proceed.  
The Chair suggested that a meeting between representatives from both organisations would be useful and that the Council would seek to appoint a representative to attend any future meetings of the group.
- A resident asked if the Council could provide any solution to the ongoing problems of anti-social behaviour (broken glass, speeding cars in car parks etc.) during weekends at the front and rear of Front Street, Bedlington.  
The Chair advised that the Council had already met with the local Police about these and other issues and requested an additional Police presence on weekends. The Chair will seek to meet again with the Police to enquire if anything further can be done to help eradicate the issues.

**C167/17 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**The Apologies received were noted.**

**C168/17 - 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 are approved as a true record.

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### **C169/17 - 3. MATTERS ARISING**

Minute "Open Session" - Councillor Graham asked if Bedlington Community Centre had been contacted about the prohibited parking. The Chair confirmed that she had contacted the Community Centre.

Minute "Open Session" - Councillor Graham asked if the resident's complaint had been dealt with. The Chair confirmed that after a discussion with the resident the complaint had been withdrawn.

### **C170/17 – 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

### **C171/17 - 5. CHAIRS UPDATE**

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

### **C172/17 - 6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

County Councillor Crosby provided a brief update on some of the matters he had been dealing with over the last month. The Chair thanked him for his attendance and updates.

Apologies were received from County Councillors Robinson and Wallace.

### **C173/17 -7. COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUPS**

- a. Finance and Governance - Councillor Taylor. No meeting to report upon.
- b. Events and Communication Working group – Councillor Graham reminded everyone of the up and coming Halloween event and advised that the group had made a recommendation in relation to a Christmas lights switch on event which was to be considered later in the meeting.
- c. Services Committee – Councillor Trimming - Draft minutes from the Services Committee meeting held on 27th July 2017 were distributed.
- d. Operative / Handyman Project Working Group – Councillor Roach – no further meeting to report upon. It was agreed that the next meeting of the group will be Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 6.30pm.

**RESOLVED to accept all committee / working group reports**

### **C174/17 - 8. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION**

- a. **RESOLVED that a working group to plan, set up and consult on a Neighbourhood Plan would be established. It was agreed the first meeting of the group would be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 5pm. The group will consist of Councillors Hogg (Group Chair), Hedley, Taylor, Thompson and Trimming.**
- b. **RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Communications and Events Working Group is approved. The Council will hold a Christmas Lights Switch on event on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to incorporate a pantomime, lights switch on "count down", stalls and small fun fair.**
- c. **RESOLVED to approve the purchase of additional festive lighting and associated sockets. An additional £5k will be set aside from reserves to cover the budget shortfall.**
- d. **RESOLVED to investigate the costs and appropriate actions required to provide a CCTV presence in the town. The Clerk and Chair will report back to Council once further information is available.**
- e. **RESOLVED to APPROVE in principle only. The proposal will be reconsidered at a further meeting once costs and partners have been established by The Clerk and Council Chair.**

### **C175/17 – 9. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **C176/17 - 10. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

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- I. Town / Parish Liaison Committee (Councillor Taylor) – no meeting to report upon.
- II. NALC – (Councillor Hogg) – verbal update provided.
- III. LMAPS now Community Safety Hub– (Councillor Hedley) – written report circulated.
- IV. Gallagher Park Steering Group – (Councillor Graham) – written report circulated.
- V. Dr Pit Stakeholder Meetings – (Councillor Trimming) – no meeting to report upon.
- VI. Bedlington Partnership – (Councillor Thompson) – now disbanded (should not be on agenda).
- VII. Humford Dam – (Councillor Hogg) – no meeting to report upon..

**RESOLVED to accept all reports submitted.**

#### **C177/17 - 11. CLERKS REPORT**

**There was no Clerks Report for this meeting (Appendix B).**

#### **C178/17 - 12. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

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

#### **C179/17- 13. PLANNING**

**RESOLVED to submit an objection to planning application 17/03463/VARYCO (Variation of condition 1 (time constraint) pursuant to planning permission 16/02623/FUL in order to change the opening and closing times for shutters. Location Astons Late Bar 34 Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5UB). In summary - The Council would like to see the opening time of the shutter to be more in line with those of other businesses on Front Street, Bedlington.**

Planning decisions are shown in Appendix F for information only.

#### **C180/17 - 14. COMMUNITY CHEST / PUPILS FUND APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED to approve the Pupils Fund Application of West End First School Bedlington and award the sum of £1,500.**

#### **C181/17 - 15. RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk advised members that the newsletter was now with the printer and no further amendments could be made. The Chair thanked all members for their input in the newsletter.

#### **C182/17 – 16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Hogg – For next meeting agenda – Bedlingtonshire Development Trust update in relation to the development of a Sports Centre.

Councillor Hedley – For next meeting agenda – Election of a representative to Bedlington in Bloom.

#### **C183/17 - 18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

#### **C184/17 – 19. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed by the Chair

9th November 2017

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

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

**a) Correspondence**

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Ref	From	Summary	Action
253/17	NALC	Training For 2017/2018	Noted and Circulated
254/17	Arch	Bedlington Town Centre – August Update	Noted and Circulated
255/17	Northumbria Police	Great North Run Plans	Noted and Circulated
256/17	Arch	Old School Site Statement	Noted and Circulated
257/17	Northumberland CVA	Funding Fair at Felton	Noted and Circulated
258/17	Northumberland County Council	TTRO 183182 - Barrington Road Bedlington	Noted and Circulated
259/17	Highways England	A1 Northumberland Programme	Noted and Circulated
260/17	NALC	Broadband Universal Service Obligation	Noted and Circulated
261/17	NALC	NALC Enews 5 September 2017	Noted and Circulated
262/17	Northumberland County Council	EMG TTRO 183843 – Acorn Ave, Bedlington	Noted and Circulated
263/17	Ann Pattison	Note of thanks to Council for the provision of Art and Craft sessions for children	Noted and Circulated
264/17	Northumberland CVA	e-bulletin Issue 83	Noted and Circulated
265/17	Northumberland County Council	Op Shelter update – Northumbria Police	Noted and Circulated
266/17	Arch	Bedlington Town Centre Drop In Session	Noted and Circulated
267/17	Northumbria Police	Appeal for Missing Teenager	Noted and Circulated
268/17	Northumbria Police	TISPOL Seatbelt Campaign	Noted and Circulated
269/17	Harry Bartlett	Appeal for Information – Flight Sergeant Air Gunner William Orange	Noted ,Circulated and replies returned to writer
270/17	Northumberland Community Enterprises	Allotment Project Coordinator & Horticulturalist Vacancy	Noted and Circulated
271/17	Northumbria Police	Details of Sentence for Crime Spree in Bedlington	Noted and Circulated
272/17	NALC	AGM 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Noted and Circulated
273/17	NALC	NALC Enews 12 September 2017	Noted and Circulated
274/17	Northumberland Wildlife Trust Ltd	Autumn Events	Noted and Circulated
275/17	NALC	Council Tax Referendum	Noted and Circulated
276/17	Northumbria Police	Message from Chief Constable In Light of London Terror Attack	Noted and Circulated
277/17	Northumberland County Council	European Structural Investment Fund	Noted and Circulated
278/17	Arch	Investing In Bedlington Website	Noted and Circulated
279/17	Richard Wearmouth	Suggestions for Investing In Bedlington Website	Noted and Circulated
280/17	NALC	NALC Enews 19 Sept 2017	Noted and Circulated
281/17	Community Action Northumberland	CAN Enews September 2017	Noted and Circulated
282/17	Arch	Old School Site Statement	Noted and Circulated
283/17	Citizens Advice Northumberland	Information Letter	Noted and Circulated
284/17	NALC	Disqualification Criteria For Councillors	Noted and Circulated
285/17	NALC	NALC Enews 26 Sept 2017	Noted and Circulated
286/17	NALC	Data Protection and Budgets for 2018/2019	Noted and Circulated
287/17	Northumberland County Council	People’s Choice Parks Award	Noted and Circulated
288/17	Countryside Alliance	Nominate in “Rural Oscars” 2017	Noted and Circulated
289/17	Northumberland County Council	Joint County Council / Town Parish Community Councils Meetings 9 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Noted and Circulated
290/17	Northumberland County Council	TTRO 183182 – Barrington Road Bedlington	Noted and Circulated
291/17	Northumberland County Council	TTRO 188165 & 183898 – A189 Spine Road Moor Farm to Kitty B Bridge.	Noted and Circulated
292/17	NALC	AGM 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Noted and Circulated
293/17	NALC	Larger Council Meeting 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Noted and Circulated
294/17	Wansbeck – Schalksmuhle Friendship Group	Social Evening 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Noted and Circulated

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295/17	Northumberland County Council	Annual Conference Vacancies	Noted and Circulated
296/17	Northumberland County Council	Unauthorised Obstructions - A Boards	Noted and Circulated
297/17	Northumbria Police	"Border Reiver" Terrorism Exercise	Noted and Circulated
298/17	Northumberland County Council	Promotional Video ahead of Joint Meetings	Noted and Circulated

**b) Consultations - None for this meeting.**

Owner	Description	Where and When
Rural Services Network	Growing A Rural Community Survey For Northumberland	Online asap

**c) Invitations – None for this meeting.**

Date	From	Description	Comments
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2017	NCC Pensions Fund	Employees Participation Event	The Council Chair has agreed to attend on behalf of the Council
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017	Arch	Bedlington Stakeholder Preview Session – Town Centre Development	Open To All Members
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2017	Community Action Northumberland	AGM 2017	Open To All Members

**Appendix B – Clerks Report (Agenda Item 11). - The Clerk did not submit a report for this meeting.**

**Appendix C – Schedule of Payments and Receipts (Agenda Item 12) Payments 1st July 2017 to 31st July 2017. All payment GROSS of VAT.**

Payee	Amount	BCC	Bloom	Dr Pit	Description
Malcolm Wilkinson	72.00				Internal Audit Fee
Northumberland County Council	2,723.01				August Payroll Costs
Hello Dolly	(30.00)				Income From Bedlington Picnic
Broxap Limited	2,971.20				Planters for Front Street
BDO LLP	720.00				External Audit Fee
Callum Appleby	500.00				Funding Application Award
NALC - Eventbrite	10.00				Councillor Training
Northumberland County Council	72.00				Play Area Sign
Smart Office Systems Ltd	7.20				Printer Costs
Talk Talk Business	34.74				Telephone + Internet
HMRC	(4,508.63)				VAT Refund
D & M Fencing	210.00				Play Area Repairs
Northumberland County Council	(97,868.00)				Precept 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Year Payment
Northumberland County Council	2,723.01				September Payroll Costs
Northumberland County Council	240.00				Grass Cutting Front Street
D & M Fencing	597.60				Meadowdale Play Area Gate
DL Maintenance & Repair	370.00				Bus Shelter Repairs

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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
17/03463/VARYCO	Variation of condition 1 (time constraint) pursuant to planning permission 16/02623/FUL in order to change the opening and closing times for shutters. Location Astons Late Bar 34 Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5UB	17th October 2017
17/03486/REM	Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for four dwellings with integral and detached garaging relating to planning permission 15/01174/OUT Location Land North Of Quarry House Nedderton Village Northumberland	23rd October 2017
17/03512/FUL	Proposed garden room Location 14 South Farm Nedderton Village NE22 6BH	23rd October 2017

Other Applications.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
	There are no other applications to consider for this meeting	

Any applications / Consultations received after the issue date of this agenda, where the expiry date for observations would not allow the Council to wait to consider and submit any observations at its next scheduled meeting - None

## Appendix E – Chairs Update (Agenda Item 5).

There have been a number of meetings and invitations since the last full Council Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September.

21<sup>st</sup> Sept– Visit to Bedlingtonshire Golf Club to assess it as a venue for our Halloween event on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Layla was very welcoming and couldn't do enough to accommodate our event. Many thanks to them for their support in extending the invitation to hold our event there with no cost for the Council.

Later in the evening the Council held a meeting with Grey's, solicitors for Mr Tony Rutherford so we could outline the objections the Town council submitted regarding the planning for 500 additional homes in Bedlington.

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept – I attended an art exhibition held at St Cuthbert's church, which was hosted by Mrs Joan Douglass and other artists from the group. It was a great event with some stunning pieces of work, not an art expert I enjoyed looking at the pictures and was really impressed by the standard displayed.

I also lent my support to the Friends of Gallagher Park who were litter picking in the park, I was able to give an hour and picked half a bag of rubbish which contributed to cleaning up the park.

28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Services – update from minutes

29<sup>th</sup> Sept - I attended a meeting at the High School with Councillor Mike Trimming. We met with Andy Altman and were given a guided tour of the school which I found to be really impressive, in the following meeting Mike and I explained that we were looking to work with the students and the school to reduce vandalism in the town. Andy was very positive and was keen to take the project forward, which we will in the coming weeks.

5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Both Councillor Victoria Thompson and I attended the Annual meeting of NCC and the Town/Parish Councils, it was a good meeting with the opportunity to meet with NCC officers and discuss issues pertinent to the council.

Later in the evening, I attended the Wansbeck and Schalksmuhle Road Twinning Group get together. It was held to raise funds and awareness of the group. I have extended an invitation for them to present their groups activities to the town council at a meeting in the near future.

6<sup>th</sup> Oct – I had a meeting with Tony Hardy from Canny Creative to investigate the possibility of producing our own posters etc. Christine Taylor Chair West Bedlington Town Council.

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

Ref.	Description	Decision
17/01270/COU	Change of use of part of an agricultural building to B2 and B8 Location Broadway House Farm Church Lane Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5RS	Withdrawn
17/02617/FUL	Proposed internal remodel of existing private residence, formation of new external stepped patio area and part conversion of existing garage to form home office. Location 2 West Farm Steadings Access Road From A192 Station Road To West Farm Nedderton Village NE22 6AR	GRANTED
17/03137/TREECA	Remove 1x maple tree Location 24 Wansbeck Court Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5BU	No Objection to proposal.

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