



**WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12th July 2018 at 6.30 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: C Taylor (Chair), D Graham, P Hedley, C Henderson, A Hogg, V Thompson, J Tyler.

COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT: M Trimming.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk S Young, County Councillors Crosby, Robinson and Wallace and 4 (Four) members of the public.

PRESENTATIONS

There were presentations in support of their proposals from a Bedlington resident (Agenda item 8a) and from Footprints on the Moon (Agenda Item 8b).

OPEN SESSION

- A resident asked for an update in relation to the possibility of services transfers from Northumberland County Council to West Bedlington Town Council. The Chair replied that The Town Council had to date not been approached by the County Council in relation to any service transfers.

C123/18 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

RESOLVED to note the apologies received.

C124/18 - 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council meeting of 14th June 2018 are approved as a true record of the meeting subject to an amendment at Min C113/18, Bedlington in Bloom representative is Councillor Hedley not Councillor Hogg as in draft minutes.

C125/18 - 3. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Hedley in relation to Appendix A - Correspondence, Consultations and Invitations wanted to remind members of the "Moment in Time" event at St. Cuthbert's Church on Sunday 15th July 2018.

C126/18 – 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

C127/18 - 5. CHAIRS UPDATE

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

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C128/18 – 6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATES

County Councillors Crosby, Robinson and Wallace provided brief verbal updates on some of the matters they have been dealing with over the last month.

C129/18 - 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 brief verbal update on Bedlington Picnic 2018 event, the enhanced Bedlington Street Fair 2018 – Bedlington Live and a Halloween Event.
- c. Services Committee – Councillor Hogg - draft minutes from the Services Committee meeting held on 28th June 2018 were distributed.
- d. Neighbourhood Planning Group – Councillor Hogg – No meeting to report upon.

RESOLVED to accept all committee / working group reports

C130/18 - 8. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

- a. Residents Permission Request. **RESOLVED to APPROVE the Bedlington residents request to individualise the Bedlington Terrier seat located on North Ridge, Bedlington subject to receipt of the appropriate permissions from the Terrier Seat copyright owner.**
- b. Youth Leisure Provision 2018/19. **RESOLVED to fund a proposal for children’s workshops at Plessy Woods from Footprints on The Moon at a cost of £800.**
- c. Event – Bedlington Jobs Fair. **APPROVED to pay for room hire and refreshments for a Jobs Fair on 18th September 2018 in Bedlington Community Centre.**
- d. Website Update. **RESOLVED to approve the estimate of charges (£350) for an update to the Councils website pages.**
- e. Projects. **RESOLVED to allocate projects to working groups / committees etc as below to ensure project initiation and regular review.**
 1. School Art in Bus Shelters – **Services Committee.**
 2. CCTV. – **Services Committee.**
 3. Speed Reduction Measures – **Services Committee.**
 4. Bus Shelter Timetable Replacements – **Services Committee.**
 5. Sports Centre Viability – **Full Council to consider any third parties to assist at August 9th Meeting.**
 6. Joint Funding with County Councillor Robinson. – **Full Council**
 7. Northumberland Live Event – **Finance and Governance.**
 8. Town Twinning – **Finance and Governance.**
 9. Skate Park – **Services Committee.**
 10. Trotter Memorial – **Services Committee.**
 11. New Bus Shelters on Schauksmuhle Road, Bedlington – **Services Committee.**
 12. Public Sun Dial – **Services Committee.**
 13. Lamppost Painting – **Services Committee.**
 14. Lights and Flagpole at War Memorial – **Services Committee.**
 15. Remembrance Centenary Event – **Finance and Governance.**

C131/18 – 9. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Councillor Hogg requested that the Council determine a formal response to the Draft Local Plan at its meeting scheduled for 9th August 2018.

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C132/18 - 10. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

a) Feedback

- I. Town / Parish Liaison Committee – (Councillor Taylor) – no meeting to report upon.
- II. NALC – no meeting to report upon (Councillor Hogg) – verbal update provided.
- III. Gallagher Park Steering Group – (Councillor Graham) - no meeting to report upon.
- IV. Bedlington In Bloom – (Councillor Hedley) – verbal update provided.

RESOLVED to ACCEPT the reports provided.

C133/18 - 11. CLERKS REPORT

RESOLVED to APPROVE the Clerks Report for this meeting (Appendix B).

C134/18 - 12. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

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

C135/18 - 13. PLANNING

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

C136/18 - 14. COMMUNITY CHEST / PUPILS FUND APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to support a funding application in the sum of £115 from a Bedlington resident to aid her attendance at the English Schools Athletics Championships.

C137/18 - 15. RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

Distribution dates and copy deadlines for the next edition of the residents' newsletter are reported in The Clerks report (Appendix B).

C138/18 - 16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Tyler – Proposed a Chain of Office for The Major of West Bedlington Town Council.
The Clerk – provided a Police report to members for information only.

C139/18 - 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED the next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 9th August 2018 at 6.30pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington.

C122/18 – 23. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.04pm

Signed by the Chair

9th August 2018

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

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

a) Correspondence:

Ref	From	Summary	Action
157/18	NALC	NALC Enews 5 June 2018	Noted and Circulated
158/18	Northumberland County Council	EMG TTRO 105942139 Glassey Tce. Bedlington	Noted and Circulated
159/18	Friends of Gallagher Park	Meeting Agenda 11 th June 2018	Noted and Circulated
160/18	NALC	Northumberland Planning Issues	Noted and Circulated
161/18	NALC	NALC Enews 12 June 2018	Noted and Circulated
162/18	Northumberland County Council	Northumberland Local Plan Consultation Update	Noted and Circulated
163/18	NALC	NALC Enews 12 June 2018	Noted and Circulated
164/18	Northumberland County Council	Temporary Events / Road Closures Procedures	Noted and Circulated
165/18	NALC	2017 Local Council Elections Feedback	Noted and Circulated
166/18	Councillor Roach	Letter of Resignation	Noted, Circulated. Replies From Chair and Clerk.
167/18	NALC	Councillor Complaint – Judicial Review Update	Noted and Circulated
168/18	NALC	NALC Enews 26 June 2018	Noted and Circulated
169/18	Northumberland County Council	Collinwood Medical Group	Noted, Circulated and marked as confidential.
170/18	Friends of Gallagher Park	Meeting Agenda 2nd July 2018	Noted and Circulated
171/18	NALC	NALC Enews 3 July 2018	Noted and Circulated
172/18	Northumberland County Council	Northumberland news and Events – Summer Issue	Noted and Circulated
173/18	Northumberland County Council	Notification of Consultation on Draft Local Plan – see Consultations below	Noted and Circulated

b) Consultations:

Owner	Description	Where and When
NCC Planning	Draft Local Plan for Regulation 16 Consultation	4th July to 15 August 2018 Council's formal response via Clerk only.

c) Invitations:

Date	From	Description	Comments
T.B.D	CSC GRAYS	To seek the Councils views re Northumberland Local Plan / Neighbourhood Plan / and revised planning proposals	Date of meeting to be determined.

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Appendix B – Clerks Report (Agenda Item 13).

Finance

A meeting of the Councils Finance and Governance Group is needed as soon as possible. The agenda for the meeting should include a review of last year's financial position, together with a review of the Councils reserve policy and planned use of reserves for the forthcoming year(s).

The public period for inspection of the Council unaudited accounts ends 13th July 2018 to date I have not received any enquiries.

Services

The leases of both allotment sites have now been registered through The Land Registry.

I have sent a PO for the additional lamppost / Glebe Road railings painting – we will be advised when the work will start in due course.

Events and Communications

I am planning on a distribution date for the next Residents newsletter of week commencing 22nd October 2018

The deadline for complete articles is likely to be Friday 28th September 2018 – no extension. However if you have articles don't delay sending them in, get them to the office without delay. PLEASE!

Projects

I will be submitting a new planning application for the Market Place Sun Dial project next week.

I have received a quote for 2 new bus shelters at Schauksmuhle Road, Bedlington.

Admin

I am on annual leave for one week – the office will be closed Mon 23rd July to Fri 27th July 2018.

I will also be on annual leave and the office closed on Friday 3rd August 2018.

Appendix C – Schedule of Payments and Receipts (Agenda Item 13) Payment 1st April 2017 to 31st April 2017. All payment GROSS of VAT.

Payee	Amount	BCC	Bloom	Dr Pit	Description
Bedlington Community Centre	100.00				Annual Meeting of the Town
Bedlington Community Centre	45.00				Room Hire
ThruYorDoor	270.00				Newsletter Distribution
Talk Talk Business	37.16				Telephone + Internet
Handmade Rosettes	33.48				Picnic Event
Unity Gifts	128.50				Picnic Event
M and M Sound Solutions	150.00				Picnic Event
Monkey Print Limited	189.89				Picnic Event
HMRC	(6,648.51)				VAT Refund
Azure Garden Centre	559.44		559.44		Plants

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Appendix D – Planning Applications Received for Comment. (Agenda Item 15).

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

Ref.	Description	Response Due
18/01841/FELTPO	Tree Preservation Order. Fell 2 Sycamore trees. Location 10 Hallwood Close Nedderton Village NE22 6BG	16th July 2018
18/01974/FUL	Construction of proposed hay store Location Land North Of Burnt House Farm Netherton Road Bedlington Northumberland	18th July 2018
18/02121/FUL	Proposed retention of an ATM installed through the shop front right hand window (retrospective) Location 104 Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AE	23rd July 2018
18/02122/ADE	Advertisement Consent for ATM illuminated polycarbonate black and green surround signage with illuminated white lettering "free cash withdrawals and balance enquiries" and "cash zone" Halo illumination to polycarbonate surround. Illuminated signage to ATM fascia. Green acrylic sign with white lettering "cashzone" and accepted card logos. (retrospective) Location 104 Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AE	23rd July 2018

Other Applications.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
	None 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 for this meeting.

Appendix E – Chairs Update (Agenda Item 5).

Mayors Update 12th July 2018

Meetings

15th June – Annie from Plessey woods for our kids summer activities

29th June - Tony Gribben – local services

30th June – Picnic – fab day

1st Jul – Fund raising FOGP – raised over £180

1st Jul – Invitation to Service of farewell Peter Renshaw– Salvation Army

2nd Jul – FOGP meeting

3rd Jul – Events meeting – our Bedlington Live Street Fair is shaping up nicely

- EBPC meeting

6th July – Helena and Amy Lott – re request for financial assistance

9th July – NCC Chris Westerby – regarding highways – requests from residents

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Another busy month with lots to do.....

The big event this month was the Bedlington Picnic, thank you's go to Councillors Victoria Thompson for organising and David Graham for ensuring everything was in place, set up and clear up was all done. I would also like to mention Councillor Mike Trimmings for his support and hard work especially in the morning setting up the dog show arena. The sun shone and it was a fabulous day with a great turnout.

Steven and I met with Annie from the Plessey Woods team a meeting set up from our meeting of the town, we met to discuss their offer for our summer programme. Annie has offered to run two 3 hour sessions per week with outdoor activities at Plessey woods, building dens, looking out for wildlife, plants and flowers etc., it's a fantastic opportunity for kids to enjoy the park and get outside. We will be agreeing to support this venture later on our agenda.

I was approached by Helena Lott a local business owner and resident who was looking for some financial support for her daughter Amy. Amy, represents Northumberland in athletics and currently has a personal best of 72m hurdles in 9.72 seconds!!!! She has been selected to represent us in an athletics met in Birmingham over the next few days but has to pay her way, her school have contributed £50 but she requires an additional £110 can we help.....I think we should be supporting any youngsters who have talent or are aspiring athletes.

I was recently invited to say cheerio to Captain Peter Renshaw, who is an officer in the Salvation Army and was posted here in Bedlington for the last four years. I've gotten to know Peter well over the last four years, he has become a good friend and supporter of the town. Peter has been assigned other duties in Aberdeen to oversee a number of churches, he will be missed by all his friends and colleagues here in Bedlington and we wish him well going forward. To replace Peter I've been told that two new officers are coming from California, I've been invited to attend their welcoming service and will go along and meet them on Sunday 22nd July.

I would like to say a big thank you to Mick our resident painter and decorator, he has a gain done a sterling job on our seats, I bumped into him at 5.30 on Thursday morning when he was painting and I was walking my dogs before heading off for my train, he mentions a few other seats which will need a coat of paint and he agreed to paint for us, I'll take this additional request to Services for agreement. Talking about painting, before our lamp posts in the town centre were replaced they were all painted our lovely dark green colour, unfortunately when they were replaced they required painting which we requested from NCC, so along with Steven I've been raising this in meetings with NCC and we have finally got an agreement for these to be painted, there is no cost to us for the ones on our front street as NCC are replacing like for like but we have agreed a fixed cost for the ones out to our gateway features with work will start shortly on these.

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Reminders,

The Community Centre have a number of shows coming up, they need the public to get behind them, so get a ticket and come along they have some great offerings coming up.

Northumberland in Bloom, the Bedlington judging is on Monday 16th July, we have received an email from the BiB group thanking us for responding to their request for the seats to be painted along with an additional request for another seat to be painted, and this will get picked up by Mick going forward.

I have to say Colin Green and his teams have the flower beds looking fantastic, I'm a huge fan of the vanilla marigolds, between both NCC and the BIB planting our street looks fantastic, so thank you all for your efforts it really is appreciated.

Christine

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

Ref.	Description	Decision
18/01320/VARYCO	Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission 18/00002/FUL in order to amend the south gable wall of the proposed extension to be in line with the south gable Location 19 Hartford Road East Bedlington NE22 6HZ	GRANTED
18/01236/FUL	Demolition of previous extension and construction of a new full height extension with hipped roof. Restoration of existing detached stable and conversion to guest house for use of the main house only Location The Beeches Church Lane Bedlington NE22 5EL	GRANTED
18/01237/LBC	Listed building consent for demolition of previous extension and construction of a new full height extension with hipped roof. Restoration of existing detached stable and conversion to guest house for use of the main house only Location The Beeches Church Lane Bedlington NE22 5EL	GRANTED
18/01111/FUL	4m rear single storey garden room extension Location 153 Hartlands Bedlington NE22 6JJ	GRANTED
18/01545/FUL	Construction of ground floor extension to rear of dwelling Location 4 Hollymount Terrace Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AL	GRANTED
18/01567/LBC	Listed Building Consent for replacement of flue Location Conyers Lodge The Hall Hartford Hall Estate Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AG	GRANTED
18/01614/FUL	Proposed sunroom extension Location 10 Swinside Gardens Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6BX	Withdrawn

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