



**WEST BEDLINGTON  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 10th July 2019 at 6.30 pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Bedlington.**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** D Crosby, D Graham, P Hedley, A Hogg, C Taylor (Chair), M Trimming.

**COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT:** Councillors C Henderson, V Thompson, J Tyler.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk S Young, Northumberland County Councillors Crosby, Wallace and 8 (Eight) members of the public.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were presentations for this meeting from:

- SENRUG (South East Northumberland Rail Users Group) in support of their Community Chest Application. (Agenda Item 14).
- Northumberland County Council Youth Services in support of their Youth Leisure proposal. (Agenda Item 8d).

**OPEN SESSION**

- A resident asked for a further update in relation to the Councils CCTV project. The Chair replied that despite several assurances from Northumberland County Council that the installation of commando power sockets for each camera location would be completed, regrettably to date this had still not been completed. The County Councils had advised that the delay was as a result of a delay in delivery from the supplier but that the sockets had now been delivered and installation would now proceed without delay.
- A resident advised the Council that a plastic object had been caught in one of the Front Street West trees for some time and asked if it could be removed. The Chair advised the resident to take up the matter with one of the Northumberland County Councillors present since the removal of the plastic was the responsibility of Northumberland County Council.

**C133/19 - 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence for this meeting were received from Councillors Henderson, Thompson and Tyler. The apologies for absence received were **NOTED**.

**C134/19 - 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 are approved as a true record of the meeting.

**C135/19 - 3. MATTERS ARISING**

- Councillor Hedley in relation to minute C121/19, Bedlington In Bloom advised the Council that the resident volunteers had planted up and put out to display flower baskets and troughs.

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#### **C136/19 – 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

#### **C137/19 - 5. CHAIRS UPDATE**

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

#### **C138/19 – 6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

County Councillors Crosby and Wallace provided a very brief verbal update on some of the matters he had been dealing with over the last month. Apologies were received from County Councillor Robinson.

#### **C139/19 - 7. COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUPS**

- a. Finance, Governance and Communication - Councillor Taylor - no meeting to report upon.
- b. Events Working Group – Councillor Graham provided a brief verbal update in relation to feedback from the recent summer event.
- c. Services Committee - Councillor Hogg - Draft minutes from the Services Committee meeting held on 27th June 2019 were distributed to members and Councillor Hogg summarised these for the members of the public present at the meeting.
- d. Neighbourhood Planning Group - Councillor Hogg – confirmed the group’s next meeting is scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**RESOLVED To ACCEPT** all committee / working group reports

#### **C140/19 - 8. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION**

- a. **Annual Subscription Renewal - Northumberland Association of Local Councils (NALC) Membership.** **RESOLVED** to renew annual membership to NALC at a cost of £1,417.57
- b. **War Memorial – Flag Pole.** **RESOLVED** to approve the quote for the supply of ceremonial flags. (Quote distributed to members).
- c. **Events - Band Nights at Bedlington Community Centre.** **REFERRED** to The Councils Events Working Group to discuss and decide upon a proposal to reintroduce “Band nights” at Bedlington Community Centre.
- d. **Youth Leisure Provision 2019.** **RESOLVED to ACCEPT and APPROVE** a proposal from Northumberland Youth Services to provide additional youth activities during the summer school holidays at a cost of £880.
- e. **Events – 2020 Summer Event.** **RESOLVED to ACCEPT** a proposal to “in principle provide a Summer Event in 2020”. Approval will allow for preparatory work to be undertaken in good time ahead of recommendations and further approval of specific event details.

#### **C141/19 – 9. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

#### **C142/19 - 10. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

- a. **Feedback**
  - I. Town / Parish Liaison Committee – (Councillor Taylor) – no meeting to report upon.
  - II. NALC – (Councillor Hogg) – no meeting to report upon.
  - III. Gallagher Park Steering Group – (Councillor Graham) – no meeting to report upon.

**There were no reports to approve for this meeting.**

#### **C143/19 - 11. CLERK’S REPORT**

**RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Clerk’s Report for this meeting (Appendix B).

#### **C144/19 - 12. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

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

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**C145/19 - 13. PLANNING**

- a. **RESOLVED** to comment as per Appendix D.

**C146/19 - 14. COMMUNITY CHEST / PUPILS FUND APPLICATIONS**

- a. SENRUG – South East Northumberland Rail User Group. **RESOLVED** to award £500 towards the capital costs of establishing a new website.
- b. SENRUG – South East Northumberland Rail User Group. **RESOLVED** to subscribe as a Parish Council member of the group at an annual cost of £10.

**C147/19 - 15. RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER**

No update in relation to the next edition of the resident's newsletter.

**C148/19 – 16. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN 2020**

No further update in relation to 2020 Annual Meeting of the Town.

**C149/19 – 17. ACCOUNTS / BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENT / FINANCIAL UPDATE**

There were no matters for consideration for this meeting.

**C150/19 – 18. POLICE REPORT**

There was no Police Report scheduled for this meeting.

**C151/19 - 19. EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There was no exempt business for this meeting.

**C152/19 – 20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Town Clerk – Invitation from GSC Grays to meet with them and Miller Homes (in the coming week) to discuss the Councils objection to planning application 19/01457/REM.

**RESOLVED** to decline the invitation.

**C153/19 - 21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** the next meeting of the Council will be held on **Thursday 8th August 2019** at 6.30pm at Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington.

**C154/19 - 22. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 7.46pm

Signed by the Chair

8th August 2019

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

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

**a) Correspondence:**

Ref	From	Summary	Action
139/19	Northumberland County Council	Northumberland Local Plan - Submission	Noted and Circulated
140/19	Northumberland County Council	Northumberland Local Plan – Submission and offer to present to The Council.	Noted and Circulated
141/19	Northumberland VCS	Assembly Events and Training Workshops	Noted and Circulated
142/19	Bedlington Funeralcare	Local Co-Op Funding Scheme	Noted and Circulated
143/19	NALC	Local Councillor Census / National NALC Briefings	Noted and Circulated
144/19	NALC	NALC Enews 12 June 2019	Noted and Circulated
145/19	Bedlington Resident	Note of complaint re Family Festival.	Noted, Circulated and Chair Contacted.
146/19	Northumberland County Council	Domestic Abuse Service	Noted and Circulated
147/19	NALC	Loneliness/ Borderlands/ Alnwick Employment Hub	Noted and Circulated
148/19	Northumberland County Council	TTRO 11394352 North Ridge Bedlington	Noted and Circulated
149/19	NALC	NALC Enews 19 June 2019	Noted and Circulated
150/19	NALC	Town and Parish Liaison Working Group	Noted and Circulated
151/19	Northumberland County Council	LOVE Northumberland Hate Litter Campaign	Noted and Circulated
152/19	Bedlington Resident	Congratulations and Thanks for Family Festival	Noted and Circulated
153/19	Bedlington Resident	Funding Request To Support Young Athlete	Noted, Circulated and added to Services Committee Agenda.
154/19	NALC	NALC County Committee 8 June 2019	Noted and Circulated
155/19	NALC	NALC Enews 25 June 2019	Noted and Circulated
156/19	NALC	Planning In Northumberland June 2019	Noted and Circulated
157/19	County Councillor Bridgett	Removal / reduction of Physiotherapy Services	Noted and Circulated

**b) Consultations:**

Owner	Description	Where and When
	None For This Meeting	

**c) Invitations:**

Date	From	Description	Comments
24.6.19	Northumberland CVA	Conference – Developing Community Approaches to Tackling Poverty	Complete Booking Form – Open To All members
10.7.19	Northumberland County Council	ILG Seminar on Market Towns in the Borders	Open To All Members – Register directly with ILG
8.7.19	Northumberland County Council	Bedlington Regeneration Strategy Meeting	Invite to Clerk + 3 Council Members Determined at Services Committee 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**Appendix B – Clerks Report (Agenda Item 11).**

The Clerk provided a very brief verbal update in relation to current projects and administration and at the request of members confirmed that he would invite the Northumberland County Council Officer responsible for “The Local Transport Plan” (LTP) to the Councils Services Committee scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 to outline Northumberland County Councils points scoring scheme in LTP.

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**Appendix C – Schedule of Payments and Receipts (Agenda Item 12) Payment 1st June 2019 to 30 June 2019.  
All payment GROSS of VAT.**

Payee	Amount	BCC	Bloom	Dr Pit	Description
Charmaine Hamilton	16,570.00				Bedlington Family Festival
Northumberland County Council	6,545.96				April + May Payroll Costs
Broxap Limited	289.14				Litter Bin
Amazon	25.50				Dog Show Rosettes
NE Bedlington Terrier Society	50.00				Annual Support
Front Street News And Post Office	36.20				Newspapers For Library
White Bros. (N/Cle on Tyne) Ltd	364.80				Sun Dial Polishing
Talk Talk Business	38.40				Telephone + Internet
Zen Internet Ltd	5.39				Web Hosting
Footprints On The Moon	320.00				Youth Leisure Provision
Entertainment Unlimited	300.00				Armed Forces Day
DL Maintenance & Repair	557.00				Bus Shelter + Play Area Repairs
Bedlingtonshire Development Trust	800.00				Bedlington Terrier Seat
Lionhart Fitness	(40.00)				Bedlington Family Festival Income
Morpeth Welding Ltd	30.00				Public Seat Adjustment
Paul Taylor	50.00				Sun Dial Transportation
Paul Taylor	20.00				Sub Dial Transportation
Victory Signs (Newcastle) Limited	1,440.00				Sun Dial Engraving
Handshake Ltd	4,200.00				Bedlington Family Festival
Northumberland County Council	3,272.98				June Payroll Costs
Playsafety Limited	219.00				ROSPA Annual Safety Inspection
The Festive Lighting Company Ltd	2,472.00				New Christmas Lights
Northumberland County Council	(727.05)				Event Recovery Cost Funding
Northumberland Quoits League	500.00				Community Chest Award
Bedlington Community Centre	144.10				Funding Award
Amy Lott	200.00				Funding Award
Harrison Group	156.61				Ceremonial Flags
Northumberland County Council	1,976.55				Environmental Enforcement Officer
Noble Fairgrounds	(2000)				Bedlington Family Festival Income

**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	Decision
19/01882/FUL	Change of use from business to residential use. Location 1A Browns Buildings Bedlington NE22 6EG	12th July 2019.	No Comment
19/01915/COU	Change of use of shop (A1 Retail) to drinking establishment (A4) and retention of existing roller shutters Location 40D Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5UB	16th July 2019.	No Comment
19/02018/FUL	Extension to first floor bedroom over garage at front Location 35 Nottingham Court Hazelmere Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6PE	24th July 2019	No Comment

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Other Applications.

Ref.	Description	Response Due	Decision
19/01828/DIS CON	Discharge of condition 3 (ground condition investigations) in relation to approved planning application 18/00564/FUL.   St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy Ridge Terrace Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6ED	NA	
19/01840/DIS CON	Discharge of condition 4 (demolition method statement) pursuant to planning permission 18/00564/FUL   St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy Ridge Terrace Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6ED	NA	
19/01876/TRE ECA	Trees in a Conservation Area: Removal of two Thorn trees   10 Front Street East Bedlington NE22 5AA	NA	

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).**

The Council Chair Councillor Christine Taylor provided a verbal update in relation to:

- Northumberland County Council delay for supply and installation of Commando Power sockets.
- Double Yellow Line at Bedlington Market Place.
- Front Street West residents parking.
- War Memorial power supply.
- Lamppost painting.
- Subway improvements.
- White lining in Bedlington car parks
- Trotter Memorial damage and repairs.
- Road speed reduction signs.

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

Ref.	Description	Decision
19/01010/FUL	Lounge extension Location 16 Court Road Bedlington Northumberland NE22 7LD	GRANTED
19/01435/LBC	Listed Building Consent - erection of a flagpole and addition of a further inscription to Bedlington War Memorial Location Bedlington War Memorial Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TT	GRANTED
19/01288/FUL	Demolition of existing garage and construction of 2 storey side extension and raised patio to rear garden Location 1 Windsor Gardens Bedlington NE22 5SY	GRANTED
19/01365/FUL	Proposed Retention of Summerhouse & Associated Decking (Retrospective). Location Akerwood 3 Hartford Bridge Farm Hartford Bridge NE22 6AH	GRANTED

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