

To: **ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

You are hereby summonsed to attend the meeting of **WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL** to be held at **Bedlington Community Centre**, Front Street West, Bedlington.
On Thursday 12th March 2020 at 6.30pm.



The agenda for the meeting is set out below.
Steven Young - Town Clerk
4th March 2020

PRESENTATIONS

Invitations to present at this meeting have been sent to:

- Reiverdale Scout Group in support of their Community Chest application Agenda Item 14.

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- The Chair will invite members of the public present to put questions and bring matters to the attention of the Council.
- This question time will last for a period of up to 15 minutes overall (which may be extended if the Chairman deems it necessary)
- In order to give every member of the public a fair chance of asking a question, the number of questions asked by any individual person may be limited at the Chair's discretion. The above covers both verbal and written submissions.
- Any member of the public who speaks should first state their name and address.
Please note that Members of the Public are not permitted to speak after question time is completed.

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a. To receive and note any apologies for absence from Councillors.
- b. To consider and determine any dispensations for absent Councillors.

2) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council meeting held on 13th February 2020.

3) MATTERS ARISING

To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not included as agenda items.

4) DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

- a. Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 12th July 2012.
- b. To consider any requests for dispensations.

Members are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. Any member needing clarification should contact the Town Clerk.

5) CHAIRS UPDATE

The Chair will make any relevant announcements and provide updates to the members.

6) COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Any announcements or updates from Northumberland County Council Councillors.

7) COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUPS –

- I. **Finance, Governance and Communications Working Group** - Update from the group Chair – Councillor Taylor.
- II. **Events Working Group** - Update from the group Chair – Councillor Graham.
- III. **Services Committee** - Update from the Committee Chair – Councillor Hogg. (Draft minutes 27th February 2020 distributed).
- IV. **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group** – Update from the group Chair – Councillor Hogg.

8) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

a. Revision to Adopted Policy – Policy No.23 Flag Flying Policy.

- i. The Council are asked to review and approve the revision to its Flag Flying Policy. (Draft revised policy circulated to members).
- ii. Subject to approval of i above: The Council are requested to approve the purchase of an additional Union Flag at an estimated cost of not more than £25.

b. Youth Leisure Proposal 2020. The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon a proposal to provide BMX / Skateboard Workshops / Displays as part of the Councils Youth Leisure programme for 2020. (Proposal distributed to members).

c. Approval to use Council Name and Logo in Testimonial – Came & Company. The Council are requested to decide upon a request from its Insurance Broker Came & Company to provide a testimonial of their service (incorporating the use of the Councils name and logo). Copy of the request distributed to members.

d. Bedlington Market. The Council are requested to discuss and decide upon the following member proposal: To request Northumberland County Council to withdraw Bedlington Market from the Market Place due to lack of interest from vendors and looking unsightly. (Councillor Hogg).

9) CORRESPONDENCE.

The Council are requested to accept all correspondence, consultations and invitations and the actions noted shown in **Appendix A**.

10) COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- a. Feedback from Councillor Representatives on External Committees – Standing item if anything needs to be reported. Wherever possible advance written reports please.

Reports from Councillor Representatives

- I. Town / Parish Liaison Committee – Councillor Taylor.
- II. NALC – Councillor Hogg.
- III. Friends of Westlea Cemetery – Councillor Hogg.

11) CLERK'S REPORT

The Council are requested to approve the Clerks Report **Appendix B**.

12) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

The Council are requested to approve the schedule of payments and (receipts) shown in **Appendix C**.

13) PLANNING

- a. The Council are asked to discuss and decide if it wishes to make any comments in relation to the Planning applications received for comment shown in **Appendix D**.

Note: recent notified planning decisions are shown in Appendix E for information only).

14) COMMUNITY CHEST / PUPILS FUND / FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND REQUESTS

- i. The Council are asked to discuss and decide upon the follow Community Chest applications.
 - i. Reiverdale Scout Group.

15) RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

Any updates in relation to the publication and distribution of the Councils resident's newsletter.

Members are reminded that the final date for submissions of articles to The Clerk is Friday 13th March 2020

16) ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN 2020.

Any updates in relation to The Annual Meeting of The Town for 2020 to be held on Wednesday 6th May 2020.

17) ACCOUNTS / BUDGET, ANNUAL RETURN and PRECEPT REQUIREMENT.

No financial update for this meeting.

18) POLICE REPORT

The Council are requested to note the latest Police Report. (Copy to be distributed to members upon receipt).

19) EXEMPT BUSINESS

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

No exempt business for this meeting.

20) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Advance notice of items to be brought forward to the next meeting of the Council.

21) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 9th April 2020 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre.

22) CLOSE OF MEETING

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:

Dawn Crosby, David Graham, Paul Hedley, Cath Henderson, Adam Hogg,
Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson, Mike Trimming, Jim Tyler.

Appendix A, B, C and D Form Part of this Agenda

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

a. Correspondence

Ref	From	Summary	Action
27/20	NALC	Member Council Survey Anti – Social Behaviour and Petty Crime	Noted and Circulated
28/20	Northumbria Police	Missing Person Alert	Noted and Circulated
29/20	Northumberland County Council	Public Spaces Protection Order for the Control of Dogs	Noted and Circulated
30/20	NALC	Member Council Update 5 Feb 2020	Noted and Circulated
31/20	BBC News Online	Flag Flying prince Andrew	Noted and Circulated
32/20	Northumberland CVA	South East VCS Network Meeting	Noted and Circulated
33/20	NCC Highways Delivery Manager	Update on Issues Raised	Noted and Circulated
34/20	NALC	Member Council Update 14 Feb 2020	Noted and Circulated
35/20	NALC	NALC Enews 14 February 2020	Noted and Circulated
36/20	TTRO 116431057	B1331 Stead Lane, Bedlington	Noted and Circulated
37/20	Northumberland County Council	Cramlington, Bedlington, Seaton Valley Local Area Council 26 th Feb 2020.	Noted and Circulated
38/20	Advance Northumberland	Bedlington Town Centre Update	Noted and Circulated
39/20	County Councillor Crosby	Remembrance Bench Supplier Details	Noted and Circulated
40/20	NALC	Member Council Update 25 Feb 2020	Noted and Circulated
41/20	NALC	NALC Enews 25 February 2020	Noted and Circulated
42/20	Lindsey Jordan	Update Youth Development Worker	Noted and Circulated
43/20	Advance Northumberland	Response to Councils enquiry re validity of Tree removal at Town Centre Development Site.	Noted and Circulated
44/20			Noted and Circulated
45/20			Noted and Circulated
46/20			Noted and Circulated
47/20			Noted and Circulated
48/20			Noted and Circulated

b. Consultations.

Owner	Description	Where and When
NCC Pension Fund	Funding Strategy Statement	To NCC Pension Fund By 13 th March 2020

c. Invitations.

Date	From	Description	Comments
16.3.20	Wansbeck Valley Food Bank	AGM	RSVP Directly
20.3.20 to 23.3.20	Bedlington Creatives	Festival of Arts Bedlington	RSVP Directly

Appendix B - Clerks Report (Agenda Item 11).

No report at this time. The Clerk may provide a verbal update at the meeting.

Appendix C – Schedule of Payments and Receipts (Agenda Item 12).

Payment 1st February 2020 to 29th February 2020. All payment GROSS of VAT.

Payee	Amount	BCC	Bloom	Dr Pit	Description
Reay Security Limited	83.04				CCTV Costs
Smart Office Systems Ltd	62.35				Printer Costs
Northumberland County Council	88.80				Play Area Signs
Alan Neal Graphics Ltd	1,440.00				Bus Shelter Art Work
Barnesbury Cycling Club	5,000.00				Funding Contribution
I Stage Group	540.00				Event Performer Deposit
I Stage Group	1,500.00				Event Performer Deposit
Talk Talk Business	40.74				Telephone + Internet
HMRC	(14,891.91)				VAT Refund
Front Street News And Post Office	27.60				Library Newspapers
Wireless Logic Limited	921.60				CCTV Sim Card Cost
Zen Internet Ltd	5.39				Internet Hosting
Northumberland Festival of Music	370.00				Community Chest Funding Payment
Whitley Memorial CF First School	1,500.00				Pupil Fund Payment
Reay Security Limited	809.64				CCTV Costs
Northumberland County Council	200.00				Grit Bin Provision
Northumberland County Council	3,272.98				Payroll Costs

Appendix D – Planning applications (Agenda Item 13)

Applications Received for comment by the Council from the Planning Authority

Ref.	Description	Response Due
19/04714/FUL	Demolition of caretaker flat and erection of 4 storey extension to rear Baedling Manor Care Home Location Baedling Manor Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TT	20th March 2020.

Other Applications.

Ref.	Description	Response Due
20/00410/DISCON	Discharge of Conditions 4 (phasing - infrastructure) and 12 (phasing - estate) relating to planning application 16/04731/OUT Land South West Of Glebe Farm Choppington Road Bedlington Northumberland.	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. TBC.

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

Ref.	Description	Decision
19/02245/LBC	Listed Building Consent: Retention of existing double glazed timber Georgian windows to the front elevation Location Blue House Farm Blue House Farm Road Netherton Colliery NE22 6BD	WITHDRAWN
19/04734/FUL	Subdivision of existing A1 ground floor retail unit into two separate A1 retail units including formation of new main entrance door within existing shop front glazed screen Location Tallantyre Ltd 72 Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5UA	GRANTED
19/04632/ADE	Fascia, projecting sign with shop name and logo, and window graphics (amended 24/02/2020) Location Former Classic Curtains 24A Front Street West Bedlington NE22 5UB	GRANTED

