

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 11 November 2011 at 6 pm at the Salvation Army Hall, West Bedlington.

PRESENT:

Councillors: A Pegg (Chair)
A Barrett
T Aynsley
G Todd

P Hedley
S Shephard
M Allen

IN ATTENDANCE:

Town Clerk: J Nicholson
1 member of the public

C155/10 1. COUNCILLOR PETER HARRATT

The Mayor, Councillors, and members of the public present joined together for minute's silence in respect to, and reflection on, the late Councillor Peter Harratt

OPEN SESSION

There were no questions asked or issues raised.

C156/10 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Major

C157/10 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2010 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

C158/10 4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held 14 October 2010

C159/10 5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

C160/10 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Chair

C161/10 7. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COUNCIL

The Council were informed of the following correspondence:

Skillshare are helping local people to connect with their MP.

The nearest session open to everyone is 4 December at Briardale Community Centre Blyth at 12.30pm

Chairman's initials

West Bedlington Town Council has been requested to give their opinion of the following consultations:

- NCC has issued a consultation document to comment upon the Statutory Youth Service reorganisation.
Response needed by 30 November 2010
- Northumberland Parking Strategy public consultations sessions are continuing. The nearest being Ashington leisure centre 22 November at 6pm

The following invitations have been received:

- The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk were invited to the opening of East Bedlington Council Office on 5 November.
- NCC are running their procurement consultation workshop again 15 November at 1pm in County Hall in the Redesdale Training Room.
- The Members were invited to the Community Action AGM held 3 November.

Freedom of Information Requests

Mr Andrew Glover requested information on the cost of Christmas decorations in 2009 and 2010. He was responded to with £0 and estimated £4,500 respectively.

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8. WORKING GROUPS

a. Finance

There was nothing additional to report.

b. Communications and Events

Everything is in place for the Remembrance Service 14 November at 2.30pm.

c. Services

A services sub group meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 30 November.

Part of the agenda will be to review Service Level Agreements with NCC

d. Planning

NCC have asked West Bedlington Town Council to add its opinion on all local planning applications into their electronic database

- The Council had no had no objection to the following applications:

- 10/S/00611
- 10/S/00622
- 10/S/00617
- 10/S/00620

The NCC database will be updated accordingly by the Clerk.

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e. Community Support

Meadowdale School requested a £200 donation towards the cost of new football strips.

Resolved that a £200 award should be made to Meadowdale School

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9. NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM + WANSBECK GARDENING COMPETITION

The Council were informed that entries into the Northumbria in Bloom completion close for 2011 on Monday 22 November. The entry cost is £125

Resolved that West Bedlington Town Council will enter Northumbria in Bloom in 2011.

The Council were requested to respond to Councillor Wallace of East Bedlington who is trying to coordinate a "Best in Bedlington" gardening competition for the whole of Bedlington. The cost is expected to be between £500 and £1,000

It was agreed that the Clerk should request further information from Councillor Wallace and that this item should be discussed again at the 10 February 2011 Council Meeting.

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10. CHRISTMAS IN BEDLINGTON

The Council was updated by the Clerk as to the progress of Christmas events.

Resolved that in addition to other activities:

- **A Santa Clause who will provide free of charge pony and trap rides on "switch on" night will be hired at a cost of around £160**
- **A West Bedlington Town Council banner will be purchased at a cost of £116**
- **The raffle prize winner will receive a camcorder donated by Koast Radio. The other three school raffle winners will each receive £20 Argos vouchers provided by West Bedlington Town Council.**

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11. BEDLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Council was updated with progress to date.

The Council was requested to provide three trustees to be members of the management board of the Community Centre.

Resolved that Councillors Pegg, Barrett, and Allen would be trustees of Bedlington Community Centre.

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12. CLERK'S REPORT

- a) The Clerk updated the Council on the progress with the appointment of a new councillor. If 10 Ward voters have not requested a bye election by Monday 15 November then the Council should co-opt someone to the Council as a Member for Bedlington North Ward

- b) The Clerk attended a planning meeting with Tesco as a guest of NCC on 27 October.

The main points from the meeting for Council interest were:

- Tesco are not expecting to enforce car parking restrictions. They would like people using the car park but not coming to the store to park away from the Front entrance.
 - The proposed new roundabout design will need to be separately submitted. Concerns over pedestrian crossing can then be addressed.
 - Tesco will provide a cycle way around the perimeter of their car park but not through the car park if requested to. They will also review whether they will provide a Toucan crossing on Schalksmuhle Road.
 - Tesco will provide new recycling skips.
 - They will also provide a new Market Place notice board.
- c) The Clerk informed members that NCC would like precept information by 24 January 2011 for year 2011/12
In order to achieve this deadline the precept will need to be approved at the 13 January Council meeting
- d) Payments which require Council approval in order to be made:

	£
Lloyds TSB - Bank Charges	8.25
HMRC	(134.92)
The Salvation Army – Room Hire	30.00
Northumberland County Council	925.48
John Nicholson	53.76

Resolved that the payments were accepted and should be made.

C167/10 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Service level agreements with NCC will be added to the agenda of the next Council Meeting Thursday 9 December

C168/10 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 09 December 2010 at 6 pm in the Salvation Army Hall, Bedlington

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