



To: **ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of **WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL** to be held at **Bedlington Salvation Army Hall**, Hartford Road West, Bedlington on Thursday 13 January 2011 at 6 pm

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

John Nicholson
Town Clerk

06 January 2011

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- 1) Jennie Adamson of the Planning Department will update the Council on the current status of the major developments in Bedlington.
- 2) Andy Rutherford or Trevor Violet will discuss the new harmonisation proposals from Northumberland County Council

OPEN SESSION

The Chair to invite members of the public present to put questions to, or draw relevant matters to the attention of the Council prior to commencement of business. This question time will last for a period of 15 minutes overall (which may be extended if the Chairman deems it necessary) and each question is limited to 3 minutes per person.

In order to give every member of the public a fair chance of asking a question, each person will be limited to two questions at each session. The above covers both verbal and written submissions.

Any member of the public who asks a question should first state their name and address.

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council meeting held on 09 December 2011

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To discuss any matters arising from the minutes.

4) DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To receive from members in respect of any terms included on the agenda for this meeting, disclosure of any personal or prejudicial interests.

5) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Northumbrian Water are intending to upgrade the Bedlington sewerage network to prevent flooding in the Nether Riggs, Acorn Avenue, Russell Terrace area.

This work will commence 31 January 2011 and Northumbrian Water will host a customer information session which will be held 13 January 3pm till 7pm in the Salvation Army Hall.

6) CORRESPONDENCE.

a) Letters Received:

- Breast Cancer Care would like the Council to publicise their 5 Mile challenge on Sunday 20 March 2011 in Exhibition Park, Newcastle.
- Royal British Legion has informed the Council that they would like the Council or individuals to host a “poppy party” between 10 – 12 June. Party packs are available at a cost of £10.99 which includes a donation of £5.00 to the Royal British Legion.

b) Consultations

- Reminders:
- Comments on the draft third local transport plan are requested by Northumberland County Council by 21 January 2011
- Comments on the draft contaminated land strategy are due 8 February 2011 to Northumberland County Council.
- West Bedlington Town Council has been requested to inform Northumberland County Council of any local flooding known to them. This will be added to the County flood plan. Information is requested by 31 January 2011
- The final draft of Sustainable Community Strategy is ready for comment. The Town Council’s comments are requested by 31 January 2011.

c) Invitations

- Invitation to attend the “Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee”.
The venue is Stannington Village Hall Tuesday 25 January at 2pm

7) WORKING GROUPS

To receive reports from working groups:

a. Finance (Councillors Aynsley, and Allen)

- The precept for 2011 / 12 covered separately in agenda item 12.
- The Quarter 3 financial report will be given to the Council..

b. Communications and Events (Councillors Barret and Shephard)

- An update will be given to the Council on the recent Christmas festivities.

c. Services (Councillors Barret, Aynsley and Major)

- To update the Council on any issues.

d. Planning (Councillors Major and Todd)

The Council's decision on planning applications:

- 10/S/00549
- 10/S/00591
- 10/S/00660
- 10/S/00710
- 10/S/00701
- 10/S/00721

There may be additions from planning applications after the agenda is issued

e. Community Support (Councillors Hedley and Shephard)

The sub group will make a recommendation to the Council regarding the following Community Chest applications:

- There have been no new Community Support Applications.

8) BEDLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE (BCC)

The Steering Group will update the Council on progress made with the transfer of ownership to West Bedlington Town Council.

9) 2011 / 12 PRECEPT

NCC require a precept to be notified to them by 24 January 2011.

The Council are requested to either set a precept or indicate how a precept will be set to comply with the 24 January timetable.

10) RE-LOCATION OF BEDLINGTON MARKET

The Clerk will update the Council on the progress made with the re-location of Bedlington market to the Market Place

11) CLERK'S REPORT

- a) The Council are reminded that they should host an Annual Meeting of the Town. The suggested date of Thursday 26 May 2011 was unsuitable. Members were requested to propose another date.
- b) Letters Written:
 - Response made to NCC re car parking strategy in accordance with Council Minute ref C174/10.
- c) NCC wish to move West Bedlington Town Council to a different office on the same floor in Bedlington Council Offices. A revised licence agreement will needed from NCC property services.
- d) Payments which require Council approval in order to be made:

The payments are listed in appendix 1

12) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Items already scheduled for the agenda of the next Council Meeting include.

- Proposed gardening competition and Northumbria in Bloom.
- Recommendation to accept the 2010 / 11 risk assessment of the Council

13) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting of the Council will be held Thursday 10 February 2011 at 6pm in the Salvation Army Hall.

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCILLORS: Arthur Pegg (Town Mayor), George Todd (Deputy Town Mayor), Mary Allen, Tracy Aynsley, Anthony Barrett, Paul Hedley, Pauline Hicks, Ronald Major, Stephen Shephard,

Appendix 1 Schedule of Payments

	£	
Salvation Army	(20.00)	Remembrance Day
Lloyds TSB - Bank Charges	8.45	Bank Charges
Signs Express	103.40	Christmas
Elveden Farms Limited	1,202.90	Christmas
Northumberland County Council	(1,000.00)	Christmas
Mr.Cernik	150.00	Christmas
Northumberland County Council	934.68	Clerk Costs
Astley Marquees	528.75	Christmas
The Salvation Army	30.00	Room Hire
Northumberland County Council	2,000.00	Market Stalls Contribution
John Nicholson	19.80	Internet + Paper
D.W.Stewart	153.46	Christmas
Mr I Lavery	(35.00)	Remembrance Day