

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 9th April 2026 at 6.30pm.



The agenda for the meeting is set out below
Steven Young – Town Clerk
1st April 2026

MEETING AGENDA

9th April 2026, 6.30PM

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- The Chair will invite members of the public to ask the Council any questions in relation to the *current meeting agenda*. (There will be an opportunity at the end of the meeting to ask any questions not related to agenda items).
- This question time will last for a period of up to 15 minutes (this can be extended at the discretion of the Chair).
- 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.

PRESENTATIONS

Bedlingtonshire Golf Club, Bedlington Community Allotment and St Bede's Junior Park Run have been invited to support their funding applications. (Agenda Item Part B a. Community Chest Applications).

PART A – ATTENDANCE

a.	Apologies for absence i. To NOTE any apologies for absence from councillors. ii. To APPROVE any dispensations for absent councillors.
b.	Declaration of interest i. To RECEIVE and NOTE any disclosures of interest. ii. To APPROVE any requests for dispensations.
c.	Meeting minutes To AGREE and SIGN as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council's meeting on 12th March 2026. *

PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION

a.	Funding applications. 1. To APPROVE the following funding requests: i. Bedlingtonshire Golf Club – Junior Golf Coaching Sessions. * ii. St Bedes Junior Park Run - Set up costs. * iii. Bedlington Community Allotment – New Polytunnel Cover. *
b.	Insurance Renewal To APPROVE the Town Councils Insurance (Assets) renewal. *

c.	<p>Planning. Planning applications – where comments have been requested. The Council is asked to discuss and decide if it wishes to make any comments in relation to the planning applications received for comment.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="240 203 1485 633"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="240 203 477 237">Ref.</th> <th data-bbox="477 203 1204 237">Description</th> <th data-bbox="1204 203 1485 237">Response date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 237 477 405">26/00470/LBC</td> <td data-bbox="477 237 1204 405">Listed Building Consent to replace front door with like for like timber doors, transom window and frame. Replace windows with double glazed, like for like Georgian bar sash windows. Clean stonework. The Old Vicarage Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DT</td> <td data-bbox="1204 237 1485 405">26th March 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 405 477 506">26/00837/FUL</td> <td data-bbox="477 405 1204 506">Cafe and drive-thru unit, along with associated car parking, servicing, external works, and landscaping Land South East Of Law Courts Schalksmuhle Road Bedlington Northumberland</td> <td data-bbox="1204 405 1485 506">31st March 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 506 477 633">26/01053/FUL</td> <td data-bbox="477 506 1204 633">Change of use of 1st floor from bar and pool hall into dance studio. Removal of existing bar and erection of two stud walls to create waiting area. Breakers Pool Bar & Lounge 42 - 48 Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5UB</td> <td data-bbox="1204 506 1485 633">13th April 2026</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="240 667 1485 730">Please note, where the response date is before the date of the meeting, an extension has been agreed to allow consideration of the application at the meeting and an opportunity to submit comments.</p>	Ref.	Description	Response date	26/00470/LBC	Listed Building Consent to replace front door with like for like timber doors, transom window and frame. Replace windows with double glazed, like for like Georgian bar sash windows. Clean stonework. The Old Vicarage Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DT	26th March 2026	26/00837/FUL	Cafe and drive-thru unit, along with associated car parking, servicing, external works, and landscaping Land South East Of Law Courts Schalksmuhle Road Bedlington Northumberland	31st March 2026	26/01053/FUL	Change of use of 1st floor from bar and pool hall into dance studio. Removal of existing bar and erection of two stud walls to create waiting area. Breakers Pool Bar & Lounge 42 - 48 Front Street West Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5UB	13th April 2026
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d.	<p>Working groups / committees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. APPROVE any recommendations from working groups (not included elsewhere on the agenda). Non for this meeting. ii. To NOTE any other information from working group Chairs. 												
e.	<p>Bank reconciliation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation as of 31st March 2026, a current account balance of £7,878.83, a deposit account balance of £13.20 and a CCLA savings account balance of £275,000 * 												

MEETING PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

a.	Chair's update and external invitations/consultations To NOTE any announcements from the Chair, and to discuss invitations, consultations and external meeting feedback since the last Council meeting.		
b.	Schedule of payments and receipts Details of payments and (receipts) to be noted since last Council update. All payments gross of VAT.		
	Payee	Amount (£)	Description
	Amazon	197.99	Cress seeds for schools
	Amazon	39.60	Cress seeds competition winner prizes
	Widescope Web Design	192.10	Software Annual Subscriptions
	Smart Office Systems Ltd	4.86	Printer Costs
	Widescope Web Design	74.29	.gov emails
	CCLA Deposit Fund	-952.80	Interest From Savings
	Wm Morrisons Supermarkets Ltd	920.75	Easter Eggs For Schools
	Alan Neal Graphics Limited	1,346.40	Bus Shelter Graphics
	Reay Security Limited	809.64	Bedlington CCTV
	Reay Security Limited	885.60	Opening and lock up Meadowdale
	Northumberland County Council	3,990.00	New Lighting Sockets for Christmas Lights
	Sport England	-11,225.00	Bedlington PlayZone (Westlea) grant funding
	House of Hamilton	6,000.00	Easter and Summer Events Deposits
	Trophies Plus Medals Ltd	90.36	Best Of Bedlington Prizes
	Amazon	9.99	Best of Bedlington Prizes
	CCLA Deposit Fund Transfer In	-5,000.00	Internal Bank Transfer
	Blachere Illumination UK Ltd	2,493.84	New Christmas Lights
	Reay Security	83.04	CCTV Cemetery Gates
	Widescope Web Design	78.50	Cress Heads Printing Costs
	Widescope Web Design	1,843.20	Newsletter Print and Design
	CCLA Deposit Fund Transfer In	-25,000.00	Internal Bank Transfer
	Lloyds	8.50	Bank Charges
	Widescope Web Design	37.44	Email bunker retrieval costs
	Northumberland County Council	18,885.60	Christmas Lighting Services
	Northumberland County Council	6,332.44	March Payroll Costs
	Northumberland County Council	391.20	Annual HR Support SLA Cost
	Reay Security Limited	83.04	CCTV Church Lane
	Northumberland County Council		Pupils Fund Award
	(Whitley Memorial)	1,500.00	
	Broxap Limited	456.00	Seat Materials For repair
	Northumberland County Council	3,041.80	Play Area Inspections SLA Cost
	Wireless Logic Limited	574.86	CCTV Sim Card Charges
	CCLA Deposit Fund Transfer In	-30,000.00	Internal Bank Transfer
	Northumberland County Council (floral displays and bus shelters)	23,815.20	Floral Displays and Bus Shelter Cleaning
c.	Other planning applications Where comments have not been requested.		
	Ref.	Description	
		Non For This Meeting	

d.	Planning decisions notified to West Bedlington Town Council by Northumberland County Council		
	Ref.	Description	Decision
		Non For This meeting	
e.	Police report No Police Report for this meeting. The next scheduled report is for the June 2026 meeting.		
f.	Matters for information only To NOTE any matters pertaining to the Council, that members would like to bring to the attention of other members and residents. For Information only, no proposals or voting on these matters. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Councillor – any matters for information only. ii. Town Clerk – any matters for information only. 		
g.	Date of next meeting To NOTE the next scheduled meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 14th May 2026 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 6th May 2026.		

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL – ANY OTHER WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL MATTERS

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MEETING PART D – 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.

a.	None For This Meeting.
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WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:

Trevor Austin, Dave Chapple, Brian Denny, Sian Denny, Cath Henderson, Adam Hogg, Al Roberts, Christine Taylor, Victoria Thompson.

* Supporting documentation distributed to members before the meeting.