

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 14th August 2025 at 6.30pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.
Steven Young - Town Clerk
6th August 2025



MEETING AGENDA

14TH AUGUST 2025, 6.30PM

BEFORE THE MEETING

PRESENTATIONS

Bedlington Utd Seniors Football Club have been invited to support their Community Chest application. (Part B, 2a.)

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 Chairman).
- 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.

MEETING 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 10th July 2025. *

MEETING PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION

a.	Funding application i. To APPROVE the Community Chest application for Bedlington Utd Seniors Football Club. * ii. To APPROVE the closure of future Community Chest applications for the current financial year. *
b.	Finance i. To NOTE the current "Reserves" position. * ii. To NOTE the current "Reserves Policy". * iii. AGREE to review for the next meeting: a. All "specific reserves". b. The profiling of financial provision for future reinstatement of play areas/bus shelters/road speed signs. c. Only after a. and b., consider if an update to the current "Reserves Policy" is required.

c.	Governance i. APPROVE the draft suite of GDPR policies. * ii. APPROVE the draft Unauthorised Use Policy. * iii. APPROVE the update social media Policy. * iv. APPROVE the updated Grit Bin Policy. *																		
d.	Training APPROVE to purchase training for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">GDPR awareness for staff and members.Detailed GDPR training for staff.																		
e.	Services – litter bins APPROVE a resident’s request for a new litter bin (location - entrance to the Broadoaks estate).																		
f.	Services – play areas ROSPA annual safety reports – APPROVE to carry out all remedial work identified in the ROSPA annual safety reports. *																		
g.	Residents’ Panel - Feedback AGREE to progress any of the suggestions put forward from the initial panel meeting. *																		
h.	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. <table><tr><th>Ref.</th><th>Description</th><th>Response date</th></tr><tr><td>25/02525/FELTPO</td><td>Tree Preservation Order Application: T1 Horse Chestnut - remove. T2 Lime crown reduce by 30% or 5.5m to 17m. 5 South Farm, Nedderton Village, Northumberland, NE22 6BH.</td><td>7th August 2025</td></tr><tr><td>25/02574/FUL</td><td>Proposed single storey rear extension. 5 Cedar Close, Beaufront Park, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 7LW.</td><td>13th August 2025</td></tr><tr><td>25/02577/VARYCO</td><td>Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and removal of condition 3 (noise and odour) on approved application 23/00369/FUL to incorporate proposed changes to suit restructure of preparation and serving operations, including opening hours to allow more flexibility within business Confetti 64 Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AB</td><td>14th August 2025</td></tr><tr><td>25/01881/FUL</td><td>Proposed rear extensions, with side utility extension to existing bungalow 27 Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6AX</td><td>15th August 2025</td></tr><tr><td>25/00467/PREAPP</td><td>Phase B (including a new B&M store) and Phase C (including a drive-through Starbucks coffee-shop), including in relation to the proposed planning application strategy, the issues raised and submission requirements. Land South East of Law Courts, Schalksmuhle Road, Bedlington, Northumberland.</td><td>21st August 2025</td></tr></table> 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.	Ref.	Description	Response date	25/02525/FELTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application: T1 Horse Chestnut - remove. T2 Lime crown reduce by 30% or 5.5m to 17m. 5 South Farm, Nedderton Village, Northumberland, NE22 6BH.	7 th August 2025	25/02574/FUL	Proposed single storey rear extension. 5 Cedar Close, Beaufront Park, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 7LW.	13 th August 2025	25/02577/VARYCO	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and removal of condition 3 (noise and odour) on approved application 23/00369/FUL to incorporate proposed changes to suit restructure of preparation and serving operations, including opening hours to allow more flexibility within business Confetti 64 Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AB	14 th August 2025	25/01881/FUL	Proposed rear extensions, with side utility extension to existing bungalow 27 Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6AX	15 th August 2025	25/00467/PREAPP	Phase B (including a new B&M store) and Phase C (including a drive-through Starbucks coffee-shop), including in relation to the proposed planning application strategy, the issues raised and submission requirements. Land South East of Law Courts, Schalksmuhle Road, Bedlington, Northumberland.	21 st August 2025
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i.	Working groups / committees 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.																		
j.	Bank reconciliation i. To APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation of £10,966.03 as of 31st July 2025, a deposit account balance of £120,000 as of 31st July 2025 and a CCLA account balance of £225,000 on 31st July 2025. *																		

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.

East Bedlington Town Council

Mayor invited to the unveiling the Bedlington Ellipsoid on Friday 11 July.

Cambois QTS Data Centre

Members invited to two public consultation sessions by QTS on 15th and 21st July.

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
CCLA Deposit Fund	-293.74	Interest Received
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House of Hamilton	623.00	Civic Reception
The Festive Lighting Company Ltd	703.20	Deposit for Christmas lights
MW Design	1,690.00	Newsletter
House of Hamilton	1,000.00	Children’s activities, School’s Out Disco and Pottery Class
Smart Office Systems Ltd	21.58	Printer Charges
Smart Office Systems Ltd	9.60	Replacement cartridge
Widescope	74.29	.gov emails
Reay Security Ltd	83.04	CCTV Church Lane
Reay Security Ltd	432.00	Meadowdale Gates Opening
Reay Security Ltd	809.64	CCTV Bedlington
Bedlington CC	500.00	Funding
Deposit Account to Current Account	-15,132.21	Internal Bank Transfer
Northumberland County Council	6,133.17	Employment Costs
Talk Talk Business	62.92	Telephone + Internet
Playsafety Limited	369.60	ROSPA Annual Safety Reports
DL Maintenance	353.55	Repairs
House of Hamilton	2,600.00	Beamish Trip, Animal Antics
Bank Charges	8.50	Charges
Wireless Logic Limited	555.36	CCTV Sim Cards
Broxap Limited	778.68	New Litter Bins
Reay Security	83.04	CCTV Cemetery Gates
Deposit Account to Current Account	-20,000.00	Internal Bank Transfer
House of Hamilton (Street Fair)	15,060.00	Street Fair
HAGS-SMP Ltd	163.60	Play Equipment Parts
Reay Security Ltd	83.04	CCTV Church Lane

c.	Other planning applications Where comments have not been requested.												
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e.	Police report No report for this meeting. The next scheduled report is for the September 2025 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. <ul 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 11th September 2025 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.												

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO FACILITATE FURTHER QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

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.	Bedlington Community Centre – Financial Support (dedicated pledge).
b.	Bedlington Community Centre - Consent to raise a planning application.
c.	Bedlington Community Centre - Lease extension.

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.