

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 10th July 2025 at 6.30pm.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Steven Young - Town Clerk

2nd July 2025



**PRESENTATIONS**

- Bedlington Cricket Club have been invited to support their Community Chest. (Agenda Part B Item a.)

**QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT MEETING AGENDA**

- The Chair will invite members of the public to ask the Council any questions in relation to the current meeting agenda.
- 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.
- There will be a further opportunity at the end of the meeting to ask any non-agenda questions.

***Please note that members of the public are not permitted to speak during the meeting.***

**PART A - ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.**

<b>Attendance / Apologies and declarations of interest</b>	
a.	<b>Apologies for absence</b> i. To NOTE any apologies for absence from councillors. ii. To APPROVE any dispensations for absent councillors.
b.	<b>Declaration of interest</b> i. To RECEIVE and NOTE any disclosures of interest. (Any disclosure 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). ii. To APPROVE any requests for dispensations. Members are reminded that if they have any personal interest 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.

**PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS / SUMMARY OF DELEGATED DECISIONS**

<b>Details of meeting or delegated decisions</b>	
a.	To AGREE and SIGN as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council Meeting held on 12th June 2025.
b.	To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting that are not included as agenda items.

## 2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

	Matters for discussion / decision		
a.	<b>Funding Applications</b> To APPROVE the following funding requests: i. Community Chest Application - Bedlington Cricket Club. (Application distributed to members).		
b.	<b>Quarterly Finance Update</b> i. To REVIEW the current years expenditure against the current year’s budget. ii. If appropriate AGREE recommendations to bring both inline. (Report distributed to members – estimate of year end areas of significant overspend highlighted in the report)		
c.	<b>Governance - Working Groups Terms of Reference</b> (Deferred from Mays meeting). After review to AGREE Terms of Reference for Working Groups i. All Working Groups (Except the Communications and Events Working Group). ii. Communications and Events Working Group. (Draft terms of reference distributed to members).		
d.	<b>Governance – Review of Existing Policies.</b> AGREE to delegate to the Governance Working Group the APPROVAL of any existing policies that AFTER REVIEW require NO CHANGES.		
e.	<b>Christmas Lights</b> AGREE further extensions to the Christmas lights provision in financial year 2026/27. i. Choppington Road extend to Longridge Estate. ii. B1331 extend to Glenton’s Bakery. (Estimated costs per lighting column from Junes Meeting agenda – One off cost - £475 supply and installation of commando socket and £400 for purchase of each light motif. Ongoing Annual costs for erection, dismantling, safety checking etc approximately £200 per lighting column).		
f.	<b>Neighbourhood Plan.</b> AGREE to commit to the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan despite the removal of funding assistance. (Estimate cost to complete £4,500 not including any possible costs of a referendum).		
g.	<b>Town Council Residents Competitions</b> i. AGREE Photography Competition Judge and Prizes – Closing date 4 <sup>th</sup> August – Judging on or before 11 <sup>th</sup> August. We already have 2 resident judges and would like a single Councillor representative on the judging panel. ii. AGREE Gardening Competition Prizes – Judges already arranged. iii. AGREE Judges and Prizes for Best of Bedlington Awards ahead of presentations 12th September 2025.		
h.	<b>Planning</b> i. 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.		
	Ref.	Description	Response date*
	25/02008/FUL	Installation of roller shutter to shop front (Retrospective) 46 Front Street East Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AB	3rd July 2025
	25/02095/FUL	Garage conversion, roof replacement and all associated works. 16 Nether Riggs Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5SJ	8th July 2025
	25/02010/FUL	Single storey rear extension to be demolished and replaced with double storey rear extension 1 Bells Place Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AQ	9th July 2025
	25/02007/PRUTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application T1 Lime (Tilia europaea) - crown reduce up to 25% - from 20m to 16m this reduction will promote the tree's health and longevity; T2 and T3 Oak - crown reduce up to 20% - from 15m to 12.5m, reshape and pull back	14th July 2025

		branches that overhang into neighbours gardens 4 South Farm Nedderton Village Northumberland NE22 6BH	
	25/02215/FUL	Single Storey rear extension to replace existing garden room 2 Millfield North Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5EF	15th July 2025
	25/01725/REM	Reserved matters application for Phase A enabling works including site preparation, earthworks and other works required prior to the construction and operation of the data centre campus, pursuant to approved planning application 24/04112/OUTES Land At Former Power Station Site On Northern Side Of Cambois Cambois Northumberland	22nd July 2025
	<p>*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. Note: recent notified planning decisions and other planning applications (where comments have not been requested) are shown in PART C for information only).</p>		
i.	<p><b>Working groups / committees (items for decision or discussion)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To APPROVE any recommendations from working groups (not included elsewhere on the agenda). Non for this meeting.</li> <li>2. To NOTE any other information from working group Chairs.</li> </ol>		
j.	<p><b>Bank reconciliation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation of £7,711.51 as of 30th June 2025, a Deposit Account Balance of £154,979.66 as of 30th June 2025 and a CCLA account balance of £225,000 on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.</li> </ol> <p>(Copies of Bank Statements distributed to members – CCLA Account Statement to follow).</p>		

**PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR TO BE NOTED**

Matters for information or to be noted				
a.	Chair's update and any reports from external meetings			
	i. To NOTE any relevant announcements from the Council Chair. ii. To NOTE any feedback from councillors from any external meetings since the date of the last Council meeting.			
b.	Consultations			
	From	Description	Details	
		None for this meeting		
c.	Invitations			
	From	Event	Response details	
		None for this meeting		
d.	Schedule of payments and receipts			
	Details of payments and (receipts) to be noted since last Council update. All payments gross of VAT.			
	Payee	Amount £. p	Description	Notes
	HMRC VAT Reclaim	-12,035.96	Refund of VAT	
	The Music Licence	177.28	Annual Licence Fee	
	CCLA Deposit Fund Interest	-110.37	Interest from Investment	
	Reays CCTV	83.04	CCTV Church Lane	
	Smart Office Systems Ltd	12.43	Printer Costs	
	Widescope	74.29	.gov emails etc.	
	Northumberland County Council	1,662.00	Traffic Management (Family Festival)	
	Toys Snacks and Chats	480.00	Community Chest Funding	
	Talk Talk Business	62.92	Telephone + Internet	
	Reay Security Ltd	446.40	Meadowdale Play Area Gates	
	Reay Security Ltd	809.64	CCTV Bedlington	
	Ashington & District Male Voice Choir	500.00	Community Chest Funding	
	From CCLA Investment Account	-5,000.00	Transfer into Current Account	
	Lloyds Bank	8.50	Bank Charges	
	From Deposit Account and into CCLA Investment Account	0.00	£100,000 transferred from Deposit account to CCLA Investment account.	
	Bedlington Community Centre	12,000.00	Annual Office Rent	
	From Deposit Account and into CCLA Investment Account	0.00	£100,000 transferred from Deposit account to CCLA Investment account	
	From Deposit Account and into Current Account	-8,500.00	Transfer from Deposit account into Current account.	
	Wireless Logic Limited	539.14	CCTV Sim Card Charges	
	Reay Security	83.04	CCTV Cemetery Gates	
	Northumberland County Council	6,133.17	June Payroll Costs	
	Paramount boxing club	500.00	Community Chest Funding	

e.

Other planning applications

Where comments have not been requested.

Ref.	Description
25/02320/MISC	Install x2 9m light pole. Westlea Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6DY
25/02319/MISC	Installation of 1 x 9m light telegraph pole - reference: BDN_V9063 O/S 24 Hartford Caravan Site Hartford Bridge Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AD
25/02245/MISC	Metre light telegraph pole Adjacent To 7 Elm Drive Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5TF
25/02282/MISC	Installation of 3 x 9m light telegraph pole - reference: BDN_V9002 Hartlands And Hartford Crescent Bedlington Northumberland
25/02274/MISC	Installation on x3 9M light telegraph poles. Hartlands Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6JQ
25/02173/DISCON	Discharge of Condition 7 (SuDS) of approved application 24/00398/VARYCO St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy Ridge Terrace Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6ED
25/02159/NONMAT	Non material amendment (omit external chimney breast and chimney stack, revise window style and clarify roof tiles) on approved application 23/03721/FUL Land At 32 Centurian Way And 33 Augustus Drive Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6LF
25/02156/MISC	Install 1 x 10 metre light telegraph pole and 1 x 9 metre light telegraph pole. Millfield North Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5EJ
25/02139/MISC	Install 1 x 9m light and 1 x 10m light poles. 12 Hollymount Terrace Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5AL
25/02096/MISC	Install 1 x 10 metre light telegraph pole. Brook Court Bedlington Northumberland NE22 5DF
25/02352/MISC	Install a 9m light telegraph pole. North Ridge Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6DF

f.

Planning decisions notified to West Bedlington Town Council by Northumberland County Council

Ref.	Description	Decision
25/01552/HEGRMN	Hedgerow Removal Notice: Removal of four sections of hedgerow totalling 1198m West Farm Nedderton Village Bedlington Northumberland NE22 6AR	GRANTED

g.

Police report

No report for this meeting.

The next scheduled report is for the September 2025 meeting.

h.

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.

1. Councillor – any matters for information only.

2. Town Clerk – any matters for information only.

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Date of next meeting

To NOTE the next scheduled meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 14th August 2025 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 6th August 2025.

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

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

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## REINSTATE STANDING ORDERS

### 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.

	Matters for discussion / decision / information
a.	Bedlington Community Centre

### WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS:

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