

# Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7pm Bedlington Community Centre



**WEST BEDLINGTON**  
TOWN COUNCIL

## PRESENT

Six (6) residents, all electors in West Bedlington.

## CHAIR

Councillor Austin, Chair for the Annual Meeting of the Town 2026.

## MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Michelle McTeer, Assistant Town Clerk, West Bedlington Town Council.

### AM1/26

#### 1. WELCOME TO THE MEETING

Councillor T. Austin (Meeting Chair) welcomed those present to the Annual Meeting of the Town for 2026.

### AM2/26

#### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received for this meeting.

### AM3/26

#### 3. MINUTES APPROVED FOR PREVIOUS MEETING

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town for 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 were **APPROVED** as a true record.

### AM4/26

#### 4. PRESENTATION – Bedlington PlayZone (Westlea)

A presentation was given about the new Bedlington PlayZone (Westlea) by Jake Preece from Northumberland County Council, Sports Development Safe & Resilient Council Sports Health, Inequalities & Stronger Communities.

### AM5/26

#### 5. PRESENTATION – Stephen Ward MBE, Mind Active

Stephen Ward provided a presentation about his work at Mind Active and his recent MBE.

### AM6/26

#### 6. PRESENTATION - Community Links

A representative from Community Links provided a presentation about their services.

### AM7/26

#### 7. DISCUSSION / PROPOSALS FROM ELECTORS

A resident wanted to know what was happening with the Neighbourhood Plan and was told the draft plan was with Northumberland County Council and will lead to a public consultation period.

The meeting was disbursed after the question-and-answer session.

### AM8/26

#### 6. MEETING CLOSE

The meeting ended at 20.08.

Approved by the Meeting Chair .....Date.....

Chair's initials

*Note – these draft minutes will be noted as a true record in the May 2026 West Bedlington Town Council meeting, but require formal approval at the next Annual Meeting of the Town in 2027 (date to be arranged).*

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