WEST BEDLINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
12th November 2026

Meeting of WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL, held at Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington, NE22 5TT, on Thursday 12th November 2026 at 6.30pm.

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AGENDA-RELATED QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

A resident had a question about capital funding (part b, item d) and was told this agenda item was just a feasibility discussion at this stage.

PRESENTATIONS

1st Bedlington St. Cuthbert's Brownies were invited to support their Community Chest application but were not in attendance at tonight's meeting. (Agenda item part B, item a).

PART A – ATTENDANCE AND MINUTES

Min ref	Item ref	Item description	Determination
26/196	a.	**Attendance** To record councillors in attendance.	Councillors Austin, B Denny (Chair), S Denny, Henderson, Roberts, Taylor and Thompson. Town Clerk, S Young, Assistant Town Clerk, M McTeer, and seven (7) members of the public.
26/197	b.	**Apologies for absence** i. To NOTE any apologies for absence from councillors. ii. To APPROVE any dispensations for absent councillors.	i. Apologies for absence from councillors Chapple and Hogg. ii. None for this meeting.
26/198	c.	**Declaration of interest** i. To RECEIVE and NOTE any disclosures of interest. ii. To APPROVE any requests for dispensations.	i. None for this meeting. ii. None for this meeting.
26/199	d.	**Meeting minutes** To AGREE and SIGN as a correct record the minutes of West Bedlington Town Council's meeting on 8th October 2026.*	RESOLVED that the minutes of the West Bedlington Town Council meeting held on 8th October are APPROVED as a true record.

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PART B – MATTERS FOR DECISION

Min ref	Item ref	Item description	Determination
26/200	a.	**Funding – Community Chest application** APPROVE a Community Chest application from 1st Bedlington St. Cuthbert's Brownies.*	APPROVED to award £500.
26/201	b.	**Services - litter bin** APPROVE a request to replace the existing litter bin outside Bedlington Community Centre.*	APPROVED and agreed that Bedlington Community Centre would be responsible for emptying the bin.
26/202	c.	**Governance – review of existing policies** After REVIEW, APPROVE the following policies* which are unchanged. i. Policy No.3 FOI Model Publication Scheme ii. Policy No.19 DBS Checks	Reviewed and APPROVED.
26/203	d.	**Finance** **i. 2027-28 budget and precept** APPROVE the draft budget and precept requirement for 2027-28.* **ii. Potential capital funded projects** APPROVE to investigate the feasibility of providing the additional facilities / services (all subject to obtaining third-party capital funding, landowner permissions, and affordability of ongoing commitments – maintenance, insurance, etc). 1. Skatepark 2. Outdoor gym 3. Youth club 4. New public seating 5. Permanent Christmas tree **iii. Insurance renewal** APPROVE an insurer for the renewal of the Bedlington Community Centre insurance.*	i. DEFERRED to a future meeting. ii. APPROVED to investigate feasibility for all five items and the individual councillors who championed these ideas to take the lead to move these forward. iii. APPROVED.
26/204	e.	**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.	Nothing for this meeting.

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		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.	
26/205	f.	**Working groups / committees** 1. APPROVE any recommendations from working groups (not included elsewhere on the agenda). **i. Events Working Group** APPROVE a proposal to cover the overspend on the multicultural event.* **ii. Services Working Group** a. APPROVE issuing a request for quotes to external suppliers — including existing contractors — for the planting and maintenance of the flower planters on Front Street over a 3-year period.* **b.** APPROVE a payment to Meadowdale Academy in consideration of opening Meadowdale park gates each morning during term times. c. APPROVE a successful supplier from submitted tenders for the planting and maintenance of flower beds.* 2. To NOTE any other information from working group chairs.	Councillor S. Denny provided an update about the awards night and next year's street fair. 1 i: APPROVED. 1 ii a: APPROVED. 1 ii b: APPROVED to make a payment of £1000. 1 ii c: Agreed to have further discussions with suppliers A and D (Councillors Taylor and B Denny to attend). 2. No additional information.
26/206	g.	**Bank reconciliation** APPROVE a checked bank reconciliation as of 31st October 2026, a current account balance of £23,541.97 a deposit account balance of £27.10 and a CCLA savings account balance of £430,000.00 *	APPROVED.

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MEETING PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

Min ref	Item ref	Item description	Determination
26/207	a.	**Chair's update and external invitations/consultations** To NOTE any announcements from the Chair and discuss invitations, consultations and feedback from external meetings received since the previous Council meeting.	The Chair thanked the Town Clerk for the successful Remembrance service that took place on 8th November 2026.
26/208	b.	**West Bedlington Town Council** **PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST** 02 November 2026 (2026 - 2027) Voucher Code Date Minute Bank Payment Ref. Description Supplier VAT Type Net VAT Total 129 Computer Software 01/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - Google One annual : Google Play S -13.32 -2.67 -15.99 128 Online Accounting 01/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou 18044 Payment - Online accounting s Starboard Systems Limited S -84.00 -16.80 -100.80 127 CCTV 01/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - CCTV (Westlea Cam Reay Security Ltd S -69.20 -13.84 -83.04 126 Bollywood Event 01/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - Multicultural night House of Hamilton Z -150.00 -150.00 19 Interest CCLA Account 02/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Receipt - CCLA interest payme Lloyds Bank X 20 Interest CCLA Account 02/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Receipt - CCLA interest payme Lloyds Bank X 1,354.73 1,354.73 130 Printing 02/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou 764053 Payment - Printing costs Smart Office Systems Ltd S -14.37 -2.87 -17.24 21 Grants Received 05/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Dry Rot Receipt - Bedlington Communit Bedlington Community Cer E 6,214.34 6,214.34 133 Printing 05/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou 764453 Payment - Printing costs Smart Office Systems Ltd S -40.00 -8.00 -48.00 132 .gov emails 05/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou WEST8EDCO 086 Payment - Monthly message bu Widescope Web Design S -61.91 -12.38 -74.29 134 Meadowdale Gates SLA 05/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou 071530 Payment - Locking/unlocking M Reay Security Ltd S -702.00 -140.40 -842.40 135 CCTV 05/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou 071516 Payment - CCTV (Bedlington to Reay Security Ltd S -674.70 -134.94 -809.64 131 Bedlington Community Centre I 05/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - Bedlington Commun Rentokil Property Care Ltd S -6,214.34 -1,242.87 -7,457.21 137 CCTV 08/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou INV-071548 Payment - CCTV (Church Lane) Reay Security Ltd S -69.20 -13.84 -83.04 136 Stripe Payments Fee Westlea P 08/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou VW5KE40F-2026-0 Payment - Stripe Payment Fees Stripe X 22 VAT Refunds 12/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou XAV126000107270 Receipt - VAT Reclaim HMRC R 2,698.07 2,698.07 139 Room Hire 14/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - Room hire Bedlington Community Cer Z -160.00 -160.00 138 War Memorial 14/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - Flag Glassfibre Flagpoles Limite S -38.90 -7.78 -46.68 140 Bedlington Community Centre 15/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - Bedlington Commun Bedlington Community Cer X -7,000.00 -7,000.00 141 Remembrance Day 15/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - Poppy wreaths The Poppy Appeal Z -61.00 -61.00 143 Event - Halloween 15/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - Halloween party House of Hamilton Z -1,800.00 -1,800.00 142 Best of Bedlington Awards and 15/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - Awards night House of Hamilton Z -1,500.00 -1,500.00 144 Stationery 16/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - Stationery and prize Amazon S -4.16 -0.83 -4.99 146 Audit - External 16/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou 2763382 Payment - External Audit - Limi Forvis Mazars LLP S -840.00 -168.00 -1,008.00 145 War Memorial 16/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - Flag clips Amazon S -2.32 -0.47 -2.79 147 Christmas Lights Switch On Eve 16/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Street Works - 226 Payment - Road Closure Order Northumberland County Cc Z -500.00 -500.00 144 Best of Bedlington Awards and 16/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - Stationery and prize Amazon Z -25.00 -25.00 148 .gov emails 19/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - .gov emails Widescope Web Design S -31.20 -6.24 -37.44 149 Pupils Fund 19/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Playground Project Payment - Pupils' Fund paymer Bishop Bewick Catholic Edu Z -1,500.00 -1,500.00 151 Bank Charges 23/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou Payment - Bank charges Lloyds Bank X -10.00 -10.00 152 CCTV 23/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou 116743 Payment - CCTV SIM cards Wireless Logic Limited S -479.05 -95.81 -574.86 150 Booking System 23/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou #025846 Payment - Club Spark Booking Club Spark Group Ltd S -1,203.75 -240.75 -1,444.50 154 Staff Salaries 26/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou 696287 Payment - Payroll Northumberland County Cc Z -5,096.18 -5,096.18 154 NI Employers Contribution 26/10/2026 Lloyds Current Accou 696287 Payment - Payroll Northumberland County Cc Z -639.32 -639.32 Created by Scribe 1 of 2 **West Bedlington Town Council** **PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST** 02 November 2026 (2026 - 2027) Voucher Code Date Minute Bank Payment Ref. 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26/209	c.	**Other planning applications** Where comments have **not** been requested. **Reference:** 26/03781/PRUTPO **Description:** Tree Protection Order: T68 - yew tree -reduce lateral width by 1m|Dovecote House Farmstead Court Hartford Hall Estate, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 6AG.	All applications NOTED.

		Reference: 26/03764/NONMAT **Description:** Non-material amendment (for amendment to wording of condition 2 - Approved Plans to change hard surface material from permeable paving blocks to permeable tarmac) on approved application 26/00837/FUL|Land south east of law courts, Schalksmuhle Road, Bedlington, Northumberland. **Reference:** 26/03575/DISCON **Description:** Discharge of conditions: 15 (Remediation Strategy) pursuant to planning approval 21/01927/OUT| land north west of Blue House Farm, Blue House Farm Road, Netherton Colliery, Northumberland, NE22 6BD.	
26/210	d.	**Planning decisions made by Northumberland County Council – notified to West Bedlington Town Council.** **Reference:** 26/02654/FELTPO **Description:** Tree Preservation Order Application to T58 Beech remove and T59 Beech reduce canopy by 1.5m to maintain tree size and shape. Foxgloves, The Farmstead, Hartford Hall Estate, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 6AG. **Decision:** GRANTED **Reference:** 26/02985/FUL **Description:** Proposed loft extension, roof alterations and associated external works. The Lodge, 25 Nedderton Village, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 6AX. **Decision:** GRANTED **Reference:** 26/03070/PRUTPO **Description:** Tree Preservation Order Application: T30 (Cedar) - Reduce upper crown up to 5m and reshape, T26 (Beech) - crown reduce up to 4m pruning back to overall natural profile of tree. Greenside Fairway Rise Hartford Hall Estate, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 6AG. **Decision:** PERMIT **Reference:** 26/03002/FUL **Description:** Installation of security shutters to front elevation. 72 Front Street West, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 5UA. **Decision:** REFUSED **Reference:** 26/02942/ADE **Description:** Advertisement consent for the erection of Halo lit, illuminated facia letters. 12 Market Place, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 5TN. **Decision:** REFUSED **Reference:** 26/03001/PRUTPO **Description:** Tree Preservation Order Application: T2, T3, T4, T5 x4 Cherrys- Crown lift to 2.5m and formative prune by no more than 0.5m. T6, T7, T8 x3 limes Crown lift to 2.5m and formative prune	All planning decisions NOTED.

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		no more than 0.5m. T9 Sycamore - lift to 2.5m and formative prune no more than 1m**.** **Decision:** PERMIT **Reference:** **Description:** Change of use from dwellinghouse (C3) to (C2) for a children's residential home 35 Glebe Mews, The Chesters, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 6LJ. **Decision:** GRANTED	
26/211	e.	**Police report** No police report scheduled for this meeting. The next scheduled report is for the December 2026 meeting.	NOTED.
26/212	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. i. Councillor – any matters for information only. ii. Town Clerk – any matters for information only.	i. Nothing for this meeting. ii. Bus shelter on Choppington Road due to be replaced in January 2027 due to crash damage.
26/213	g.	**Date of next meeting** To NOTE the next scheduled meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 10th December 2026 at 6.30pm in Bedlington Community Centre, Front Street West, Bedlington. The agenda for this meeting to be issued on Wednesday 2nd December 2026.	NOTED.

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

- A resident asked a question about the planting tender and had a compliment for Councillor Austin.
- A resident wanted to know if the Town Council has a civil contingency plan and was told that they rent the Community Centre and that we have a risk assessment in place.

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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.

Nothing for this meeting.

The Chair closed this meeting at 19.38.

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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.

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