



**Minutes of a meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 November 2021
at East Bedlington Community Centre**

PRESENT:

Councillor John Batey
Councillor Helen Bradford
Councillor Bill Crosby (Chairman)
Councillor Dawn Crosby
Councillor Keith Grimes
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Keith Scantlebury
Councillor Allan Stewart (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Alan Stovell
Councillor Jayne Todd
Councillor Rebecca Wilczek (County Councillor Bedlington East ward)

In attendance: Ron Thornton – Clerk & RFO, Jenny Tindale – Deputy Clerk,
PCSO Bev Sellars, PCSO Laura Miller
2 members of the public

		ACTION
	PUBLIC SESSION There were no questions from the public session	
CO75/21	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were no apologies.	
CO76/21	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5 October were presented to the meeting. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 October 2021 be agreed as a true record.	
CO77/21	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES There were no matters arising RESOLVED: That the matters arising be noted	
CO78/21	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no disclosures or requests.	

<p>CO79/21</p>	<p>POLICE REPORT The Neighbourhood PCSO's officers advised that reported crime continues to be low. Although there were a number of incidents over the weekend, only 2 incidents had been reported. It was noted that persistent comments of social media are not helpful and are proving to be inflammatory. Members were requested to encourage residents to report all incidents to the Police either on 101 or online. RESOLVED: That the Police report be noted.</p>	
<p>CO80/21</p>	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS A written report from County Councillor Alex Wallace had been circulated prior to the meeting. RESOLVED: That the NCC Councillors report be noted.</p>	
<p>CO81/21</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE A member referred to log 213, a request for a donation to provide Christmas Hampers for the elderly in the Parish. He moved that an emergency decision be made to support the request, with a donation of £300. Member supported the motion unanimously. . RESOLVED: That; (i) A delegated decision be made to support Bedlington Academy Christmas Hamper project (ii) That the correspondence be noted.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>CO82/21</p>	<p>CLERK'S REPORT The Clerk gave an overview report on recent events. He advised that,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A meeting had taken place with the Banks Group who had agreed in principle to the transfer of land occupied by the Miner's Wheel at Cambois. 2) He had attended a walk about in relation to planning proposals for the railway station at Bedlington Station. 3) The Council had been successful in its bid for 2 Kickstart employees. 4) The Council had received notification of its provisional tax which had increased by 34.33 Band D equivalents. 5) Requests had been received from NCC Neighborhood services for 8 additional freestanding bins and from Bedlington High School for a donation towards their Xmas hampers for the elderly. 	

	<p>6) The defibrillator located at the library corner was still missing and believed to have been handed in to a Police Station.</p> <p>The Clerk went on to update members on operational matters, he advised that,</p> <p>7) Planters had been planted up with winter bedding, wildflower seed had been purchased, and that the War memorial had been prepared for Remembrance Day</p> <p>8) Allotment inspections had been completed at Cambois and repairs to fencing at Allgood Terrace were in hand,</p> <p>9) Replacement outdoor Gym equipment had been ordered. Notwithstanding this further vandalism had taken place to a different piece of equipment located on the beach front at Cambois, and finally,</p> <p>10) A freestanding bin located at Victoria Terrace was missing but that it was not clear whether this was due to vandalism or potentially a vehicle collision.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) That the Clerk's Report be noted.</p>	
<p>CO83/21</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Members considered application 21/03723/FUL, The inclusion of section 106 monies was welcomed. Members considered that they would have liked to see affordable housing included in the S106 offer, but agreed unanimously to support the development.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Members,</p> <p>(i) Support the application noted in appendix B.</p>	
<p>CO84/21</p>	<p>FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>The Vice Chairman presented a suite of reports including a schedule of Receipts & Payments; Bank Reconciliation; Budget and Balance Sheet.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the,</p> <p>(i) Schedule of receipts and payments be approved.</p> <p>(ii) Cleared balances of £375,029.84 as at as at 29 October 2021 be noted.</p> <p>(iii) Budget, Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet reports be noted.</p>	

CO85/21	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Events Working Group held on 11 October 2021 be received. (ii) Services Working Group held on Tuesday 19 October 2021 be received. (iii) notes of a Borderlands Stakeholder meeting held on Tuesday 26 October 21 be received. 	
CO72/21	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>12.1 A member suggested that the Welcome Hub required greater publicity and that a banner would attract passing trade. It was recognised that the purpose of the Hub is to help alleviate hardship and that the Clerk should identify the appropriate budget to cover the cost of production.</p> <p>12.2 Members continued to raise concerns regarding uncontrolled distribution of food by Bedlington Station Primary School and the level of referrals being made. The Clerk advised that retrospective funding could not be made and Members may wish to explore a donation in lieu of a grant. A member suggested that this could be explored at a later date. A vote to approve the donation was taken with 6 votes in favour and 5 votes against.</p> <p>12.3 Members received a verbal report from the Clerk on the Health and Safety issues concerning the NCC operatives when emptying lamppost mounted bins and he considered that floor mounted bins could be accommodated in the identified locations. It was suggested that NCC be approached to consider meeting the cost of installing the new bins.</p> <p>RESOLVED That the;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Parish Council fund the cost of a banner promoting the Welcome Hub, organised by East Bedlington Community Centre and that the Clerk identify the appropriate budget. (ii) Donations to Bedlington Station Primary School of £75 per month in lieu of Fareshares provision commence from November and be reviewed in April 2022. (iii) Parish Council purchase 8 Gladstone Jubilee bins at a cost of circa £450 each to replace existing wall mounted bins. 	

<p>CO73/21</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>(i) A member referred to a fatal accident involving a Britishvolt executive during the “Human Swan” publicity campaign.</p> <p>(ii) Chair of Planning & Economic Regeneration confirmed the scheduled meeting planned for 3 November has been moved to 18 November to allow for Stakeholder responses</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the information be noted.</p>	
<p>CO74/21</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday 7 December at 6:30 pm, Parish Meeting, East Bedlington Community Centre</p>	

Signed:

Date:

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