



**Minutes of a meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 September 2022
at East Bedlington Community Centre**

PRESENT:

Councillor John Batey
Councillor Bill Crosby
Councillor Dawn Crosby
Councillor Keith Grimes (Chairman)
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Keith Scantlebury
Councillor Allan Stewart
Councillor Rebecca Wilczek (County Councillor Bedlington East ward)

In attendance: Jenny Tindale – Deputy (acting) Clerk & Responsible Officer,
County Councillor Alex Wallace – Sleekburn Ward
Neighbourhood Inspector Wayne Daniels,
Neighbourhood Sergeant Rob Morton
4 Members of the Public
James Young - JDR Cables
Jon Russell – JDR Cables

Presentation JDR Cables

John Young, Chief Strategy & Compliance Officer and Jon Russell, Project Manager – Construction gave an update on the proposed cable manufacturing facility on site of the former Blyth Power Station. A full copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.
The Chairman thanked the officers for their detailed report and efforts to keep members up to date with developments.

		ACTION
	PUBLIC SESSION There were no questions from members of the public.	
CO48/22	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were noted from Councillor Helen Bradford (work commitments), Jayne Todd (agreed leave of absence) and Clerk, Ron Thornton (illness) RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.	

CO49/22	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS</p> <p>The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 5 July 2022 were circulated to the members</p> <p>RESOLVED: That; The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5 July 2022 be agreed as a true record.</p>	
CO50/22	<p>Clerk & Officers Update</p> <p>A written report was submitted members. It was further noted that the Clerks period of absence has now been extended to 30 September 22.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That; The Clerk & Officers update be noted.</p>	
CO51/22	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no disclosures or requests.</p>	
CO52/22	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>Inspector Wayne Daniels and Neighbourhood Sergeant 8172 Rob Morton provided an update on crime since the last meeting. There had been 282 incidents which had included 129 public safety reports, 85 crimes and 35 incidents of ASB. It was noted that motorcycle nuisance is still high and that there are emerging concerns regarding drug dealing. The Officers reiterated that intelligence is needed to tackle the drug issues and corroborative reports would help secure warrants to search properties for drugs. Inspector Daniels provided an update from recent disorder in Gallagher Park which had resulted in 12 crimes including 2 robberies, minor assaults and more seriously an allegation of rape. The gathering had been promoted via social media as Project X rave type event, however it had not been properly organised and the attendees were in the main aged from 12-18 years with no adult supervision. Most of the individual attending were from out of the area. Social media driven event such as this have now been brought to the attention of the entire Northumbria Command and a response team is in place to tackle future threats. The key message given was to remain vigilant and to report concerns via the recognised channels. The Chairman thanked both officers once again for a detailed report.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That; (i) The Police report be noted.</p>	

CO53/22	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>There were no written reports. The Chairman permitted a verbal report from Councillor Alex Wallace (Sleekburn Ward) who commented on the road improvements, provision of dropped kerbs throughout Sleekburn ward to Cambois and his efforts in campaigning for an improved bus service. The Chairman thanked him for his report and the work undertaken on behalf of the residents.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the NCC Councillors verbal report be noted.</p>	
CO54/22	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>A member referred to 564 and advised that he had responded and extended an invitation to take part in the Parish meeting where NCC representatives and the Police would be in attendance. Members considered that the regular updates of correspondence and enhanced explanations were helpful.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That weekly correspondence updates to members with explanatory notes be continued. (ii) That the correspondence be noted. 	
CO55/22	<p>PLANNING RESOLVED That;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the determinations 22/02085/FUL and 22/01416/FUL be noted. 	
CO56/22	<p>FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>The Chairman presented a suite of reports including a schedule of Receipts & Payments; Bank Reconciliation; Budget and detailed income and expenditure. In response to questions seeking clarity, the Deputy Clerk advised that</p> <p>RESOLVED That the,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Schedule of receipts and payments be approved. (ii) Cleared balances of £ 237,528.05 as 31 August 2022 be noted. (iii) Budget report, Detailed Income and Expenditure report and Detailed Balance Sheet be noted. 	
CO57/22	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED: That;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The minutes of the Events Working Group 12 July 2022 be received 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Planning & Economic Regeneration Working Group held on 19 July be received. (iii) The minutes of the Staffing Committee 25 July be received. (iv) That the minutes of the Services Working Group 16 August 2022 be received. (v) The Staffing Committee held 22 August 2022 be received (vi) The Events Working Group held 23 August 2022 be received. 	
CO58/22	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>RESOLVED: Members resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The execution of delegated authority in relation to meeting the increased cost of Burnside Estate Play Area of £1006.56. (ii) To approve the recommendations of the Services Working Group in relation to submissions to the LTP 2023-2024 (iii) To approve the planned replacement of the double rower Cambois Links Outdoor Gym to be met from repairs and renewals budget. 	
CO59/22	<p>STAFFING</p> <p>Members considered the resolution of the Staffing Committee to adopt the Member/Officer protocol. The first of a suite of policies to be put in place as identified by the risk assessment. Clarity was given to members that the protocol is an additional document to the Code of Conduct and clearly defines the roles of both Members and Officers. Councillor Wilczek commented that she found the document extremely useful and had it been adopted sooner would have proved extremely helpful to her as a newly elected Councillor. Councillor Batey considered whether ratification should be deferred until members had taken time to digest the contents. Members felt contents were very straight forward and that this was not necessary. A vote was taken by show of hands: In favour 6; against 1; abstained 1.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That; The Member Officer Protocol be adopted.</p> <p>.</p>	
CO60/22	<p>CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR</p> <p>The Parish Council received expressions of interest from 3 individuals interested in the vacancy of Parish Councillor (Sleekburn Ward). David Graham, Martin Jackson, Grant Ward. Mr Jackson has submitted apologies and was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior engage. Both present were invited to put forward their reasons for applying and answer questions put to them by the</p>	

	<p>members. Candidates were asked to leave the room whilst the vote was taken. Members voted unanimously in favour of Grant Ward</p> <p>RESOVED: That; Grant Ward be co-opted in the office of Councillor, Sleekburn ward, East Bedlington Parish Council.</p>	
CO61/22	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday 1 November 2022 at 6.30pm</p>	

Signed: **Chairman** **Date:**