



**Minutes of a meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 January 2023
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 Grant Ward
Councillor Rebecca Wilczek (County Councillor Bedlington East ward)

In attendance: Ron Thornton – Clerk & Responsible Officer
Jenny Tindale – Deputy (acting) Clerk & Responsible Officer

1 Member of the Public

		ACTION
	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>There were no matters raised during the public session.</p>	
CO77/22	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Councillor Jayne Todd (illness), Councillor Helen Bradford (Work Commitments).</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.</p>	
CO78/22	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1 November 2022 were circulated to the members.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That; The minutes be signed as a true record.</p>	
CO78/22	<p>Clerk & Officers Update</p> <p>A written report was submitted members.</p>	

	<p>(i) The Deputy Clerk updated that the Coal Authority had now confirmed 24 January as preferred meeting date and a site visit would take place at Hastings Court at 11am.</p> <p>(ii) NSL had now confirmed that any Friday afternoon would be acceptable but any member wishing to visit the convertor plant would need to provide details of clothing and footwear sizes as full PPE must be worn.</p> <p>(iii) Members were reminded that the official opening of the Burnside Estate Play area would take place at 10.30 on Tuesday 31 January 2023.</p> <p>(iv) The Chairman has suggested that an invitation be extended to the Jamie Driscoll, Mayor, Combined Authority to discuss the implications of devolved powers and the possible impact on Town and Parish Councils.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That;</p> <p>(i) An invitation to meet with the Parish Council be raised with the Mayor of the Combined Authority</p> <p>(ii) The Clerk & Officers update be noted.</p>	Deputy Clerk
CO79/22	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>There were no disclosures or requests.</p>	
CO80/22	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>Inspector Wayne Daniels had submitted a written report to the meeting as his team were on rest days.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That;</p> <p>(i) The Police report be noted.</p>	
CO81/22	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS</p> <p>Councillor Wilczek submitted a written report outlining her work and actions taken in the preceding months.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That;</p> <p>The County Councillor report for Bedlington East be noted.</p>	
CO82/22	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.</p>	
CO83/22	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>RESOLVED That;</p> <p>The planning determinations be noted.</p>	

CO84/22	<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.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the,</p> <p>(i) Schedule of receipts and payments be approved.</p> <p>(ii) Cleared balances of £ 267,489.31 as of 31 December 2022 be noted.</p> <p>(iii) Budget report, Detailed Income and Expenditure report and Detailed Balance Sheet be noted.</p>	
CO85/22	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That;</p> <p>(i) The minutes of the Staffing Committee held 12 December 2022 be received.</p> <p>(ii) The minutes of the Services Working Group held 13 December 2022 be received.</p> <p>(iii) The minutes of the Planning & Economic Regeneration Working Group held 19 December 2022 be received.</p> <p>(iv) The minutes of the Finance & General-Purpose Working Group and Budget Working Group held 20 December 2022 be received.</p>	
CO86/22	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>Members resolved that:</p> <p>(i) The Council respond to the Strategy for the Monitoring and Enforcement of Planning Control.</p> <p>(ii) The Council ratifies the resolution of the Staffing Committee to allow the Deputy Clerk to reduce her hours from 37 to 30 hours per week. Effective from 3 April 2023</p>	Deputy Clerk to action
CO87/22	<p>SMALL GRANTS & DONATIONS</p> <p>Members considered the recommendations of the Finance & General-Purpose Working Group.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That;</p> <p>(i) A donation of £300 be made to the Blyth Wildlife Rescue</p>	Deputy Clerk to action
CO88/22	<p>POLICIES</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That;</p> <p>The Parish Council approves the recommendations of the Staffing Committee and adopts the Data Protection Policy</p>	

CO89/22	<p>ANNUAL BUDGET & PARISH PRECEPT</p> <p>A report produced by the Clerk and Responsible Financial Office summarising the recommendations of the Finance & General Purpose and Budget Working Group held on 20 December was circulated to members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Council approves;</p> <p>(I) Items of growth (totally £9550) and budget reductions totaling (£14,910).as itemised in appendix A & B of the report.</p> <p>(II) Non-recurring items of expenditure totaling (£11,900) as itemised in appendix C of the report.</p> <p>(III) Capital expenditure totaling (£12,000) as itemised in appendix D of the report.</p> <p>(IV) No increase in Allotment rents for 2023</p> <p>(V) The detailed budget proposal as presented in appendix G of the report.</p> <p>(VI) The Parish Precept for 2023, in the sum of £295,734.00 representing £143 for the Parish Council’s element of the Council Tax for a band D property.</p>	
CO90/22	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday 7 March 2023 at 6.30pm</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 18:57</p>	

Signed: Chairman Date: