



**Minutes of a meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 January 2025
at East Bedlington Community Centre**

PRESENT:

Councillor Bill Crosby
 Councillor Dawn Crosby
 Councillor Keith Grimes (Chairman)
 Councillor Paul Hedley
 Councillor Keith Scantlebury
 Councillor Len Smith
 Councillor Allan Stewart
 Councillor Jayne Todd
 Councillor Grant Ward
 Councillor Rebecca Wilczek

In attendance:

Jenny Tindale – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

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	PUBLIC SESSION There were no questions raised.	
CO71/24	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were noted from Councillor John Batey. The Chairman referred to a personal matter and requested that Members considered a leave of absence of three months to allow the matter to be resolved. RESOLVED: (i) The apologies be noted. (ii) That a leave of absence be approved in respect of Councillor John Batey.	Clerk
CO72/24	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on 3 September had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. RESOLVED: That; (i) The minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on 5 November 2024 be signed as a true record.	
CO73/24	Clerk & Officers Update A written report was circulated. The Clerk expanded on all matters raised with particular attention given to project delivery. RESOLVED: That; (i) The Clerk and Officer Report be noted.	

CO74/24	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no disclosures or requests.</p>	
CO75/24	<p>POLICE REPORT Apologies had been received from the Neighbourhood Team due to conflicting shift patterns. A written report had been submitted with basic information relation to the increase in crime in the Parish. RESOLVED: That; The Police Report be noted.</p>	
CO76/24	<p>NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS There were no written reports submitted RESOLVED: That the reports be noted</p>	
CO77/24	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.</p>	
CO78/24	<p>PLANNING RESOLVED: That; The planning applications and determinations be noted.</p>	
CO79/24	<p>FINANCE REPORT The Chairman presented the suite of reports: RESOLVED That the, (i) Schedule of receipts and payments be approved. (ii) Cleared balances as of 31 December 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current account of £98,962.99 • Deposit account £00.12 • CCLA Investment account £250,000 be noted. (iii) Budget report be noted. (iv) Detailed Income and expenditure for the month ended 31 December 2024 be noted. (v) Balance Sheet for the month ended 31 December 2024 be noted.</p>	
CO80/24	<p>WORKING GROUPS Minutes of the working groups held since the last full council meeting were circulated for information. RESOLVED: That members receive;</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 3 December 2024 (ii) Minutes of the Services Working Group held 10 December 2024 (iii) Minutes of the Finance & General-Purpose Working Group held on 17 December 2024 	
CO81/24	<p>ANNUAL BUDGET AND PARISH PRECEPT 2025/2026</p> <p>The Clerk circulated a budget report with appendices detailing planned expenditure, budget reductions, earmarked reserves and capital expenditure for 2025/2026.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council approves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Items of growth totaling £47,933 and budget reductions totaling E37,450 as at appendix A & B) (ii) Non-recurring items of expenditure totaling £3,428 as at appendix C (iii) Capital expenditure totaling £51,700.as at appendix D (iv) No increase in Allotment rents for 2025/2026 (v) Detailed budget proposal as at appendix G (vi) The parish precept for 2025 in the sum of £300,549 representing £143 for the Parish Council’s element of the Council Tax for a Band D property. 	Clerk
CO82/24	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>RESOLVED: Members resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Parish Council approves alterations to the Parish Office to open up dividing wall to create one office and create a dedicated staff welfare area. 	
CO83/24	<p>SMALL GRANTS & DONATIONS</p> <p>Members considered the recommendations of the Finance & General Purposes Working Group.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A grant of £250 be awarded to Bedlington & District Red Squirrel Group. (ii) The delegated decision to award a grant of £200 to Bedlington Academy to support OAP Christmas Lunch be noted. (iii) The delegated decision to award a donation of £100 to support Port of Blyth Christmas Appeal be noted LGA1972 S137 refers. 	Clerk

CO84/24	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 4 March 2025 at 6.30pm	
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Signed: **Chairman** **Date:**