

# EAST BEDLINGTON

## Parish Council



**Minutes of the East Bedlington Parish Meeting,  
held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018, at East Bedlington Community Centre.**

### **Present:**

Councillor Andy Allman  
Councillor Steve Aynsley  
Councillor Keith Grimes  
Councillor Paul Hedley  
Councillor Allan Stewart  
Councillor Mike Trimming  
Councillor Alex Wallace

### **In attendance:**

Ron Thornton (Clerk), Jenny Tindale (Assistant Clerk), County Councillor Bill Crosby; County Councillor Russ Wallace; PCSO Bev Sellers; NBM Lisa Hindmarsh and 6 members of the public.

### **Presentation: North Sea Link Interconnector Update**

The Chairman welcomed Noel Mc Goldrick, Ryan Atkinson and Sally Barson who gave a presentation on the latest developments. Councillors expressed concern that the new play area will be closed for up to 12 weeks, but offered congratulations to the project team for supplying Cambois Primary School with 30 laptop computers. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.

### **Open Session**

A resident raised concerns regarding the large amount of youths congregating on the Clayton Corner. It was noted that the concerns would be addressed in the Police report.

### **CO134/17 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were noted from Councillor Lynda Mason (work commitments); Councillor John Batey (Other commitments); Councillor Allan Douglas (illness) and Councillor Jane Greensitt (illness)

### **Resolved:**

**CO135/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**That the apologies be accepted.**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 6 January 2018 be signed as a true record.**

**CO136/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Jakes Bar – a member requested an update on the position regarding Jakes Bar. The Assistant Clerk advised that NCC had served an order and written to the owner advising what action they would be taking should there be any non-compliance.

**CO137/17 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

There were no disclosures of interests or requests for dispensation.

**CO138/17 POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Bev Sellers advised that there had been some instances of burglary other than dwellings. She also advised that a dispersal order has been placed on the Clayton Corner for the next two weekends. This is to deal with the youths visiting the area from Ashington and Blyth and subsequently causing disorder. She stressed the ASB was not related to those attending the Youth Club as had been implied in social media posts.

**Resolved:**

**That the Police report be accepted.**

**CO139/17 NCC COUNCILLOR REPORT**

There was no report from Councillor Crosby. Councillor Gobin had advised that a sum of £350,000 has been identified in the Local Transport Plan for carriageway repairs in Cambois.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**CO140/17 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resolved:**

**That the correspondence be noted**

**CO141/17 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported:

- That a meeting had taken place with Mike Jeffrey to discuss proposals for Jennings Field including the proposed specification for the pathway to be provided by NCC. The potential for a joint initiative to upgrade the existing play facilities in Gallagher Park was also discussed.
- A meeting had taken place with Bedlington Ward Councillors and West Bedlington Town Council at which agreement to fund Northumberland Live

2018 was reached. He advised that East Bedlington had agreed to be the license holder for the event and to manage the event management contract.

- A litter bin located adjacent to the Premier store had been vandalised and subsequently replaced
- There was an ongoing issue of persistent dog fouling in Station Walk
- Opportunities had arisen to bid for Community art work and to benefit from Community Service work carried under the supervision of the Probation Service
- Bus Shelter cleaning would commence just before Easter.

The Assistant Clerk provided an update on enforcement action against Jake's Bar.

**Resolved**

**That:**

**The clerks report be noted and that his proposal to utilize the Community Centre's CCTV system to install a further 2/3 cameras be investigated.**

**CO142/17 SCHEDULE OF INVOICE & PAYMENT VOUCHERS**

**Resolved:**

**That the schedule of Invoice & Payment Vouchers be approved.**

**CO143/17 FINANCIAL POSITION**

**Resolved:**

**That the cleared balances as of 31 January 2018 of £208,757.05 be noted.**

**CO144/17 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

The clerk circulated a written report advising that expected balances at the year end to be circa £163,000.

**Resolved:**

**To accept the Budget Monitoring Report.**

## **CO145/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered applications presented in appendix E.

### **Resolved:**

**No further comment be passed in relation to the planning matters presented.**

## **CO146/17 ANNUAL BUDGET & PARISH PRECEPT**

The clerk presented a report outlining the Council's spending priorities for 2018/19 detailing the base budget and proposed growth items; non-recurring and capital expenditure.

Members considered each of the individual 17 spending proposals outlined in the attached annex to the minutes.

### **Resolved**

- (1) To approve all items of Growth; Non-recurring and Capital Expenditure in the sums of £12,500; £35,150 and £56,615 respectively.**
- (2) To fund the 2018/19 net budget requirement of £284,400 as follows;**
  - (a) To set the Annual Parish Precept at £257,400 (equivalent to £129.99 for a Band D property).**
  - (b) To fund the budget deficit of £27,000 from the Council's reserves.**

## **CO147/17 MATTERS FOR DECISION**

### **Resolved.**

**14.1 To endorse the recommendation of the Communities & Communications working Group in relation to an offer of a Civic reception to the Shalksmuhle Society to entertain their German counterparts.**

**14.2 To approve the installation of new CCTV cameras on the gable end of number 15, Station street, following recent incidents of anti-social behavior in the vicinity.**

**14.3 To accept the offer of assistance from the probation service to carry out community service work in the parish i.e. work at Cambois Miners Wheel and at the Wagon Way tunnel in the Free Wood. Also, to approve the purchase of materials from unused contingencies.**

**14.4 To agree in principle to a submission to the "Big Things" Community Art Project.**

**14.5 To approve a 12-month apprenticeship for a young resident to work in East Bedlington Community Centre.**

**CO148/17 WORKING GROUPS**

**RESOLVED:**

**To accept the minutes and recommendations of:**

- (i) Allotments & Environment Working Group held on 11<sup>th</sup> January**
- (i) Communities & Communications working group held on 16<sup>th</sup> January**
- (iii) Budget Working Group held on 17<sup>th</sup> January.**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**There was no other business.**

**Meeting closed at 20:00**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 6 March 2018, 6pm, Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre.**

Signed as a true record

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Chairman

Date: .....