



**Minutes of a meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 May 2024
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 Jayne Todd
Councillor Rebecca Wilczek

In attendance: Ron Thornton – Responsible Financial Officer
Jenny Tindale – Clerk
NCC Councillor Alex Wallace

		ACTION
	PUBLIC SESSION There were no members of the public present.	
CO11/24	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were noted from Councillor Len Smith (holiday) RESOLVED: (i) That the apologies be accepted.	
CO12/24	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 5 March 2024 were circulated to the members prior to the meeting. RESOLVED: That; The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 March 2024 be signed as a true record.	
CO13/24	Clerk & Officers Update A written report was presented to members. The Clerk expanded on each point. There were no questions. RESOLVED: That; (i) The Clerk & Officers update be noted.	

CO14/24	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no disclosures or requests.	
CO15/24	POLICE REPORT Apologies had been received from the Neighbourhood Policing Team. A comprehensive written report had been circulated to members. Members noted the success of operation Capio in tackling motorcycle nuisance. RESOLVED: That; The Police Report be noted.	
CO16/24	NCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS There were no reports.	
CO17/24	CORRESPONDENCE RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.	
CO18/24	PLANNING RESOLVED: That; (i) No further comment be made on current applications.	Clerk
CO19/24	FINANCE REPORT The Chairman presented a suite of reports: RESOLVED That the, (i) Schedule of receipts and payments be approved. (ii) Cleared balances as at 31 March of £276,529.89 be noted. (iii) Budget report be noted. (iv) Detailed Income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2024 be noted. (v) Statutory Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 March 2024 be noted and duly signed by the Chairman and the RFO.	
CO20/24	WORKING GROUPS RESOLVED: That members receive; (i) Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Working Group held on 26 March 2024.	

	<p>(ii) Minutes of the Services Working Group held on 16 April 2024.</p> <p>(iii) Minutes of the Events Working Group held on 29 April 2024.</p>	
CO21/24	<p>INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT</p> <p>The RFO presented the Internal Auditors report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That;</p> <p>Members receive the report and approve the recommendations contained therein.</p>	
CO22/24	<p>APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR 2024/2025</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That;</p> <p>Michael Slaughter be appointed as Internal Auditor for the period 2024/2025.</p>	
CO23/24	<p>ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2023/2024</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That;</p> <p>(i) The Annual Governance Statement be received.</p> <p>(ii) The Chairman and Clerk duly sign the Annual Governance Statement.</p>	Clerk/ Chairman
CO24/24	<p>AGAR- ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2023/2024</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That;</p> <p>(i) The Accounting Statements 2023/2024 be received.</p> <p>(ii) The Chairman duly signs the Accounting Statements.</p>	Chairman
CO25/24	<p>MATTERS FOR DECISION</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>Members resolved that:</p> <p>(i) The Parish Council does not permit access to third party organisations bordering the perimeter of Cambois Allotment site.</p> <p>(ii) The delegated decision of the Chairman and Clerk to appoint Browell Smith & Co Solicitors to represent the Councils interests in respect of preparation of a lease and subsequent sub-lease in respect of North Building, Bedlington Station be approved.</p>	Clerk

	(iii) Approval be given to enable the investment of £100,000 in an interest bearing account with Lloyds Bank over a period of nine months	RFO
CO26/24	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 2 July 2024	

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