

## **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **CRAMLINGTON, BEDLINGTON AND SEATON VALLEY LOCAL AREA COUNCIL**

At a meeting of **Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council** held in Netherton Club, 1a Netherton Lane, Bedlington, NE22 6DP on Wednesday, 22 May 2019 at 6:00 pm.

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor C Dunbar, (Chair)

#### **MEMBERS**

W Crosby  
B M Flux  
A Hepple  
M E Richards

M Robinson  
M D Swinburn  
I C F Swithenbank

#### **OFFICERS**

H Bowers  
T Gribbin  
  
D Laux  
K Westerby

Democratic Services Officer  
Neighbourhood Services Area  
Manager  
Head of Technical Services  
Highways Delivery Manager

#### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

12 members of the public

#### **01. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Membership and Terms of Reference for Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council, as agreed by Council on 1 May 2019, were reported for information.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

## 02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bowman, Daley, Dungworth and Wallace.

## 03. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council held on Wednesday, 17 April 2019, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## 04. COMMUNITY CHEST AWARDS

The Chair welcomed recipients of Community Chest funding to the meeting and said the awards were in recognition of the valuable contribution that local groups made in enriching the lives of residents in the community. The Grant Panel Chair presented a certificate to representatives of the following local organisations and photographs were taken. It was noted that a group photograph would be taken following individual presentations.

- Darcey's Dream - My Family and Siblings Matter
- Seghill Colliery Institute
- Bedlington Terriers Football Club
- The Marshall Academy of Irish Dance Support Group

The recipients provided a brief summary of the work of their organisation and outlined what the funding was to be used for.

Grants had also been given to the following organisations not present at the meeting:

- Cramlington Voluntary Youth Project
- SMILE Through Sport CIC
- Whitley Bay Barbarians

On behalf of the committee, the Chair thanked the representatives for their contributions, hard work and commitment.

**RESOLVED** that the report and presentation be received.

## 05. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Paul Hedley, Bedlington Residents Association stated that people were parking in a layby at Attlee Park/Plessey Woods and gaining access through the fence and entering the country park. The Neighbourhood Area Service Manager advised that this would be reported to colleagues in Parks and Green Spaces for a response.

Ch.'s Initials.....

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Adam Hogg, West Bedlington Town Council queried the status of the Council's housing programme. The Chair advised that this had been very well advertised and details could be found on the Council's website. David Laux, Head of Technical Services added that a lot of work was being carried out on the strategy and the consultation could be found on the website.

Mr Hogg referred to two prime sites which could be used in Bedlington for housing. It was advised that the housing allocation would be incorporated within other private estates and the Council had a target of 17% affordable housing which was the average.

Christine Taylor, Bedlington resident referred to the application for primary school status by Meadowdale Academy in Bedlington. She explained that there were already 3 primary schools and believed that Trinity Nursery would be moving to the Meadowdale site. She queried if permission had come from the Council for the nursery to move into the Academy building. Councillor Robinson, Ward Councillor understood that the Academy would change to primary status and had not been aware that Trinity Nursery would be transferred to the Academy site. However, local members would be meeting with their MP later that week.

## **06. PETITIONS**

- (a) No new petitions were received;
- (b) There were no reports to consider;
- (c) There were no updates to report on petitions previously considered.

## **07. LOCAL SERVICES ISSUES**

An update was provided as follows:

### Neighbourhood Services

- There had been some minor changes to garden waste services to cope with additional customers
- Grass cutting had started end of March/beginning of April and was on schedule
- Grounds maintenance staff were now working the longer seasonal hours
- Weed spraying was under way and done in house
- Blue dye would be used again this year as it had worked well last year. The dye was only visible for a short period of time and would show that spraying had started. Members would be kept updated
- Flowers for floral displays were being grown in polytunnels and moved outside to harden off

## Highways Maintenance

Maintenance work continued to be carried out at the following locations:

### **Tarmac patching**

- Scott Avenue - Cramlington
- Whitsun Gardens - Bedlington
- Double Row - Seaton Delaval
- Hallwood Close - Nedderton
- Hartford Crescent - Bedlington
- Highburn - Cramlington

### **Drainage improvements**

- Melling Road - Cramlington
- Valley Road - Holywell
- Stead Lane - Bedlington
- Klondyke - Cramlington
- St Ronans Drive - Seaton Sluice

### **Micro surfacing preparation**

- Huntington Drive - Cramlington
- The Wynding - Bedlington
- Doddington Drive - Cramlington

### **Signage**

- Dunsdale Drive, Cramlington - 20 mph scheme

### **Upcoming work**

A new roundabout at Westmorland Way would start in early June and expected to take up to 25 weeks.

Large tarmac resurfacing schemes were taking place at the following locations:

- Barrass Avenue - Seghill
- North Ridge - Bedlington
- Fisher Lane - Cramlington
- A1068 - Cramlington
- B1326 East Cramlington
- Nelson Industrial Estate - Cramlington
- Stead Lane - Bedlington

### **Micro surfacing**

- Huntington Drive - Cramlington

- Totnes Drive - Cramlington
- Doddington Drive - Cramlington
- The Wynding - Bedlington

### **Tarmac patching**

- Atley Way - Cramlington
- Choppington Lane - Bedlington
- Vulcan Place - Cramlington
- Tillmouth Avenue - Seaton Delaval
- Dudley Lane - Cramlington

Questions and comments were invited.

A query was raised regarding the blue dye. In response the Neighbourhood Area Services Manager explained that some of the dyes were white but predominantly Blue.

A Member asked for his thanks to be conveyed for the speediness in which rubbish had been collected around the Three Horseshoes public house which had made a significant improvement to the area. The Neighbourhood Services Manager commented that he would pass the thanks on to his colleagues in the Blyth area.

An update was requested on improvements in the new estate at Crow Hall Lane, Cramlington. The Highways Delivery Manager stated that would be looked at and a response sought.

In response to a query regarding micro surfacing at The Wynding, Bedlington, it was advised that the contractor would carry out a letter drop and advance notice 7 days before the work would be carried out.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted and the issues raised be followed up.

## **08. OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members were asked to make appointments to outside body organisations within the Local Area Council's remit. A list of outside bodies was attached to the agenda for consideration. (Attached as Appendix A to the signed minutes).

A Member was required for the Industrial Communities Alliance. Members agreed that as this was currently being reviewed, an appointment should be made at the next meeting of Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley Local Area Council.

The Chair stated that an appointment was required for the Community Chest Panel. She had spoken to Councillor Bowman previous to the meeting who had agreed to be appointed to the panel.

A query was raised as to whether Members were still being appointed to the Mayfield Community Centre and it was advised that this would be looked into.

**RESOLVED** that the list of appointments be agreed

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **09. MEMBERS' LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES - PROGRESS REPORT**

Members received an update report on Members' Local Improvement Schemes as of 1 May 2019. (Attached to the official minutes as Appendix B).

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### **10. LOCAL AREA COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME**

Members received the latest version of agreed items for future Local Area Council meetings. (Attached to the official minutes as Appendix C).

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

### **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday, 19 June at Concordia Leisure Centre, Cramlington - time to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 6.34 pm.

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_