



Ashington Town Council
Town Hall, 65 Station Road
Ashington, Northumberland
NE63 8RU

3rd February 2025

To All members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**, in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 65 STATION ROAD, NE63 8RU**, on **Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 6:00pm**.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below, along with associated papers. If you have any questions about any of the items on the agenda, please contact the office.

The meeting is open to the press and public. As per the agenda and our standing orders, any resident wishing to speak should contact us prior to the meeting, before 5pm on Monday 10th February 2025.

Sarah Eden
Executive Office/RFO

AGENDA

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

Members are also reminded that they need to regularly review their declarations of interest forms and ensure they remain up to date.

4. DISPENSATIONS

To receive and consider any dispensations.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair to receive any items put forward by members of the public and to put questions to or draw relevant matters to the attention of the Council. This is for a period of 15 minutes overall and is limited to 3 minutes per person.

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Please email/telephone the office with questions on items on the agenda no later than 5.00pm on Monday 10th February 2025.

6. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 (enc)ⁱ

7. CLERK AND OFFICER UPDATES

To receive an update on items actioned since the previous meeting (to follow)ⁱⁱ

8. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2024/25

a) Updated Budget Report

To receive updated budget and expenditure report (enc)ⁱⁱⁱ

b) Accounts Paid and to be Paid (including Bank Reconciliation)

To receive a schedule of accounts paid and to be paid; to endorse those accounts paid and agree those to be paid, since 6th January 2025 (enc)^{iv}

9. SMALL GRANT FUNDING – FEBRUARY 2024

a) Ashington Community Woodlands parkrun

To receive an application from parkrun, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^v

b) Blossoming Communities

To receive an application from Blossoming Communities, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^{vi}

c) Bomarsund Welfare Cricket Club

To receive an application from Bomarsund Welfare Cricket Club, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^{vii}

d) Butokokan Judo Club

To receive an application from Butokokan Judo Club, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^{viii}

e) Evergreens Over 60's Club

To receive an application from Evergreens Over 60's Club, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^{ix}

f) Wansbeck Gymnastics and Trampolining Club

To receive an application from Wansbeck Gymnastics and Trampolining Club, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^x

g) AFC Newbiggin Juniors Football Club

To receive an application from AFC Newbiggin Juniors Football Club, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^{xi}

h) Talking Marras

To receive an application from Talking Marras, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^{xii}

i) Wansbeck Community Links (Cygnum Support)

To receive an application from Cygnum Support, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^{xiii}

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10. FESTIVE LIGHTING PROCUREMENT

To receive draft documents for Festive Lighting Procurement (preferred supplier), and agree to list the opportunity on Contracts Finder, according to the timescale detailed (enc)^{xiv}

11. YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To receive a report of the meeting held on 21st January 2025, and agree to endorse the actions (enc)^{xv}

12. HIRST EAST END ALLOTMENTS FIRE

To receive any available update on the fire at a single plot at Hirst East End Allotments, and to consider the Council's responsibility in regards clearance and remedial works to reinstate the plot and allow it to be cultivated

13. PLAY AREA SIGNAGE

To receive image of proposed new play area signage, and agree to place order (enc)^{xvi}

14. PEOPLE'S PARK

To agree to install a permanent vehicle access gate off the car park, allowing entry and egress during Fair Day (enc)^{xvii}

15. EV VAN INSURANCE UPDATE

To receive offer from MS Amblin Insurance for Pre-Accident Valuation of Citroen eDispatch of £18,128.00, to formally consider offer and agree response (enc)^{xviii}

16. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th March 2025, 6:00pm, Council Chamber.

ENCLOSURES

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- ⁱ Draft Minutes of the Finance and General Services Committee, 14th January 2025
 - ⁱⁱ Clerk and Officer Update, February (to be further updated/tabled)
 - ⁱⁱⁱ Updated Budget and Expenditure Report 2024/25 (February)
 - ^{iv} Schedule of Accounts paid/to be paid
 - ^v Ashington Community Woodlands parkrun (redacted)
 - ^{vi} Blossoming Communities (redacted)
 - ^{vii} Bomarsund Welfare Cricket Club (redacted)
 - ^{viii} Butokokan Judo Club (redacted)
 - ^{ix} Evergreens Over 60's Club (redacted)
 - ^x Wansbeck Gymnastics and Trampolining Club (redacted)
 - ^{xi} AFC Newbiggin Juniors Football Club (redacted)
 - ^{xii} Talking Marras (redacted)
 - ^{xiii} Wansbeck Community Links (Cygnus)
 - ^{xiv} Draft Tender Brief – Festive Lights
 - ^{xv} Youth Advisory Committee, Report of Meeting 21st January 2025
 - ^{xvi} Proposed Play Area signage
 - ^{xvii} Location Map
 - ^{xviii} Insurance Offer

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