

## **12 NOVEMBER CLERKS REPORT – FULL COUNCIL**

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: (maximum 15 minutes)**

There are no members of the public registered to attend

### **BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

ATC are yet to be formally notified of the outcome of this. The Clerk has asked if they intend on formally advising the Council.

### **MINUTES: TOWN COUNCIL**

*Members are asked to show their agreement*

### **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS and REPORT:**

**To receive the communications and report of the Chairman pertaining to Council Business:**

**Chairman** – Members to note

**Vice Chairman** – All meetings are noted on the agenda. Future- Armistice Day-wreath for Radcliffe Memorial.

#### **Finance**

Members are asked to consider the grant requests received from AGE UK and Amble Youth Project

#### **Budget**

Members are asked to consider the first draft of the budget and precept request for the next financial year. This budget has been devised so as to not incur additional expense for residents at what is already a challenging and difficult time especially as the individual household cost will rise slightly due to a smaller tax base. Members are asked to only consider page one of the documents as the ear marked funds have not been allocated yet.

The interim audit for the current financial year has been completed and has raised no issues to report. The internal auditor has confirmed that he will no longer be completing the audit for ATC after the current year. It may be possible that the Council's financial advisor can take up this role.

### **AMENITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning outcomes for October 2020

Members are asked to note.

Hauxley Grange discharge of conditions – Members are asked to review and discuss so that comments can be sent on time.

#### **Seafarers Application**

For information only

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **To discuss the dedication plaque for Memorial Gardens Tree**

Discussions are to take place with the Stewart family with regards to their wishes and the Council's intention for the dedication plaque for the memorial garden tree. Members will be updated when more information is available.

### **To receive an update on the proposed site outline under Policy INF 5 Northumberland Local Plan**

After numerous meetings and emails the new boundary has been agreed and ATC have been able to withdraw their request to attend the planning hearing on 10 November 2020. A copy of the agreed boundary has been circulated.

### **Consultation on street naming and numbering request - Land North East Of Amble Sewage Treatment Works, Percy Drive, Amble.**

Members are asked to consider the naming suggestions presented by the developer of this estate.

### **To discuss the nominations for the Cycle Donation**

The cycle donation / nominations is now live, however, there has to date been no applications.

### **To discuss the request for additional lighting at Church Street Bus Shelter**

Northumbria Police have requested additional lighting at Church Street Bus Shelter. Numerous options have been considered, the outcome of these are attached in the notes with the agenda papers.

### **To agree retrospective approval for costs to remove rubbish from office**

A quote of £36 was received for the removal of additional rubbish from the TC office. Members are asked to agree to retrospective approval of this.

### **To retrospectively agree Mayoral reading for digital Christmas service**

Cllr Weir was requested to do a reading for the Church Christmas Service. This would be recorded in advance.

### **To approve the news page for The Ambler**

Members are asked to approve the news page

### **To approve the Risk Assessment for gardening and gardening related tasks for Amble Town Council**

Members are asked to review and agree the Risk Assessment

### **To discuss the request to offer free school meal vouchers**

Cllr Parks requested the Council considered offering free school meal vouchers during school holidays to those families in need.

Cllr Watson has already donated to The Amble Food Bank specifically for this purpose. Amble Food Bank are well stocked at the moment. There are some initial concerns with supplying vouchers, namely, the ability to identify those families genuinely in need and how to get the vouchers to them. Members to discuss.

### **To receive an update on High Street Garden Fence Maintenance**

As no contact details could be obtained for the owner of the fence, contact has been made with the letting agent with a request that they ask the owner to contact the Council. There has been no response as yet.

### **To request retrospective approval the plaque for the Town Christmas Tree**

Members are asked to agree the plaque for the High Street Garden Xmas tree. As this was partially funded by Northumberland Estates, it is previously determined it would be appropriate for them to be named on the plaque. A proof of the proposed plaque is attached.

### **To discuss and approve the plaque for the Seafarers Memorial**

Members are asked to agree the content of the Seafarers Memorial Plaques

### **To receive an update on Town Nordmann Fir Trees**

The Town Christmas Trees are now both in situ with many thanks to all those who volunteered their time and assistance. The trees look magnificent in place and work is now beginning to arrange to have the lights put on.

### **To agree retrospective approval for additional costs re West Cemetery Fountain and subsequent update**

The West Cemetery Fountain is now in place, however after being on a day it began to overflow. ATC and NCC attended on Saturday afternoon to sort the issue and switch the fountain off. It is thought that this issue was caused by leaves blocking the pipes and that a cover for the nozzle or some type of additional filter is needed. The contractor is currently looking at suitable solutions. The Fountain remains switched off.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- NHS Healthcare Young Persons Feedback
- Amble Caravan Site Concerns and ATC response
- Ashden and North of Tyne Fuel Poverty event
- Bitesize Funding Fair - Lough Fund
- Invitation to Attend a Coastal Summit 5pm to 6.30pm, Wednesday 11th November 2020
- Complaint regarding increased dog fouling at the end of King Edward Street / Middleton Street
- Free Light Trail Offer – The Alnwick Garden
- NALC Enews 9/10, 14/10, 15/10, 21/10
- NCC Communities Hub – Christmas Plans
- Orange Box North East
- To note the request regarding the Zebra Crossing damage on Church Street and response
- Rehab4Addiction Infographic Request

**Members are asked to note**

## **INFORMATION ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR CIRCULATION**

- To note the minutes of the Partnership meeting with NCC
- To note the update regarding the Covid-19 Snake Trail
- To note the update on the flooding issue at Paddlers Park 12/10, 16/10, 21/10

- To note the outcome of the meeting with Andrew Mounsey re lighting up of the clock tower
- To note the outcome of the meeting regarding the Seafarers Memorial
- To note the outcome of the meeting regarding the water feature at Paddlers Park

**Members are asked to note**