

CLERKS REPORT OCTOBER 2021

123. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS AS PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS: To receive the report of Councillors who represent ATC on outside bodies (Cllr Reports)

123.1 To receive an update from the URC meeting and queries regarding asset disposal

Report from Cllr Regan

123.2 To receive an update on the NALC AGM

Report from Cllr Bewley

123.3 To receive a report on the HfN Estate walkabout

To receive a report from Cllrs Parks and Bewley

124. FINANCIAL REPORT:

124.1 To consider voucher numbers 111 – 167 for payment and receipt vouchers 35-45

Cllrs Weir and Morrison have payments to declare.

Cllr Lewis has a receipt to note.

124.2 Bank Reconciliation

124.4 Grant requests

- **Great North Air Ambulance**

The Council agreed at the May AGM to support this charity with a grant of £100.00

124.5 To note the preliminary Budget Meeting on 19 October 2021 at 10am

This meeting will take place in Council offices. All members welcome. Please confirm with the Clerk.

125. AMENITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

125.1 To approve the minutes of meeting held 30th September

Members are asked to note the minutes.

125.2 To discuss a financial contribution to AAHS for a Pest Control course.

Members are asked to discuss agreement towards Pest Control course for tenants of AAHS.

125.3 To note the notes from AAHS meeting 15 September 2021 and notes of AGM.

Members to note.

125.4 To receive an update on Paddlers Park equipment repair- Swings and Air Walker

NCC have been asked as to whether they have the correct tools required to repair the air walker. Staff have chased for an update.

125.5 To discuss request for a memorial seat at Paddlers Park

A resident has requested a memorial seat be placed at the top of Bay View overlooking Paddlers Park, alongside the other dedicated seat there. Members are asked to consider the location. The resident also would like to have plants in between the seats if permitted and has said they would be happy to look after them. The resident however, understood that this may not be possible due to long term maintenance. Members are asked to discuss.

125.6 To agree theme for next year for Wynd and Dilston Terrace beds

Members are asked to discuss and agree themes for 2022.

126: PLANNING COMMITTEE

126.1 To receive the Planning Report

Members to note

126.2 To note the minutes of the Planning Committee 28 September 2021

Members to note if available.

126.3 To receive an update on Coble Quay Walkway if available and note letter sent to Rob Murfin

Members to note the letter. To date there has been no response from NCC and the walkway remains closed.

126.4 To note the Zoom Training sessions available to members and staff

All to note and register attendance with Clerk if any of interest.

127. AGENDA ITEMS:

127.1 To receive an update on Remembrance Day arrangements

Invitations have now been sent out and an attendance list is being drawn up. The Councils wreaths are in the office. Ben Newall has been booked to provide the PA. Tommy Boswell has been approached for use of the barriers however these are out on loan to someone else at the moment and may not be back in time.

The Cadets have requested that they are involved in any meetings to discuss the arrangements. The parade this year will be to St Marks URC Church and the appropriate SAG form has been completed with notification of which road closures are required. We await to hear from NCC. A TEN form is not required for Remembrance Day events. A new flag has been ordered.

127.2 To receive an update on the Open Space Disposal request

As required by law, an advert outlining the Councils desire to dispose of Open Space as designated in the Northumberland Local Plan has been published in the Northumberland Gazette on 23/9 and 30/9. The advert will also be on the Northumberland Gazette website and has also been placed in the main Noticeboard in the centre of Town. Display boards have been set up in the Council offices for those residents wishing to view the area outline and to leave comments for consideration. To date there have been three viewings. The deadline for responses to the Council is 21 October 2021.

127.3 To receive an update on Percy Drive Pedestrian Crossings and decide the preferred option

NCC Officers have produced a number of options relating to pedestrian crossings for Percy Drive.

The first is for the construction of pedestrian refuges (which will require road widening & associated verge/footway works).

The second is for zebra crossings which will require some electrical connections and minor footway works.

The feasibility estimates are -

Pedestrian Refuges - just over £62k

Zebra Crossings - just over £29k

Members are asked to discuss and agree which is the preferred option. This will then go on to next year's LTP Programme for construction.

127.4 To agree questions ahead of Cabinet Member visit on 11 November 2021

It is intended that County Cllr Glen Sanderson will attend a meeting with Amble TC on 11 November at 4.30pm. Members are asked to agree a set of questions which can be shared with Cllr Sanderson ahead of the meeting so that he has the opportunity to seek the relevant updates. The Full Council meeting will then follow on at 6.00pm. Currently, Cllr Sanderson is meeting our Members at the Masonic Lodge however if further Council meetings are to held elsewhere this will need to be changed. Members to confirm with the Clerk as soon as possible.

127.5 To discuss arrangements for Chairs Reception

The Chair's Christmas reception will be held at Radcliffe Club as this venue has more space. It is hoped this can be on Friday 10th December- date to be confirmed. Members are asked to suggest a charity to be support with a raffle. The Council Christmas card is being printed with a photograph kindly supplied by Andrew Mounsey.

127.6 To discuss the options for Councillors' new email addresses and determine whether to implement

It is possible for all members to be given a amble.gov.uk. This can be implemented by the current website host. The cost to set up the 9 Gmail accounts and configure them would be £210.00+vat as a one-off fee. The monthly cost for each mailbox would be £1+vat. We currently pay £15+vat per month. The cost would therefore increase to £24+vat per month. Members are asked to discuss and decide if this is something they would like. The idea of an email account solely for council communications is recommended by NALC as greater transparency can be achieved by this means. The Clerk would require all passwords to be logged so that spot checks could be made if needed. When Members leave the council, the Clerk would be able to close these accounts.

127.7 To receive an update on the Local Authority Treescape Fund and The Woodland Trust tree planting

It is expected that the trees will be available for planting after 12 November. Trees from The Woodland Trust require assistance in the planting of these. Cllrs Morrison and Parks are liaising with schools as to whether it will be possible for the children to help out. Members are asked to set a date if possible for preparation and planting. The trees from the Local Authority Tree Scape Fund have designated teams to plant them.

127.8 To receive updates on Jubilee arrangements and costs

The fireworks for April 2022 have been booked along with security for the event. Quotes for flood lighting have been sourced from the same company used by NCC. Staff are seeking other quotations and will report back. Warkworth Parish have confirmed that we can use The Braid. Staff still need to complete all the relevant paperwork for SAG/TEN.

Some quotations have been received for a roller-skating rink. Costs are as follows:

Company	Size	Duration	Cost
IM	10mx10m – 30ppl	2 days	£7k plus VAT
IM	16mx10m – 40ppl	2 days	£9k plus VAT
IM	20MX10m – 65ppl	2 days	£12k plus VAT
FDE	9mx9m – 30ppl	2 days	£2k plus VAT
SK8H	10mx12m – tbc	2 days	Tbc
SK8H	10mx15m – tbc	2 days	Tbc
SK8H	10mx20m – tbc	2 days	Tbc

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Other costs to bear in mind include:

- Payment even if weather terrible and cannot go ahead.
- Additional costs for set up time 2 hours, staff to supervise, skates to hire- it is desirable to hire a company who provide staff and skates
- A first aid person will be required on site – some company employees can do this.
- Hire is for 4 hours only- longer hire has additional cost.
- Dependent on location of the rink, there are different fixings to consider and they have associated costs and implications.
- Whether the company still expects to charge participants/ if Council wish to set charges to offset costs.

Cllr Weir is liaising with NTC to ascertain if we can use their grounds for the skating rink and also whether we can use their facilities to have a slide show of Old Amble. It is hoped that entry will be assisted by some willing volunteers although they have not been approached yet.

128. COMMUNICATIONS: RECOMMENDATION - *That the Council note the items.*

128.1 To note email re Morrisons notice board

All businesses and community groups are to be encouraged to advertise here by contacting the Community Champion at the store

128.2 To note the various complaints regarding inconsiderate parking at Acklington Road, Bisley Road, Sheila’s Close, Byron Street, King Edward Street

Members were made aware of the various complaints regarding parking within the town. These concerns are well documented and have been reported to the official people responsible for carrying out any action, Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police.

128.3 To note updates from Ruth Armstrong

Members to note

128.4 To note the update re swimming lessons with Park Leisure

Members to note that school swimming lessons will once again resume with Park Leisure. It is expected that private swimming lessons will follow suit in due course.

128.5 To note the response sent re Local Planning Validation

Members were thanked for their comments which were duly submitted.

128.6 NALC Councillor Survey

Members to complete.

128.7 To note political communications being posted on lamp posts

Members to note. NCC are aware.

128.8 Community Climate Champion Launch Event

Members to note

128.9 To note the letter from Mr Stewart re Leisure Facilities in Amble.

Members to note

128.10 To note the response sent re: Climate Emergency Declaration

Members to note response sent as agreed at last Full Council meeting

128.11 To note response sent re State Aid Declaration

Guidance was sought on which declaration to complete. The response has now been sent.

128.12 European Pilgrimage to COP26 visits Amble

To note

129. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR CIRCULATION:

RECOMMENDATION - *That the Council note the information items.*

129.1 Newsletter from Anne Marie Trevelyan 10/9, 17/9,24/9, 1/10,

Members to note

129.2 Escape Family Support newsletter

Members to note

129.3 Can Enews 17/9, 1/10,

Members to note

129.4 Caring Together - News from Northumberland System Transformation Board

Members to note

129.5 To note NALC AGM 9 October 2021

Members to note

129.6 NALC newsletter 10/9, 20/9,

Members to note

129.7 To note National Rotary Seed Challenge

Cllr Weir to update. Members to note