



ALNWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor

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6th February 2015

The next meeting of the Council will be held on **Thursday 12th February 2015** in St James Church Rooms Pottergate Alnwick at **7.00pm**. You are hereby requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

Bill Batey
Clerk to Town Council

Agenda

1. Questions from the Public
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of the Last meeting – 15th January 2015
5. Matters Arising
6. Mayor's Report
7. Minutes of the Committees
 - a) Planning, Highways & Transport Committee Meeting (15th January 2015)
 - b) Cemetery Committee (22nd January 2015)
 - c) Recreation & Amenities Committee (29th January 2015).
8. Schools Consultation
9. Magna Carta events
10. Proposed Town Spring Clean
11. Correspondence
12. Feedback Local Multi-agency Crime Prevention Initiative Meeting
13. Financial Matters – Payments
14. Any Other Urgent Business

Declarations of Interest

To receive disclosures of pecuniary interests from Councillors, on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the course of the meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it.

Agenda item 6**Mayor's Report**

An update on the mayor's diary can be obtained at <http://alnwickmayor.wordpress.com/>

Agenda item 8**Schools Consultation**

Consultation is currently underway for school organisation in the Alnwick Partnership. Discussions from schools in the Alnwick Partnership have resulted in two alternative options being proposed and views of interested parties are being sought. A consultation document is available on the NCC website at www.northumberland.gov.uk/alnwickconsult. A copy was circulated with the previous Council agenda. Various school meetings have been held, the last of which is at the Duchess's High School on 24th February. The Consultation is open until 11th March 2015. Parish Councils are invited to respond if they wish. At the last council meeting it was agreed to take no view at that time and to add the item to the agenda for this meeting.

Recommendation: That the Council considers how to respond to the consultation.

Agenda Item 9**Magna Carta events**

Councillors will be aware that 2015 marks the 800 year anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta and one of the 25 barons involved with the Charter was Eustace de Vesci from Alnwick. A working group (from the Recreation & Amenities Committee) are looking at ways of marking the event in Alnwick, they will be holding a further meeting on 23rd February to map out the possibilities, this will include displaying a facsimile of the Magna Carta in the Bailiffgate Museum and some school activities.

Two national events are being held as part of the celebrations:

1. The Lord Mayor's Reception in the Mansion House London on Tuesday 12 May, 12.00-14.30pm. The Lord Mayor of London will be inviting up to ten people from each of the Magna Carta Barons villages and towns to an official reception. (That week is especially important for London because on that day in 1215, King John ordered the seizure of the barons' castles. Five days later, on 17 May, while its leading citizens were at Mass, a small group of Londoners, in league with the barons, opened its gates to allow their army to enter. This action sealed the fate of the king and led to Runnymede and Magna Carta a month later). It is anticipated that this will be the first time in 800 years that representatives of the Magna Carta Barons manors will be present in London at the same time. The invitation is for 10 people to attend.
2. An event at Runnymede in Surrey, on 15th June starting at 9am. This is the place that the original Magna Carta was sealed on 15th June 1215. At this stage, the invitation is for one person. (Note this event is after the next annual meeting of the Council). Names have been requested for both events by the end of next week.

Recommendation: That the Council agrees that a) the Mayor and his guest attend the Lord Mayor's reception as an approved duty, with any other councillors attending (up to the maximum number of 10), at their own expense and b) the Mayor, or Deputy Mayor attend the event at Runnymede as an approved duty.

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Proposed Town Spring Clean

At the last meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee it was suggested that the Town Council organises a spring clean of the town before Easter. Last year two successful events were held, the first of which was prior to Easter and was on Sunday 6th April. It is suggested that the date this year should be Sunday 29th March 2015 which is at the start of the school holidays and the week before Easter.

Recommended: that the Council agrees to organise a town spring clean, with its partners on Sunday 29th March 2015.

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Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received since the last meeting:

Date	Detail	Action if any
22 nd Jan	NCC – Alnwick Bike Track project awarded £30k from sec 106 developer fund subject to permissions etc. being in place, (ATC to hold the funding)	To note
23 rd Jan	NALC –enews	Available from the clerk on request
29 th Jan	NCC – Road Closure Narrowgate from 18 th April – 19 th May (likely only on 19 th April)	To note
29 th Jan	NCC – Additional meeting of Town & Parish Liaison Working Group – 17 th Feb	Mayor to attend if possible
29 th Jan	NCC – Letter from Council Deputy Leader regarding Town & Parish council relationships	Circulated with the agenda
10 th Feb	NALC – NALC roadshow events – nearest are Longframlington 24 th Feb and Embleton 17 th March both at 6-8pm These are free events	Councillors to consider if they wish to attend

Recommendation: That the correspondence received be considered.

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Financial Matters –Payments

The following invoices have been received for payment (as at 6th February); this list will be updated at the meeting, if necessary.

HMRC	£2,083.95	Tax/NI payment for Jan
Wages Account	£5,000	

NCC	£150	Rent for Fenkle Street, 13/12-12/1 (Paid 28/1/15)
NCC	£1296	Watering of Hanging Baskets – part of grant to Alnwick in Bloom
Sanders Plant & Waste Management Ltd	£2734.78	Removal of play equipment and hard landscaping – Glovers Green
NCC	£150	Rent for Fenkle Street 13/1- 12/2
NCC	£108	Hire of Northumberland Hall for Remembrance Sunday
Team Valley Webdesign	£499.92	Website Hosting, Feb 15 – Nov 15
Sportsworld (NE) Ltd	£120	Materials for Alnwick Recreational Runners (purchased with grant award of £100 net)
St James's Church Centre	£109	Room Booking Neighbourhood Plan 18/9/14
St James's Church Centre	£690	Room Bookings – Council meetings 9/14-5/15
Woodsman Arboricultural Consultancy	£1290	Cemetery Tree Survey and report and production of Digital Map
Diamond Business Systems Ltd	£59.40	Photocopier quarterly service charge
WR Batey	£65	£65 Room Booking for video conference with Time Kommune (our twin town in Norway), stationary £2.99
TOTAL	£14,356.05	

The following payments are now paid by direct debit and are reported for information		
BT	£77.01	phone bills cemetery and cemetery lodge paid 28 th Jan 15
BT	£22.30	Fenkle Street phone bill paid 25 th Jan 15

Recommendation: To approve and authorise the above payments amounting to £14,356.05, to note the direct debit payments of £99.31