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Dear Councillor

Clerk to Council

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5th August 2016

The next meeting of the Council will be held on **Thursday 11th August 2016** in St James Church Rooms, Pottergate, Alnwick at **7.15pm**. 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. Mayor's Report
5. Minutes of the Last meeting (14th July 2016)
6. Matters Arising
7. Local Transport Plan Priorities 2017-18 (from Planning Committee)
8. Future Budget Issues in Northumberland
9. Request on behalf of Local Living (Cllr Swinbank)
10. Minutes of the Committees
 - a) Planning Committee Meeting (14^h July 2016)
 - b) Cemetery Committee (21st July 2016)
 - c) Recreation & Amenities (28th July 2016)
11. Correspondence
12. Financial Matters – Payments
13. Feedback from Community Safety Hub
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 4**Mayor's Report**

The Mayor will give his monthly report.

Agenda item 7**Local Transport Plan Priorities 2017-18**

Recommendations will be made for the top three town council priorities, which will be submitted to NCC for possible inclusion in the 2017/18 Local Transport Plan. The recommendations will come from the Planning Committee earlier in the evening.

Recommendation: To agree the Local Transport Plan submission**Agenda item 8****Future Budget issues in Northumberland**

The Town Council has received correspondence from NALC about future savings that need to be made by NCC. NCC are projecting the need to make cumulative revenue savings of £20M in each of Financial Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. These projections were discussed at the NALC County Committee on 9 July 2016. The correspondence highlights-

'that it is clear given the scale of budget reductions being faced by the County Council that all service areas will be under considerable pressure to identify savings, and from past experience those services which are not provided under statutory duties and hence their provision is at the discretion of the local authority are most likely to be the subject of further reductions. These service areas are likely to include green/environmental services (such as grass cutting, amenity land maintenance), public toilet provision, supported bus services and community group support.

It would be prudent for individual communities to give early consideration on how they would wish to respond to service reductions in these areas, for example whether they wish to maintain, partially reduce or improve the current level of service within their individual areas.

Senior County Council members and officers wish to work with individual Parish, Town and Community Councils to explore whether there is an option for joint or shared working. In some areas Councils may prefer to take on the work themselves through contractors, in-house staff or volunteers. In other areas, reductions in the area mown (as an example) may mean that NCC can continue to mow some land on a more regular basis.

There is also the opportunity to consider different ways of working. For example, I know that a number of Councils are replacing mown grassed areas with wild flowers.

The NALC County Committee is anxious to give Member Councils as much time as possible to discuss the issues, and decide what is best for their area. By starting now, Councils should have around 18 months to investigate and implement options.'

Recommendation: That the Town Council determines how it wishes to respond to and consider the issues.

Agenda item 9**Request on behalf of Local Living (Cllr Swinbank)**

At the Recreation and Amenities Committee, Councillor Swinbank reported that a Local Living Leader Funding Application was being delayed. He asked if the Town Council could write to Anne Marie Trevelyan asking for her help with the matter.

Recommendation: To consider the request.

Agenda item 11**Correspondence**

The following correspondence has been received since the last meeting:

Date	Detail	Action if any
19 th July	NALC enews	Available from clerk on request
26 th July	NALC enews	Available from clerk on request
27 th July	NCC - Lion Bridge Update – works to start 5 th September	To Note

Recommendation: That the correspondence received be noted

Agenda item 12**Financial Matters – a) Payments**

The following invoices have been received for payment (as at 3rd June); this list will be updated at the meeting, if necessary.

PAYEE	TOTAL	VAT	DETAIL
NCC	£1,714.48	£0	Housing needs survey (1 st payment)
NCC	£3,110.99	£0	Housing needs survey (2 nd payment)
J Pibworth	£10.00	£1.66	Stationery for office
CPS	£264.00	£44.00	Outdoor stage parts
Alnwick Paint & Glass	£14.54	£2.43	Materials for play areas
Alnwick Paint & Glass	£5.93	£0.99	Materials for play areas
Panel Systems	£2,982.53	£497.09	Indoor stages for Music Festival (payment received from NCC for £1,424.44 towards this)
Chris Bowden	£500	£0	Repair and repointing to cemetery chapels and store and clearing gutters
Playdale Ltd	£275.08	£45.85	Play area parts
St James's Church Centre	£300	£0	Room Bookings 4/16 – 7/16
TOTAL	£9,177.55	£592.02	

The following payments are now paid by direct debit and are reported for information

npower	£169.07	£8.05	Electricity bill for Cemetery Chapel Clock
npower	£46.57	£2.22	Electricity bill for Cemetery store
npower	£103.98	4.95	Electricity bill for Robertson's Fountain
BT	£54.47	£7.58	Cemetery Office
BT	£33.46	£5.58	Fenkle Street

Recommendation: To approve and authorise the above payments amounting to £9,177.55 and to note the direct debit payments of £407.55.