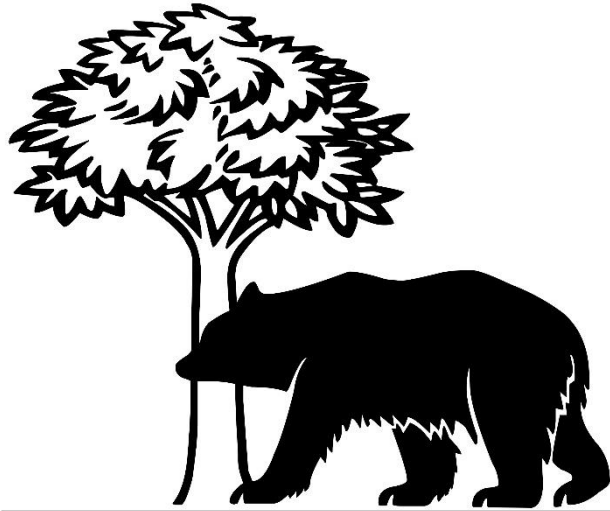


BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL



**Berwick-upon-Tweed
Town Council**

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Friday 06
September 2024 at 5.00 pm in The Meeting Room, Town Council
Office, Unit 1, 82 – 88 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	J Robertson (Chair)	R Mackenzie
	J Bowden	G Smith
	R Driver	L Stephenson
	M Greener	T Stewart
	L Hawken	J Turton

IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephen Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
Cty Cllr G Hill
Cty Cllr C Seymour
0 members of the public

MINUTE NO.	TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	Mover	Seconded	Decision
C067/24	OPEN SESSION			
	Members of the public may make representations, ask questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda. This is for a period of 15 minutes overall and is limited to 3 minutes per person.	N/A	N/A	Cllr R Makenzie raised the issues of a need for date in October to consider the Strategic Plan. Cllr T Stewart raised concerns regarding vandalism of litter bins. Cllr J Robertson responded that the Wardens would be consulted prior to a meeting with Northumberland County Council where the topic would be raised for discussion whilst there was a need to be logging incidents with the police.
C068/24	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE			
	To receive apologies for absence.	N/A	N/A	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Brown.
C069/24	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS			
	(i) Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any	N/A	N/A	i. There were no disclosures of interest.

	<p>disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 9 July 2012, and are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room.</p> <p>(ii) To receive and consider requests from members who have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any items on the agenda an application for dispensation under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 to enable members to participate in discussions and voting.</p>	N/A	N/A	<p>ii. There were no requests for dispensation.</p>
C070/24	RECRUITMENT POLICY			
	To consider adopting the Recruitment Policy.			<p>Councillors provided feedback for amendments including the use of logos and delegation to the Staffing Committee.</p> <p>After which, Council RESOLVED:</p>

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To delegate to Cllr R Mackenzie and Cllr L Hawken to make adjustments as necessary, and 2. That the Policy be brought to the meeting of full Council on 30 September 2024 for adoption.
C071/24	RIGHT TO WORK POLICY			
	To consider adopting the Right to Work Policy.			<p>Councillors provided feedback on required amendments including the use of logos, date adopted, formatting including the use of square brackets and italics.</p> <p>After which, Council RESOLVED to adopt the policy with the amendments discussed.</p>
C072/24	DRUGS AND ALCOHOL POLICY			
	To consider adopting the Drugs and Alcohol Policy.			<p>Councillors provided feedback on a number of amendments required including the use of logos, formatting including the use of square brackets and italics, the using of the term residents and the public and the wording and policy for the section entitled 'Searches'.</p> <p>After which, Council RESOLVED to adopt the policy with the amendments discussed.</p>

C073/24	DATE OF NEXT MEETING			
	The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, 30 September 2024 at 6 pm.	N/A	N/A	Noted.