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To: **ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

You are hereby invited to attend a Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** to be held at **YMCA Northumberland, North View, Ashington NE63 9XQ on Tuesday 13 July 2021 at 6.00 p.m.**

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Mike Slaughter  
Clerk to the Town Council

8 July 2021

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## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair to invite members of the public present to put questions to or draw relevant matters to the attention of the Council, prior to commencement of business. This is for a period of 15 minutes overall and is limited to 3 minutes per person.

### **OPEN AGENDA**

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR.**

2. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR.**

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

4. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.**

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

Members are also reminded that they need to regularly review their declarations of interest forms and ensure they remain up to date.

5. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.**

To sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 May 2021

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

**7. GROUNDWORK NORTH EAST & CUMBRIA - RIVER WANSBECK.**

To receive a presentation and updates from Groundwork North East & Cumbria on:

**(i) Wansbeck Barrage**

A project to improve water quality and address the issue of siltation on the River Wansbeck.

**(ii) Green Recovery Challenge Fund**

A recent application for external funding to employ teams of young people to improve access and woodland management on six estuaries in the North East including the River Wansbeck.

**8. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING SUPPORT (Appendix 1).**

To consider and discuss applications for funding support from:

- Woodhorn Narrow Gauge Railway
- Dukes Secondary School (NCEA)

**9. FUNDING SUPPORT TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS (Appendix 2)**

To consider and discuss the level and duration of funding support to outside organisations operating within Ashington.

**10. INSTALLATION OF CCTV – PADDOCK WOOD & PEOPLES PARK PLAY AREAS (Appendix 3)**

To discuss and consider the installation of CCTV provision at Paddock Wood and the Peoples Park Play Areas following recent vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

**11. BALLOON AND SKY LANTERN RELEASES (Appendix 4)  
(Cllr. Michelle Brannigan)**

To consider and discuss a motion opposing the release of Balloons and Sky Lanterns on environmental and eco-friendly grounds.

**12. CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP**

To agree the format and structure of the Working Group and to formally appoint Town Council members.

**13. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS (Appendix 5).**

To receive a full schedule of all payments and income receipts for the financial Period 24 April – 8 July 2021.

**14. BUDGET REPORT 2020/21 (Appendix 6)**

To receive the budget report for the financial period 1 April – 8 July 2021.

**15. BANK SIGNATORIES.**

To agree the elected members to be the formal bank signatories for Town Council financial transactions.

**16. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING.**

Tuesday 28 September 2021 at 6:00pm – Venue to be agreed.

**ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCILLORS:**

**Eleanor Armstrong, Caroline Ball, Michelle Brannigan, Victor Bridges,  
Louis Brown, Vicky Brown, Marjorie Chambers, Avril Chisholm, Matthew  
Cuthbert, Lynne Grimshaw, Lawrence Henderson, Jim Lang, Liam Lavery,  
Mark Purvis, Sophie Robinson, Pauline Thompson, John Tully,  
Bob Walkinshaw.**