Inte rest	Present	Cllr A Sharp	Cllr J Hunter	Clerk – Susan Saunders		
S	18.00	Cllr M Ridley	Cllr M Bowes			
		Cllr C Banks	Cllr D Rogan-Mackie			
	4.64 (22		Cllr A Cheverst			
	161/23	Apologies for absence, Cllr J Clark, Cllr I Hutchinson.				
		Cllr Hodgson is using her married name moving forward and will henceforth be addressed				
		as Cllr Bowes.				
	162/23	Councillor Co-option – Members had met Ms Abigail Cheverst last week and it was				
		agreed to co-opt her to the council.				
		The declaration of acceptance was signed and, Cllr Cheverst took part in the meeting.				
		PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp SECONDED Cllr M Ridley AGREED				
	163/23	Guests				
		Locality Coordinator	 Delia Faran spoke about 	the work of Northumberland Communities		
		Together which is part of Northumberland County Council supporting residents in				
		Northumberland. They have pathways to support struggling individuals and can fast track				
		them onto the appropriate service they may require.				
		The group will be holding a Well-Being event on 25th September for anyone to come along				
		and see what organisations there are in the area.				
		They have teamed up with Age UK to have a friendship group on a Wednesday afternoon in				
		the library. They are looking for volunteers to help with this.				
		After this item was c	oncluded Cllr Sharp report	ed the resignation of both Cllr G Ridley and		
		After this item was concluded Cllr Sharp reported the resignation of both Cllr G Ridley and Cllr J Elliott and spoke about them both.				
		Cllr John Elliott has been a councillor since 2017 and in that time was a representative on				
		the Partnership, Burial Committee, staffing committee and flood group. The council				
		appreciate the work John has undertaken on behalf of the council for the town.				
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		Cllr Graham Ridley has resigned due to his health and will be a great miss. He has been on				
		the council for over 20 years and has a wealth of knowledge of the town and its history.				
		Members wish him well and thank him for his dedicated service and commitment to the				
		town as a councillor and, also as, our GP.				
		Cllr Sharp then went on to the sad news of Cllr M Forrest who died on 22nd August 2023.				
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		Margaret Forrest was first elected in 1999 and has served on the council for nearly 25 years. She has been a dedicated and committed councillor and was the vice -chair for many years				
				aigner and was tireless in her pursuit of the		
			5 5 1	ficer for many years and would regularly	:	
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		contact them and the local MPs on behalf of residents.				
		The council then stead for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Margaret Formest				
-	164/23	The council then stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Margaret Forrest.				
		Public Questions – No questions				
	165/23	Declarations of In				
		The Chair reminded members of the Council of their duty to declare an interest at each				
		agenda item, and he informed everyone that that the initials of Councillors declaring an				
		interest will be listed in a column on the Minutes.				
	166/23		eting for approval held	on 7th August 2023	_	
		The minutes were approved.				
		PROPOSED Clir M		Cllr M Bowes AGREED		
	167/23	······································				
		agenda – No matter	rs			

	APPROVED MINUTES			
168/23	Grounds			
	168/23.01 Orchard Gardens			
	Two specifications were presented to members. One involved concreting the main pat			
placing sleepers along the north edge where the embankment is. The other was for				
	similar to those in The Comb Hill play area and the embankment graded down to the level			
	It was thought that this area will not be greatly used by residents in the town and so the			
	is no justification to spend huge sums of money. Therefore the 2nd specification was			
	chosen.			
	Adverts will be placed around the town and on Facebook for quotes to be received and			
	considered at the grounds meeting on 25th September. Fornal approval will be made at the October meeting.			
	PROPOSED Clir C Banks SECONDED Clir D Rogan-Mackie AGREEL			
	168/23.02 Coronation Park – It was agreed to move this item to the confidential section			
	and take at the end of the meeting.			
	168/23.03 Public Seating and Bus Shelters – Only one quote out of the three contractors			
	contacted has been received for the seat maintenance program for this autumn. There are			
	39 wooden seats in total that need some repair/re-painting work. The quote was £3000 plus			
	VAT. It was agreed that the contractor would be appointed with the aim to have the seats			
	finished this autumn in preparation for the winter.			
	PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp SECONDED Cllr M Ridley AGREED			
	168/23.04 Public Footpaths, Lighting and Amenities			
	The clerk has not heard anything back about lighting in the Memorial Garden. David Hunt			
	will be asked about the proposal.			
	168/23.05 Any Other Issues Arising.			
	• Toilets- there is still concern over the use of the toilets for drugs. It was agreed to			
	invite David Hunt to a meeting to discuss the problems and ask when the			
	refurbishment is to be undertaken.			
	 British Legion Tommy – NCC have said they did not destroy the statue. It was 			
	agreed to purchase another one in time for Remembrance Day.			
	PROPOSED Clir A Sharp SECONDED Clir M Ridley AGREED			
	• Litter Picking Day – it was agreed on Sunday 17th September at 10.00am.			
	 Free Trees – members did not think there was anywhere appropriate for more trees. 			
	The offer will be shared on Facebook.			
169/23	Northumberland County Council (NCC)			
-	No Matters.			
 170/23	Police in Haltwhistle			
-	Members will meet informally with Inspector Kate Benson on Monday 11th September 2023.			
 171/23	Appointments to Other Bodies			
-	Haltwhistle Parentship			
	Clirs D Rogan-Mackie and A Cheverst volunteered to be representatives. There is still one			
	vacancy.			
	PROPOSED CIIr M Bowes SECONDED CIIr M Ridley AGREED			
	Staffing Committee – deferred.			
	Police Liaison – Cllr J Hunter had worked closely with M Forrest over the years and so it was			
	agreed to appoint her. However, Clir C Banks and Clir M Bowes also showed an interest and			
	so it was agreed that all three could act as liaison members and between them cover all issues within the town.			
	PROPOSED Clir A Sharp SECONDED Clir A Cheverst AGREED			
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	APPROVED MINULES 172/23 Neighbourhood Plan					
172/23	rk Harrison lied for.					
173/23	Members had received copies of the standing orders.					
	The following was proposed: To review the section on writing cheques as this was rarely undertaken and re-state the of direct payment for most of the items. (FR 1.53 & 1.59)					
	To increase the delegated amount the clerk can spend under the budget criteria from £500 to £1000 (FR 1.30 & 1.102h)) To increase the tender amount from £10,000 to £15,000. (SO 18c & FR 1.102h)					
	The above was agreed as a reflection of the increasing prices in materials over the years.PROPOSED ClirA SharpSECONDED Clir M RidleyAGRE					
174/23	Burn Village Green Working Group The minutes were received, and it was noted that the tree planting will be undert October. The community service team will be asked if they can help. A report has been received that some planks are rotten and missing on the bridge north end of the footpath. The clerk was asked to appoint a contractor as a matter urgency to undertake the repairs.	e at the				
175/23 Planning Applications. 23/02584/LBC Water Tower – Change of use to café, reposition door and new firepl 23/02583/FUL Water Tower Change of use from office to café. Clir Sharp declared an interest and took no part in the vote. Support as this will bring a new venture to the east of the town. PROPOSED Clir D Rogan-Mackie SECONDED Clir J Hunter 23/02450/FUL – Removal of all signage, night safe plate, letter box and CCTV came infill with stone to match. – No objection PROPOSED Clir M Ridley SECONDED Clir A Sharp AGREED Consultation for the Proposal of the phone box at Town Foot to be removed. Against as it is at the far side of town and there are many houses and visitors who r need to use it.						
	PROPOSED Clir A Sharp SECONDED Clir M Ridley AGREED					
	Other Planning Matters 23/01027 – land south if 1 Tyne View – conversion of bakery – GRANTED					
176/22	23/02606 13 Fairholme – Retention of raised decking - REFUSED					
176/23Granting of Honorary Freedom of the Town There were not enough members to pass this so it will be deferred to the next						
177/23	Grant RequestsTynedale Hospice it was agreed to donate £250.PROPOSED ClirA SharpSECONDED ClirM RidleyAGREED					
	Age UK Northumberland – it was agreed to donate £200.AgreedAgreedAgreedPROPOSED ClirA SharpSECONDED ClirM BowesAGREED					
	Railway Football Club- it was agreed to donate £500.PROPOSED ClirA SharpSECONDED Clir M BowesAGREE	ED				

	Report: Finandal Ma	s on Financial Matters					
	170/22.01	Bank and cash balances as at 29th August 2023	_	£			
	1/8/23.01	Current Account		30,917.42			
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-		TOTAL]	30,917.42	Induded above		
	178/23.02						
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-		JBC			Not Induded Above Aug Pension & PAYE		
-		Clerk hours	Pay \method		Aug Hours		
	178/23.03	Accounts for payment 4th September 2023		£	Induded in Balance Above		
-		PPH D Benson			Felt for bus stop repair strim seats and O Garden grass cutting		
		D Benson		25.00	O Gardens		
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-		Total		174.00	Not Induded Above		
		HDJBC JRB Enterprises			July Play Inspection and dog bags Dog Bin bags		
		нрівс	1		2nd Tranche		
		D Benson	1		Tree branches at Pig market, weed spraying		
		Mrs Susan Saunders - Exp		62.75	Home allowance, Mileage, IA giπ, Lanα Registry documents		
		Tynedale Hospice Railway FC	1		To be approved To be approved		
		Age UK Northumberland		200.00 To be appr			
		Monthly Amounts Total	direct/DDR	3,792.58 15,625.69			
		TOTAL FOR APPROVAL		15,799.69			
	The payments of £15,799.69 were approved and included the amounts agreed for grantsand a late invoice for D Benson. PROPOSED Clir A SharpSECONDED Clir M BowesAGREED						
		.04 Bank Reconciliation/Inc & Ex					
	Other Financial Matters						
		.05 Xmas light purchases to app			=		
		e of some lights and will make a					
		8. Light boxes will need to be put will donate to those too. It was					
			NDED CII				
		.05 Bank Mandate – It was agree					
		nd J Hunter remain as signatorie					
			ONDED C				
	,		NDED Cllr	M Bowe	s AGREED		
180/23	The Po	st Office					
	There is concern in the town that the post office may not continue in its current locati						
1 1	Members asked if The partnership would discuss other options should this occur.						

		AFFROVED MINUTES			
	181/23	Correspondence received since last Council meeting			
		There is a Family Hub Teams meeting and an invite has been sent for a councillor			
		representative to attend. Cllrs D Rogan-Mackie and M Bowes offered to attend and bring			
		back a report.			
182/23 Staffing Committee Report and Minutes Confidential Matters					
				Resolution to Exclude Press and Public	
		To consider a resolution to exclude the public and accredited representatives of newspapers from the following item relevant to a subject which affects the Council's area.			
		Resolution			
		"That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the			
		public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and, they are instructed to withdraw."			
		This resolution is moved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by			
		s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers			
		be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the			
		likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.			
		PROPOSED Clir A Sharp SECONDED Clir M Ridley AGREED			
		To receive the approved minutes from 20 th March 2023 and draft minutes from 24 th August			
		2023 – the minutes were noted.			
		The grievance has been satisfactorily resolved and the case is now closed.			
	183/23 Dates and times of next meetings				
		Town Council meeting Monday 2 nd October 2023 at 6.30pm			
		Police Meeting Monday 11 th September 10.am, Haltwhistle Library.			
		Grounds Meeting Monday 25 th September – 10.00am			
		Staffing Committee Meeting Monday 25 th September – Haltwhistle Library.			