



Prudhoe Town Council  
The Spetchells Centre  
58 Front Street  
Prudhoe  
Northumberland  
NE42 5AA

17 April 2026

**To all members of the Council**

You are hereby summoned to attend the Ordinary Meeting to be held 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 at 7:00pm at The Spetchells Centre, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Please find as a 'footnote' the items you should expect to be enclosed. If you find that any items are missing, please contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Town Clerk

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**AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING OF PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL**  
to be held on  
**THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2026, commencing at 7:00PM**  
at The Spetchells Centre, Meeting Rooms 1&2, Front Street, Prudhoe, NE42 5AA

This meeting is open to the press and public (except for confidential items.)

**1. Welcome by Chair**

Meeting opened by Chair Cllr Jonathan Wheeler.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of interest.

**4. Dispensations**

To receive and approve any dispensations.

**5. Public Participation**

Please telephone or email the Council Office with questions on items on the agenda no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026.

**6. Borderlands**

To receive an update on the progress of the Borderlands Programme projects, including key milestones, current developments, and forthcoming stages, and raise any questions.

The update will be provided by Caroline Warburton, Chair of Prudhoe Community Partnership; Paul Murray, Vice Chair of Prudhoe Community Partnership; Rob Strettle, Regeneration Manager; Ross Downey, Project Manager; and Peter Mawer, Senior Project Officer, Northumberland County Council, with an opportunity for Members to ask questions.

**7. Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

To receive and agree the as a true record (enc)<sup>i</sup>

**8. Draft Minutes for the Cemetery and War Memorial Committee Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

To receive draft minutes which will be presented for agreement as a true record, at the next Finance Committee meeting (enc)<sup>ii</sup>

**9. Draft Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

To receive draft minutes and endorse agreed actions which will be presented for agreement as a true record, at the next Finance Committee meeting (enc)<sup>iii</sup>

**10. Reports**

**a) Chair's Report**

To receive a report from Cllr Jonathan Wheeler about public engagements attended and scheduled.

**b) Clerk's Report**

To receive a verbal report on items actioned and general information to update the Council.

**c) County Cllrs Reports**

To receive reports from County Cllr Lawrence O'Donnell (Prudhoe North & Wylam), County Cllr Gordon Stewart (Prudhoe South), and County Cllr Angie Scott (Prudhoe West & Mickley.)

## 11. Financial Update

To receive reports and raise any questions.

### a) **Schedule of Accounts Paid/To be Paid**

To endorse those accounts paid via delegated authority and approve those accounts to be paid since 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (enc)<sup>iv</sup> – to follow

### b) **Bank Reconciliation**

To receive the Bank Reconciliation from 10 March – 9 April 2026 (enc)<sup>v</sup>

### c) **Statement of Budget and Expenditure 2025/2026**

To receive statement to date 2025/26 ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 (enc)<sup>vi</sup>

### d) **Statement of Budget and Expenditure 2026/2027**

e) To receive statement to date 2026/27 (enc)<sup>vii</sup>

## 12. Grant Aid 2026-2027

### a) **Summary and Recommendations**

To receive a summary of Grant Aid Funding requests and recommendations of the Finance Committee for awards of Grant Aid for the current financial year (enc)<sup>viii</sup> – to follow

### b) **2026-27 Funding Awards**

To agree Grant Aid Funding Awards for the current financial year.

## 13. Grant Aid and Community Celebration Event

To consider and agree a suitable date for the annual Grant Aid event, to be held in conjunction with a Community Celebration and Recognition Event. The combined event will provide an opportunity to formally present Grant Aid awards while also recognising and celebrating the contributions, achievements, and voluntary efforts of individuals and groups within the community.

## 14. Reports from Outside Bodies

To receive following written or verbal reports and record any questions for response:-

OUTSIDE BODY	CURRENT PTC REPRESENTATIVE(S) 2025-2026
<b>Prudhoe Town Twinning Association</b>	Cllr Chris Barrett & Cllr Jane Johnson
<b>Prudhoe Community Partnership</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, bi-monthly)	Cllr Dot Dickinson
<b>Northumberland Association of Local Councils County Committee</b>	Cllr Dot Dickinson & Cllr Holly Waddell
<b>East Tynedale Local Council's Forum</b>	Cllr Holly Waddell & Cllr Jonathan Wheeler
<b>Essity Community Consultation Forum</b> (lunchtime meetings at the Mill, when permitted)	Cllr Bryan Futers & Cllr Dot Dickinson
<b>Prudhoe Pathforce</b>	Cllr Angie Scott & Cllr Carol Stephenson
<b>NCC Town and Parish Council Liaison Working Group</b>	Cllr Holly Waddell
<b>Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership</b>	Cllr Holly Waddell & Cllr Gerry Price
<b>Prudhoe Youth Project (PYP)</b> (previously met monthly on a Monday evening)	Cllr Dot Dickinson & Cllr Gerry Price
<b>Borderlands</b>	Cllr Bryan Futers & Cllr Mike Smith
<b>Tyne Valley Parish Council Active Travel Route</b>	Cllr Chris Barrett & Cllr Jonathan Wheeler
<b>Prudhoe Community Partnership Working Group</b>	Cllr Dot Dickinson, Cllr Gerry Price, Cllr Mike Smith & Cllr Jonathan Wheeler
<b>Climate Change and Biodiversity</b>	Cllr Dot Dickinson, Cllr Gerry Price, Cllr Scott, Cllr Carol Stephenson & Cllr Jonathan Wheeler
<b>East Centre Advisory Group</b>	Cllr Kiran Bell & Cllr Dot Dickinson
<b>Trustee Friends of Eastwood Park</b>	Cllr Jane Johnson

<b>Poverty Coalition</b>	Cllr Valerie Leslie
<b>Eastwoods Park Playzone Steering Group</b>	Cllr Angie Scott

- a) Music by the Riverside meeting 14 April – circulated 02/04/2026
- b) Borderlands meeting held 26/03/26, notes – circulated 14/04/2026
- c) Borderlands NCC consultation scheduled 22 April – circulated 17/04/2026

**15. Community Engagement – Tyne Valley Express**

As agreed at the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 26 March 2026, to discuss and consider the potential content for *Tyne Valley Express*, including identifying appropriate author(s) and determine whether it should be utilised as a tool for community engagement.

**16. Correspondence**

To receive, and to agree any matters to be added to future agenda:-

Information:-

- a) NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletin – circulated 26/03, 08/04, 09/04, 17/04.
- b) RSN Weekly Newsletter – circulated 13/04.
- c) West Road Cemetery Bulletin– circulated 20/03, 30/03, 04/04, 10/04, 17/04.
- d) Thriving Together newsletter – circulated 30/03, 17/04.
- e) NALC events – circulated 17/04.
- f) Tynedale Community Partnership meeting 31 March – circulated 27/03.
- g) Prudhoe Banking Hub, opening hours – circulated 01/04.
- h) Emerging Trends Campaigns National Fraud Protect Network – circulated 01/04.
- i) The Wise Group Energy Support – circulated 13/04.

**17. Date of Next Meeting**

To note the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

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<sup>i</sup> Drafts Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 26 March 2026  
<sup>ii</sup> Draft Minutes of Cemetery and War Memorial Committee Meeting held 26 March 2026 – to follow  
<sup>iii</sup> Draft Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – to follow  
<sup>iv</sup> Schedule of Accounts Paid/To be Paid  
<sup>v</sup> Bank Reconciliation 10 March 2026 to 9 April 2026  
<sup>vi</sup> Statement of Budget and Expenditure 25/26  
<sup>vii</sup> Statement of Budget and Expenditure 26/27 to date  
<sup>viii</sup> Summary of Grant Aid 2026-2027 Recommendations – to follow