

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 11th April 2018 at 6:30pm
in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth

Present:	Councillors:	J Wearmouth	– Vice Chairman
		N Best	– Mayor, <i>ex-officio</i>
		N Bawn	
		A Byard	
		J Gebhard	
		K Holmes	
		J Parreira	
		A Tebbutt	
		J Tebbutt	
	Clerks:	Miss D Smith	– Deputy Clerk
		Ms A Cole	– Administration Officer
		Miss K Carter	– Administration Officer
		Mrs J Wilson	– Office Manager
	Absent Councillors:	Cllr R Wearmouth	– Business

In the absence of Cllr R Wearmouth, Cllr J Wearmouth assumed the Chair.

434/17 **Committee Chairman's Announcements**

- Members were advised of the usual rules about the recording of meetings.
- Members were reminded that mobile phones should be turned on to silent and should not be used during the meeting.
- The Deputy Clerk informed members that the bus shelter on Shields Road that was due to be installed at the end of March has still not been installed. The Deputy Clerk has chased Northumberland County Council (NCC), but they are still waiting to hear back from Clear Channel, who will be installing the shelter.

435/17 **Mayoral Announcements**

- The Annual Assembly and Civic Awards presentation will take place on Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 6pm in the Corn Exchange in the Town Hall.
- The Mayor Making Ceremony will take place on Wednesday 16th May 2018 at 6:30pm in the Ballroom in the Town Hall.
- The 'Love Your Local Market' fortnight will take place between 17th and 31st May 2018, a tour of the market will be held on Wednesday 30th May 2018.
- Greater Morpeth Development Trust (GMDT) will be organising a litter pick every third Sunday of the month; the next one will take place on the 22nd April 2018, meeting at 2pm at St James' Church, covering the town centre. Cllr Byard informed members that Dai Richards has been encouraging people to adopt their own area to keep clear of litter.

436/17 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest received on this occasion.

437/17 **Public Participation Time**

There were no members of the public present who wished to ask a question on this occasion.

438/17 **Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 14th March 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting was approved as a true record with the following amendment:-

Page 4 – Min no 403/17 – Proposal for Changes to the Post-16 Transport Policy in Northumberland – sentence amended to – *(b) MTC support the proposed policy.*

RESOLVED

- a) That the Minutes of 14th March 2018, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

439/17 **Matters Arising**

See Appendix B

440/17 **Items referred from other Committees and Working Groups**

There were no items referred on this occasion.

441/17 **Licences**

There were no licenses to consider on this occasion.

442/17 **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

- (i) Members considered the planning applications for w/c 2nd April 2018, see Appendix C.
- (ii) Members were provided for information with the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for the 12th, 19th and 26th March 2018.

- (iii) 17/01942/FUL – Fulbeck Grange, Fulbeck, Morpeth, NE61 3JU

Members were advised that the above application has now been granted permission. MTC did not have any comments to this application; however a request was made to the developer to give consideration to a s106 contribution.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

- (iv) 18/00608/CCD – Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth

Members were advised that the above application was heard at Local Area Council on the 9th April 2018 and has been granted permission.

Cllr Byard raised concerns regarding the brickwork art to the right of the reception desk and the etchings on the glass in the corridor depicting Morpeth Heroes.

Cllr J Tebbutt also raised concerns regarding the lack of privacy in the foyer of County Hall.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
b) To write to County Cllr R Wearmouth regarding the brickwork art and the glass etchings at County Hall.
c) To ask that consideration be given for an area to be created so that residents/visitors to County Hall can have private conversations with officers.

- (v) 18/00336/FUL – 94 Newgate Street, Morpeth, NE61 1BU

Members were advised that the above application was heard at Local Area Council on the 9th April 2018.

Cllr A Tebbutt informed members that this application has been granted planning permission. MTC had objected to this application. Cllr A Tebbutt has encouraged residents to set up a liaison group with the developer to discuss issues as they arise.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

Members were asked to consider a response to the above consultation.

Cllr J Wearmouth informed members that this report was about where housing and employment developments should be located in Northumberland, therefore, MTC's response would be to place these areas where the Neighbourhood Plan suggests. However, the Neighbourhood Plan does not include the Coopies Lane extension. If this area was developed upon, the link road between Stobhill and Loansdean would need to be established to deal with extra traffic it would create.

Cllr A Tebbutt proposed that a Local Plan Review Working Group be set up to flag up any issues following the changes made to the Local Plan. The Terms of Reference for this group are:

- (i) To monitor the emerging Local Plan as it effects the existing Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan and where necessary to make recommendations about submissions either to ensure that it concurs with the Neighbourhood Plan or whether the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be reviewed;*
- (ii) To report back to the Planning & Transport committee any responses to these consultations for approval.*

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) A Working Group to be formed consisting of Cllrs J Wearmouth, J Tebbutt, Best and Parreira to respond to consultations.

Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

- (i) Members were asked to consider if there are any Tree Preservation Orders they would like to be applied for in the Morpeth area.
- (ii) Members were provided for information with a copy of the Confirmation Notification with regard to trees on land to the east of County Hall, Morpeth.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) There were no TPO's requested on this occasion

445/17

Road Closures

Members are advised of the following road closure:-

1. B6524 North Trewick Junction, to Morpeth Common road.
2. C146 High House Road, Morpeth.
3. C148 St Leonard's Road, Mitford, Morpeth.
4. U6114 Bennetts Walk, Morpeth.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To enquire when the actual closure on St Leonard's Road will take place and how long it will last for.

446/17

Morpeth Forum

Cllr Best informed members that the marketing of the Terrace car park site is now in the public domain and plans are coming forward for the relocation of the library service from Royal Sovereign House. The next Morpeth Masterplan consultation event will be on Friday 22nd June 2018, time to be confirmed.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

447/17

Local Council Issues

There were no issues on this occasion

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 7:10pm with Councillors J Wearmouth, N Bawn, N Best, A Byard, J Gebhard, K Holmes, J Parreira, A Tebbutt and J Tebbutt present.

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439/17 Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
392/17 (369/17) (365/17)	Items referred - F&GP - Area Council Issues	Members were advised that we are still awaiting a response from NCC regarding signage for the A697 Rothbury/Wooler road. Officers have been to have a look at the area, but a response has still not been received.	Information duly noted. To chase a response from NCC.
369/17 (367/17)	Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – (v) Application 14/02140/FUL – Clifton Caravan Centre, Great North Road, Clifton, Morpeth NE61 6DG	Members were advised that no response has been received following a further email to the concerns below which were raised with the planning officer at Northumberland County Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why has it taken until now for the application to be granted permission when it was minded to approve in 2014; • A Section 278 requirement was to be fulfilled before any development could take place, can a copy of the Section 278 agreement be provided? • Will additional footpaths be installed between the development and the bus stops on the A197? (Part of the Section 278 agreement) 	Information duly noted. To contact Liz Sinnamon to chase up a response.
369/17	Funding for Infrastructure – St. George’s Wood	Cllr A Tebbutt informed members that Mark Ketley is no longer at NCC; he advised that the contact for these queries would now be Liz Sinnamon.	Information duly noted.
369/17 (373/17)	Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan and Housing Figures	Members were advised that no response has been received following a further email, which was also copied to Cllr R Wearmouth, from NCC Cllr John Riddle and Planning Officer Mark Ketley to a request made for confirmation of when the issue as to when does “above minimum” number of houses stop being viable and how will the emerging Local Plan reflects the pressure on Morpeth and the housing already being delivered.	Information duly noted. To contact Liz Sinnamon.

396/17 (364/17)	Morpeth Car Parking Studies – T1 Bus Service	Cllr Byard advised members that a meeting had taken place with NCC, PLC Travel and the Deputy Clerk to discuss the implementation of a bus route for Green Lane and the Avenues. A walking tour with the bus operator, NCC and the Deputy Clerk will take place on Tuesday 17 th April, to assess the proposed bus route.	Information duly noted.
402/17	Newmarket East Car Park Closure	The Deputy Clerk informed members that a response had been received from Parking Services at NCC, stating that in previous years the car park had been closed late Tuesday afternoon and the fair had been packed up and left by early Monday morning. This has been the procedure previously and seems to work well.	Information duly noted.
404/17	Local Event Road Closure	The Deputy Clerk informed members that a response has been received from NCC advising that under section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 costs cannot be altered due to legal processes and the necessary advertising of the road closure. Cllr Gebhard suggested that groups may apply for a Community Chest grant to cover road closure costs; however, members were unsure whether money from a community chest grant could be used to pay for a service provided by NCC.	Information duly noted. To speak to Cllr D Bawn to clarify whether money from a community chest grant could be used to pay for a service provided by NCC.

Appendix C - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 5th March 2018

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
18/01062/DISCON	Mr Andrew Cairns Unit 4A, Pegswood Industrial Estate, Pegswood, Morpeth, NE61 6HZ	Discharge of condition 3 (disposal of animal waste) relating to planning application 14/01904/FUL	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		

SIGNED: 
 DATE: 9/5/18
 CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN
 MORPETH TOWN COUNCIL
 STANDING COMMITTEE