

296/18 **Public Participation Time**

The member of the public addressed the council with concerns regarding works on Cowpen Road in Blyth.

Cllr R Wearmouth advised that he would need to go to County Hall to view the relevant information and maps.

297/18 **Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 6th February 2019**

The minutes of the above meetings were approved as a true record.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee be approved, and signed as a correct record by the chair.

298/18 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

Cllr Tebbutt informed members that the Ethical Standards Committee report will not be debated by NCC until April.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

299/18 **Authorisation of Payments**

The payment list for March 2019 was circulated for consideration.

RESOLVED

- (i) That members agreed the amended payment list for March 2019, totalling £12,566.06.

300/18 **Updates from Working Groups**

a. Parish Boundary Working Group

Cllr Bawn informed members that the leaflets had been finalised with Hebron Parish Council and will be distributed to the residents effected on 9th March 2019.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) A copy of the finalised leaflet to be sent to all Councillors.

b. Morpeth Partnership Working Group

The Deputy Clerk informed members that the Clerk had attended a workshop in Alnwick on ways to reinvigorate town centres. Discussions are still ongoing regarding the More in Morpeth brand.

She also informed members that several events have been confirmed:

- A book festival will take place between the 20th and 22nd September 2019.
- The Food and Drink Festival will take place between 5th and 6th October 2019.
- The joint Christmas Light Switch on event will take place on the 16th November 2019.
- Morpeth Fair Day will take place on the 9th June 2019.

Cllr Best proposed that councillors be invited to attend the Partnership Working Group meeting as well as the Clerk. Cllrs Gebhard and Byard agreed to temporarily represent councillors.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) Membership of the Morpeth Partnership working group, to be ratified at Full Council on the 20th March 2019.

c. Morpeth Forum

Cllr R Wearmouth informed members that the next public drop in session will take place on 16th March 2019 10am-3pm. The location of the new leisure centre has now been released to mostly positive feedback. There will be four boards detailing the specifics of the new centre and timeline for the works. Updates will also be given on the current leisure centre site, the library and the Chantry. Representatives from Produced in Northumberland, the Queens Head, Appleby's Bookshop, Lollo Rosso, the old Benfield site, 94 Newgate Street and the Chamber of Trade will also be in attendance.

Councillors are encouraged to attend and will be debriefed before the event.

One member of the press arrived at 6:41pm.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

d. CCTV Working Group

The Deputy Clerk informed members that NCC are currently looking to install electric boxes on lampposts. Approval from Sanderson Arcade is

also being sought for a box to be installed on the top of the building. Installation should commence in April.

RESOLVED

(i) Information duly noted.

e. In Bloom Working Group

The Deputy Clerk informed members that the Clerk had attended the Spring meeting today. The Spring judging will take place on the 25th April 2019. An earlier date is being sought for the Summer judging so that schools can participate; this has not yet been confirmed. The Clerk also attended the national seminar in Manchester in February, a date for national judging will be confirmed later in the year.

RESOLVED

(i) Information duly noted.

301/18

Subsidies 2019/20

Members were provided for information with documents from the following organisations in relation to their 2018/19 subsidy:

- The Old Bakehouse Millennium Green
- Ellington Colliery Band
- New Voices Choir
- Northumberland Community Enterprise Ltd
- Morpeth Antiquarian Society
- Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering Committee
- Northumberland Domestic Abuse Services
- Morpeth Clock Tower Bellringers' Society

Members agreed that the reports were an accurate reflection of how the subsidies are used.

Cllr Best informed members that the Northumberland Credit Union would supply their report once their annual accounts had been completed.

RESOLVED

(i) Information duly noted.

Cllr Tebbutt declared a personal interest in this matter – see min 295/18.

302/18

Storey Park Community Centre Update

Cllr Bawn informed members that Morpeth Town Council had been seeking a community asset transfer from NCC for Storey Park community centre. A

final offer of £250,000 had been proposed by NCC Strategic Estates. This would be insufficient to raise the state of the centre to an acceptable level.

Cllr Bawn proposed that a working group be formed to review the community centre usage and look at the proposal from NCC in more detail. It was suggested that the group should look at the condition of all three properties which the Town Council manage as part of the review.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) The Clerk to email all councillors to request expressions of interest to sit on the working group.
- (iii) To refer the approval of the working group to Full Council on the 20th March 2019.

303/18

Local Council Issues

Cllr R Wearmouth informed members that he had a meeting with NCC to look at several problems in the Kirkhill area and ask if there were any other issues he needed to be aware of. Cllr Tebbutt raised concerns regarding the path outside of the Sun Inn.

Cllr Bawn informed members that he has a meeting with NCC on Monday 11th March 2019, and asked if there were any issues in the Morpeth North area.

There were no other issues raised on this occasion.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) Cllr R Wearmouth to raise concerns regarding the path at the Sun Inn with NCC.

Members unanimously agreed that the following resolution be passed to exclude the press and public from the meeting to discuss the following item in closed session:

"That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the disclosure of the following items on the agenda as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of schedule 12A in the 1972 Act as indicated below:

Issues concerning: Conservation Area Proposals and Civic Award nominations.

One member of the public and one member of the press left at 7pm.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 7:07pm with Councillors D Bawn, A Tebbutt, Best, Gebhard, Hogg, and R Wearmouth present.

SIGNED: 
DATE: 31/6/19
CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN
MORPETH TOWN COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE

**Morpeth Town Council
Authorisation of Payments - March 2019**

Appendix B

Supplier	Cheque No.	Description	Net Amount £	VAT £	Gross Amount £
Jewson	BACS	Street Bin Maintenance	15.61	3.12	18.73
Jewson	BACS	Street Bin Maintenance	49.43	9.89	59.32
Jewson	BACS	General Maintenance	2.20	0.44	2.64
Jewson	BACS	Street Bin Maintenance	5.19	1.04	6.23
Jewson	BACS	SJCC Maintenance	20.62	4.12	24.74
Jewson	BACS	Allotment maintenance	28.48	5.70	34.18
Jewson	BACS	Allotment maintenance	180.99	36.20	217.19
Jewson	BACS	Allotment maintenance	27.95	5.59	33.54
Jewson	BACS	Allotment maintenance	13.37	2.67	16.04
Jewson	BACS	Allotment maintenance	20.86	4.17	25.03
Jewson	BACS	Seat maintenance	95.44	19.09	114.53
Jewson	BACS	Seat maintenance	43.32	8.66	51.98
Jewson	BACS	SPCC Toilet maintenance	12.97	2.59	15.56
Jewson	BACS	Allotment signs	0.80	0.16	0.96
Jewson	BACS	PPE	51.98	10.40	62.38
Jewson	BACS	Allotment maintenance	364.74	72.95	437.69
Spotty Dog Signs & Print Ltd	BACS	Stobhillgate sign	12.00	2.40	14.40
Collingwood Society	BACS	Corporate Membership	48.00	0.00	48.00
North East Regional Empl Org.	BACS	Vacancy Advert	150.00	30.00	180.00
Medway Galvanising	BACS	Repairs to Gate - Carlisle Park	184.00	36.80	220.80
Jewson	BACS	SJCC Maintenance	13.43	2.69	16.12
Electric Centre	BACS	SPCC Maintenance	10.28	2.06	12.34
ABS Business Supplies Ltd	BACS	Office Stationery	27.76	5.55	33.31
Northumberland Cleaning	BACS	Caretaker Duties - SPCC	548.25	0.00	548.25
Northumberland Cleaning	BACS	Caretaker Duties - SJCC	454.75	0.00	454.75
Northumberland Cleaning	BACS	Caretaker Duties - Terrace car Park Toilets	255.00	0.00	255.00
Morpeth Rotary Club	BACS	Contribution to Defibrillator from Mayor	100.00	0.00	100.00
SSESWALEC	BACS	Electricity January 2019 SJCC	45.47	2.27	47.74
Thomas Owen and Sons Ltd	BACS	Bus Station toilets cleaning goods	184.08	36.82	220.90
J&D Shepherd Ltd	BACS	SPCC maintenance	163.74	32.75	196.49
Northumbria in Bloom	BACS	Spring Meeting 2019	10.00	0.00	10.00
Martys Service Centre	BACS	SJCC Maintenance	4.25	0.85	5.10
Martys Service Centre	BACS	SJCC Maintenance	4.50	0.90	5.40
Martys Service Centre	BACS	SJCC Maintenance	7.99	1.60	9.59
Martys Service Centre	BACS	SJCC Maintenance	36.00	7.20	43.20
ABS Business Supplies Ltd	BACS	SJCC Maintenance	4.44	0.89	5.33
Marmax	BACS	Seat - Carlisle Park	284.00	56.80	340.80
Tracey Bell	BACS	Travel Expenses	60.36	0.00	60.36
ABS Business Supplies Ltd	BACS	Office Equipment	8.76	1.75	10.51
Local Council Updates	BACS	Subscription Renewal 2019	75.00	0.00	75.00
Ian Leech Publicity Services	BACS	Town Cryer	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Savana Environmental	BACS	Asbestos removal	1,240.00	248.00	1,488.00
Jewson	BACS	General Maintenance	4.13	0.83	4.96
Jewson	BACS	Bin Maintenance	20.52	4.10	24.62
Martys Service Centre	BACS	SPCC Maintenance	75.00	15.00	90.00
Falon Nameplates Ltd	BACS	Dedicated Seat Plaque	88.90	17.78	106.68
Marmax	BACS	Seat - Carlisle Park	284.00	56.80	340.80
Glasdon UK Ltd	BACS	Bin Maintenance	995.55	199.11	1,194.66
Netpremacy	BACS	Google S/ware licence	27.50	5.50	33.00
Jewson	BACS	General Maintenance	5.08	1.02	6.10
Jewson	BACS	Seat Maintenance	16.15	3.23	19.38
ABS Business Supplies Ltd	BACS	Cleaning goods, Terrace, SJCC, SPCC	44.00	8.80	52.80
			7,626.84	968.29	8,595.13
Direct Debits Paid February 2019					
Gaffey	DD	Hyprolyser Rental Fee Feb 19	295.00	59.00	354.00
Team Valley Web Design	"	Website Hosting Feb 19	41.67	8.33	50.00
ICO	"	Data Protection Renewal Fee	35.00	0.00	35.00
EE & T-Mobile	"	MTC Mobile	47.47	9.49	56.96
BNP Paribas	"	Copier Lease 13/2-12/5/19	1171.49	234.30	1,405.79
Bankline	"	Online Banking Charges	30.90	0.00	30.90
Gazprom	"	SPCC Gas 31/12/18-31/01/19	794.70	158.94	953.64
Gazprom	"	SJCC Gas 31/12/18-31/01/19	519.42	103.88	623.30
Worldpay	"	Transaction Charges Jan 19	15.24	0.05	15.29
Worldpay	"	Subscription Fee Feb 19	7.50	1.50	9.00
Corona Energy	"	SPCC Electricity 1-31/1/19	16.18	0.81	16.99
Sub Total Direct Debit Payments			2,974.57	576.30	3,550.87

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Supplier	Cheque No.	Description	Net Amount £	VAT £	Gross Amount £
Petty Cash February 2019					
Iceland	4774	Corporate Refreshments	3.32	0.68	4.00
Yorkshire Trading Co	"	General Maintenance	2.49	0.50	2.99
Home Bargains	"	Cleaning Supplies	14.50	2.89	17.39
Home Bargains	"	SPCC Kitchen Supplies	9.68	1.93	11.61
W H Smith	"	Mobile Phone Top Up	8.30	1.70	10.00
Home Bargains	"	SPCC & SJCC Kitchen Supplies	4.98	1.00	5.98
Sub Total Petty Cash Payments			43.27	8.70	51.97
Credit Card January 2019					
Interflora	DD	Sympathy Gift	36.00	0.00	36.00
Trainline	"	BIB Travel	88.62	0.00	88.62
Britannia Hotels	"	BIB Accommodation	119.00	0.00	119.00
Abalone Graphics	"	Name Badges	12.10	2.42	14.52
Mountain Wearhouse	"	PPE	91.63	18.32	109.95
Sub Total Credit Card Payments			347.35	20.74	368.09
Total Payments F&GP Committee 6th March 2019			10,992.03	1,574.03	12,566.06