

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

**AGENDA – 21st November 2018 at 6.30 pm
in the Council Chambers of Morpeth Town Hall**

1. Mayoral Announcements

2. Mayoral Diary

A schedule of events attended by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor is enclosed for members' information, see appendix A.

3. Apologies for Absence

4. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to advise Council of any Declarations of Interest appertaining to the following Agenda Items. (The enclosed form should be returned to the Clerk before leaving).

5. Public Participation Time

In accordance with Section 1(d) of the MTC Standing Orders members of the public present may address the Council or Committee at this point on the agenda. The Council/Committee reserves the right to respond or debate the issue at a later date.

None at the time of preparation of this agenda.

6. Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 26th September 2018

To approve the enclosed Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 26th September 2018, see appendix B.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Full Council Meetings

There are no matters arising on this occasion.

8. Interim Internal Audit 2018/19

Members are provided for information with a letter from the internal auditor following completion of the interim internal audit for 2018/19, see appendix C.

10. Representatives on Outside Bodies

Reports are attached see appendix D.

11. Strategic County Councillor Updates

Members are provided for information with the County Councillor updates, see appendix E.

Cllr Holmes asked the following question to County Councillors –

Can an update be given regarding the proposed electronic speed sign near to Abbeyfields First School?

Cllr R Wearmouth advised that a maintenance agreement needs to be reached before an installation date can be given.

12. Councillor Motion

Members are requested to endorse the following motion:

That this Council supports the principle of a Real Living Wage and encourages learning about the likely economic and social benefits that it could bring to the community of Morpeth.

Background – The real Living Wage is based on the cost of living and is voluntarily paid by over 4,700 UK employers who believe a hard day's work deserves a fair day's pay. It is independently calculated to reflect the cost of meeting everyday living costs. In 2018, it is £9.00 per hour outside London.

Proposed by Councillor N Best

Seconded by Councillors J Parreira, J Wearmouth, A Tebbutt

13. Area Council Issues

To raise any issues which members wish to bring to the attention of the next Area Committee.

Mayor's Diary May 2018-2019**Key**

Confirming details

Events confirmed and attending

Cannot attend or cancelled

Red

Black

Green

Nov-18			
17th	TBA	Morpeth and Sanderson Arcade Light Switch on	Morpeth Town Centre & Sanderson Arcade
18th	1:30pm	Meet the Lions	St George's Church, Morpeth
19th	7pm	Push the Boat Out Charity Event	Blyth Boathouse, Quay Road, Blyth
20th	6-7:15pm	1st Morpeth Boys Brigade Visit - CANCELLED	Morpeth Town Hall, Mayor's Parlour CANCELLED
21st	6:30pm	Full Council Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
21st	11am	Grand Opening	Riverside House, Morpeth
28th	2pm	Fundraiser	County Hall, Morpeth
29th	7:30pm	Morpeth Poetry Recital	Morpeth Town Hall
Dec-18			
5th	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
7th	6pm	Carol Service	Warkworth
7th	7-9pm	Christmas Tree Festival	St Georges URC Church, Morpeth
8th	6:30-12pm	Mayor's Ball	Morpeth Town Hall
11th	TBC	Christmas Celebration	Mayor's Parlour, Gateshead Civic Centre
11th	5:30pm	Rotary Club Christmas Message	Morpeth Golf Club
12th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
12th	6pm	The Mayor's Civic Carol Service	All Saints' Church and Burbank Community Church Stranton, Church Row, Hartlepool
14th	12 noon	100th Ann. first women given the vote/WW1	St. Marys Church, Morpeth

17th	6:30pm	Carol Service	St Georges URC, Morpeth
31st	11:45pm	New Year- Bellsringers	Morpeth Clock Tower
Jan-19			
9th	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
10th	4:30- 6pm	British Citizenship Ceremony	Morpeth Town Hall, Mayor's Parlour
18th	2pm	Newminster School Children Visit	Mayor's Parlour, Morpeth Town hall
16th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
23rd	6:30pm	Full Council Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
25th	7pm	The Mayor's Burns Night	Rift House Community Building, Masefield Road, Hartlepool TS25 4JY
25th	2pm	Newminster School Children Visit	Mayor's Parlour, Morpeth Town Hall
26th	6pm	Morpeth Pantomime Society - Red Riding Hood	Upper School Hall, Kind Edward VI High School
Feb-19			
3rd	7:30pm	Chinese Banquet	Mulan Restaurant, Riverside, Morpeth
6th	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
20th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
Mar-19			
1st	TBC	Morpeth Rotary President's Night	Morpeth Golf Club, Morpeth
6th	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
8th	12 noon	International Women's Day	St. Mary's Church, Morpeth, and SPCC
9th	11-4pm	Lions Swimathon	Riverside Leisure Centre, Morpeth
11th	4:30- 6pm	British Citizenship Ceremony	Morpeth Town Hall, Mayor's Parlour
13th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
20th	6:30pm	Full Council Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
22nd	2pm	Newminster School Children Visit	Morpeth Town Hall, Mayor's Parlour
29th	2pm	Newminster School Children Visit	Morpeth Town Hall, Mayor's Parlour

Apr-19			
3rd	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
10th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
17th	6pm	Annual Assembly	Morpeth Town Hall
22nd	11am	Easter Oranges	Carlisle Park, Morpeth
26th-28th	All day	Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering	Morpeth Town Hall
May-19			
1st	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
8th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
15th	6:30pm	Full Council/Mayor Making	Morpeth Town Hall, Ballroom
17th	2pm	Newminster School Children Visit	Morpeth Town Hall, Mayor's Parlour

Morpeth Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council Committee Meeting
Wednesday 26th September 2018
at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber of Morpeth Town Council

Present: Councillors: A Byard – Deputy Mayor

D Bawn
N Bawn
N Best
L Cassie
D Herne
R Hogg
R Thompson
J Wearmouth

Clerks: Mrs T Bell – Town Clerk
Mrs J Wilson – Office Manager

Absent Councillors: Councillor J Gebhard – Apologies Received (Business)
Councillor K Holmes – Apologies Received (Personal)
Councillor J Parreira – Apologies Received (Business)
Councillor A Tebbutt – Apologies Received (Holiday)
Councillor J Tebbutt – Apologies Received (Holiday)
Councillor R Wearmouth – Apologies Received (Holiday)

In the absence of Cllr Gebhard, Cllr Byard assumed the Chair.

128/18 **Mayoral Announcements**

- Members were reminded that the usual rules about recordings apply.
- Members were reminded that the usual rules regarding switching off mobile phones apply.
- The Northumbria In Bloom awards ceremony took place on 26th September, the results were as follows –

Best Town – Morpeth won gold and was the overall category winner
Parks – Carlisle Park won gold and was the overall category winner
Conservation – River Wansbeck won gold and was the overall category winner
Schools – Abbeyfields First School won gold
Hospices and Day Centre – Benmar House won gold
Commercial Premises – Heighleygate won gold
Rail and Bus – Morpeth Bus Station won gold
Shopping Centre – Sanderson Arcade with The Chamber of Trade won gold

Religious Establishments – New Life Christian Centre won silver gilt
Pubs and Hotels – The Waterford won silver gilt
Residential Communities – St Christopher's won silver gilt

Congratulations were extended to all entrants and staff.

129/18 **Mayoral Diary**

Members were provided with the schedule of events to be attended by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor from September 2018 to May 2019.

RESOLVED

- (i) The information was duly noted

130/18 **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

131/18 **Public Participation Time**

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

132/18 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 18th July 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting was approved as a true record.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of 18th July 2018, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

133/18 **Matters Arising from Full Council Committee Meeting on 18th July 2018**

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

134/18 **Items referred from Other Committees and Working Groups**

There were no items referred on this occasion.

135/18 **External Audit**

Members were provided with the external auditors report for consideration and approval.

Members were asked to accept and approve the external auditors report.

A vote was taken: 9 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

RESOLVED

- (i) To approve the External Audit

136/18 **Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Members were provided for information with the Outside Organisation reports.

RESOLVED

- (i) The information was duly noted

137/18 **Strategic County Councillor Updates**

Cllr D Bawn advised members that a parking permit scheme on Cottingwood Lane and the offshoot streets has been approved, residents will be informed of the details in due course.

RESOLVED

- (i) The information was duly noted.

138/18 **Local Council Issues**

There were no issues for Local Council raised on this occasion.

The meeting concluded at 6:40pm with Councillors' N Best, D Bawn, N Bawn, A Byard, L Cassie, D Herne, R Hogg, R Thompson and J Wearmouth

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12 NOV 2018

9 November 2018

Tracey Bell
Town Clerk
Morpeth Town Council
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Dear Tracey,

Morpeth Town Council – interim internal audit 2018/2019

I have completed the interim audit which consisted of a comprehensive examination of the Town Council's income and expenditure for the financial year to date.

The audit was guided by the latest debtors and creditors risk management report

I have discussed the small number of minor queries arising from the audit with you and Joanne and agreed modifications where appropriate.

I note that the Town Council has approved updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations at the meeting held on 18 July 2018.

There are no other matters arising from the interim audit to draw to the attention of the members of the Town Council.

Please let me know when you have closed the 2018/2019 accounts and are ready for the year-end audit.

As usual I will render my invoice for the work carried out when I have completed the year-end audit.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Basnett
Internal Auditor

Reports re Outside Organisations – Appendix D

Organisations	Councillor	Report
Morpeth and District Chamber of Trade	Jack Gebhard	Nil report received
Hunter Memorial Homes	Johnny Wearmouth	Nil report received
Millennium Green	Les Cassie	Nil report received
Morpeth Heritage Network	Alison Byard	<p>Last meeting 7th November discussed: Floral Clock and In Bloom results Morpeth Master plan - Chantry, library and Bagpipe Museum MNP (including seeking support for the proposed appraisal of our Conservation Area, last reviewed in the 1960's and one of the Community Actions for Heritage) Planning applications- Benfields, 94 Newgate St KEVI archive digitisation project Trafalgar Day Heritage Open Days 13 - 16 Sept Morpeth Antiquarian Society - new book on clock tower and project to redevelop the Boys Brigade Hall Railway station redevelopment now started Friends of Morpeth Museum prize draw Hollon Tea 5th November</p>
Greater Morpeth Development Trust	Joao Parreira	Nil report received
Hollon Trust	Alison Byard (Trustee until Sept 2018)	<p>The Hollon Tea took place on 5th November as always, in the Town Hall. 64 annuitants actually attended, but we have a total of 89 on our books. Approximately 33% are over 90, with at least 2 who are 98. We also had 3 special guests, Penni Blythe and Alex and Anne Swailes, plus the Mayor, Town Clerk and Rev Alison Mills. Entertainment was by Gillian & Ken Irvine and 3 local talented young musicians, playing flute, violin & singing.</p> <p>The Trust's finances are healthy and trustees helped charities such as the Food Bank, as well as individuals fleeing domestic violence and those referred by CAB and Contact.</p>

Markets Advisory Group	Nic Best	Nil report received
Northumberland Association of Local Councils	Andrew Tebbutt	Nil Report – The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 17 th November 2018
Town and Parish Liaison	Nic Best	Nil report received
NCC Local Area Council	Jack Gebhard Andrew Tebbutt	Nil report received

County Councillor Updates – Appendix E

Richard Wearmouth

The county council has been given £7.7m for road repairs this week by the Government. This money must be used up by Q2 next year I understand. There was a discussion this week including Morpeth County Councillors regarding the LTP and the administration has told us the funding will hopefully mean all schemes can be completed helping to clear may that have been on the LTP list for a number of years. In Kirkhill this includes resurfacing at Spelvit Lane, Highmoor, and Church Walk. I have asked for this to be extended to Townsend Crescent, Abby Gate and Sylvan Close with a contribution from my members small schemes, I wait feedback on that offer.

There has been resurfacing and junction narrowing at the entrance to the Kylins this month. I am disappointed that it seems officers have not been able to get this organised and will be raising this today with the head of service.

John Beynon

As Richard says , we had a LTP meeting on tuesday, to put forward our suggestions for road and pavement repairs for each of our wards, In the stobhill division I used money from members small scheme allowance to have a speed sign fitted as you approach Green lane, that was fitted last week, also from the same pot at MS research on Choppington road we have bought gym equipment ie 4 exercise bikes plus audio/ video equipment for the clients to use, which hopefully will be of great benefit to them. again at Barnabas safe and sound we have bought 2 new computers to be used by residents of all ages from learning computer skills, to filling in job applications, Myself and Cll Alison Byard had a walk around stobhill with the police and the housing association which was very informative and we were able to point out some problem areas There are also some problems on Coopies lane ranging from parking to anti social behaviour which we are looking into and hopefully by the next full council I will be able to give an update.