

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA – 23rd January 2019 at 6pm
in the Council Chambers of Morpeth Town Hall

1. Mayoral Announcements

- There will be a Burns Night supper on the 28th January 2019 in the Sun Inn, Morpeth. Tickets are on sale for £23.50.
- A buffet to celebrate Chinese New Year take place at Mulan in Morpeth on the 3rd February 2019. Tickets are on sale for £20. Both events will raise money for MIND, the Mayor's chosen charity.

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 21st November 2018

To approve the enclosed minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st November 2018, see appendix B.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Full Council Meetings

There are no matters arising on this occasion.

8. Items Referred from Other Committees and Working Groups

Finance & General Purposes

i. Budget 2019/20

Resolution:

(a) To Approve the enclosed third version of the Draft Budget for 2019/20 as recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, see appendix C, and to

(b) Formulate a Resolution to levy a Precept of £593,959 on Northumberland County Council, for the Financial Year 2019/20, representing a 2% increase for council tax payers

9. Representatives on Outside Bodies

Reports are attached see appendix D.

10. Strategic County Councillor Updates

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

11. Councillor Motion

Members are requested to endorse the following motion:

That This Council supports the aims of the Parkrun group nationally in the promotion of good health and wellbeing and the principle of free of charge, stewarded and timed 5k runs on a weekly basis.

This Council notes the success of the Parkrun scheme locally and within Northumberland and welcome its expansion.

This Council resolves to support, in principal, the creation of a Parkrun in Morpeth in Carlisle Park.

Proposed by Councillor D Bawn
Seconded by Councillors J Parreira

12. Local Council Issues

Members are asked to consider any issues to be brought to the attention of the next Local Council meeting.

Mayor's Diary May 2018-2019Key

Confirming details

Events confirmed and attending

Cannot attend or cancelled

Red

Black

Green

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
11th	11:45am	10yr Celebration Day, Factory Tour, (with Ian Lavery) and presenting Henry Dancer Days Fundraising Money	Coca Cola, Coopies Lane Ind Est, Morpeth
16th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
18th	2pm	Newminster School Children Visit	Mayor's Parlour, Morpeth Town hall
23rd	6:30pm	Full Council Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
24th	5-9pm	David Auld & Co Drinks Reception	Morpeth Town Hall, Ballroom
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
26th	6.30 - 10.30pm	Aniimal Welfare Charity Ball	The Grand Hotel , Hartlepool
31st	7:30pm	Morpeth Music Society Concert - Chiaroscuro String Quarter	Morpeth Methodist Church
Feb-19			
3rd	7:30pm	Chinese Banquet	Mulan Restaurant, Riverside, Morpeth
6th	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
19th	5.30pm	Rotary Meeting	Morpeth Golf Club

20th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
Mar-19			
1st	2pm	World Day of Prayer	Morpeth Methodist Church
1st	7pm	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
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
26th	9:30am	Wansbeck Music Festival	Newbiggin Leisure Centre
29th	TBC	Hartlepool Mayors Civic Dinner	
29th	2pm	Newminster School Children Visit	Morpeth Town Hall, Mayor's Parlour
31st	6:30pm	Wansbeck Music Festival	St Georges URC
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
27th	TBC	Civic Head's Farewell Event	Eshott 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
9th	5pm	British Citizenship	Morpeth Town Hall Ballroom
15th	6:30pm	Full Council/Mayor Making	Morpeth Town Hall, Ballroom

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted

193/18 **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

194/18 **Public Participation Time**

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

Members unanimously agreed to bring forward item 11 – **Strategic County Councillor Updates**.

County Cllr Beynon was in attendance to give an update regarding car parking, he advised of the following –

- Parking in Morpeth Town centre will remain free of charge;
- There will be 30 new spaces provided at Morpeth Railway Station at a charge of £3 per day. Parking permits will be available at £220 per annum, with a view to allow 3 months and 6 month permits to be purchased;
- There are talks with land owners to provide more spaces at the station;
- County Councillor Glen Sanderson and SENRUG are in favour of the charges and understand the reasoning behind it;
- Aside from more parking at the station, with the relocation of Morpeth First School, it's hoped that there will be up to 150 space on the redundant site.

County Cllr Beynon also advised that to alleviate inconsiderate parking as a result of charging at the station, he will be doing a leaflet drop to residents in the area to see what the best solution would be to suit most residents.

One member of the public arrived at 6.35pm.

Cllr D Bawn advised members that following consultation, the Local Transport Priorities (LTP) are now being finalised and Northumberland County Council (NCC) support the recommendations from Morpeth Town Council(MTC).

Cllr R Wearmouth advised members that £7.7 million from central government has been given to the County Council to be used by the end of March for road repairs in the county. This amount should cover all request received for repairs to be carried out.

Cllr Beynon left the meeting at 6.50pm.

195/18 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 26th September 2018

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

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of 26th September 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.

196/18 Matters Arising from Full Council Committee Meeting on 26th September 2018

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

Cllr J Tebbutt enquired if there was an update regarding the proposed changes to Morpeth Boundaries. The Clerk advised that the Boundary Working Group report to Finance and General Purposes (F&GP) committee and as discussions are still taking place an update will be brought to Full Council when the consultation process has been completed.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted

197/18 Interim Internal Audit 2018/19

Members were provided with the interim internal auditors' report for information.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted

198/18 Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members were provided for information with the Outside Organisation reports.

Cllr A Tebbutt advised members that he had only just received the minutes from the last NALC meeting which was held on Saturday 17th November. He advised that there is a vacancy on the County Council Standards Committee and two applications have been received for which interviews will follow.

Cllr Gebhard advised members that the Chamber of Trade will make a decision at their meeting in January 2019 as to whether they will make a contribution to CCTV in the town centre.

Cllr J Tebbutt asked for an update from Cllr Byard regarding her update from the Morpeth Heritage Network, particularly in relation to the review of the Conservation Area. Cllr Byard advised members that a meeting had taken place today with the conservation officer from NCC. A brief will be written by NCC. This will be taken to F&GP for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted

199/18 **Strategic County Councillor Updates**

See min 194/18.

Cllr Holmes asked for an update regarding the proposed electronic speed sign near to Abbeyfields First School. The Clerk advised that the maintenance of such a sign needs to be considered through F&GP as once installed it becomes the responsibility of MTC. Cllr A Tebbutt raised the possibility of installing more signs, particularly as posts are in place from historic speed signs.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted
- (ii) Cllr R Wearmouth to investigate the costs associated with using the old posts

200/18 **Councillor Motion**

Cllr Best read out 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.

Cllr Best advised members that he hopes the Council would agree to support this in principle, and agree how this could be put in to practice and what the impacts would be on MTC.

The Clerk advised members that the Town Council are governed by the NJC terms and conditions. These are arrived following negotiations with the Joint Trade Union on behalf of the employees and NALC who represent the employer. She also advised that 2017 saw the end of a four year pay freeze and a subsequent pay deal over two years which has seen the lower scale

increased significantly. Due to this, from April 2019 all Council's will be paying its employees a minimum of £9 per hour. Councillors had a lengthy debate on the pros and cons of the motion.

A proposal was made to approve the motion in principle.

A vote was taken: 9 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstention

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted
- (ii) Motion was approved in principle

201/18

Local Council Issues

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

The meeting concluded at 7:28pm with Councillors' N Best, D Bawn, N Bawn, A Byard, L Cassie, J Gebhard, K Holmes, J Parreira, A Tebbutt, J Tebbutt and R Wearmouth

Note :- (-) Net Expenditure means INCOME is greater than EXPENDITURE

	Current Year Budget	Next Year Budget	Year 2 Budget	Year 3 Budget	Year 4 Budget	Year 5 Budget
100 Annual Precept						
Total Income	582,328	593,959	605,838	617,955	0	0
Annual Precept - Net Expenditure	-582,328	-593,959	-605,838	-617,955	0	0
110 Administration Income						
Total Over Head Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	1,717	1,700	1,734	1,769	0	0
Administration Income - Net Expenditure	-1,717	-1,700	-1,734	-1,769	0	0
120 Staff Costs						
Total Over Head Expenditure	197,515	212,550	216,801	221,137	0	0
Staff Costs - Net Expenditure	197,515	212,550	216,801	221,137	0	0
130 Indirect Staff Costs						
Total Over Head Expenditure	3,030	3,090	3,152	3,215	0	0
Indirect Staff Costs - Net Expenditure	3,030	3,090	3,152	3,215	0	0
140 Premises and Grounds						
Total Over Head Expenditure	5,252	5,300	5,406	5,514	0	0
Premises and Grounds - Net Expenditure	5,252	5,300	5,406	5,514	0	0
150 Admin Running Costs						
Total Over Head Expenditure	2,475	3,024	3,084	3,146	0	0
Admin Running Costs - Net Expenditure	2,475	3,024	3,084	3,146	0	0
160 General Office Expenditure						
Total Over Head Expenditure	27,976	30,708	31,322	31,949	0	0
General Office Expenditure - Net Expenditure	27,976	30,708	31,322	31,949	0	0
170 Other Admin Exp/ Subscriptions						
Total Over Head Expenditure	31,184	22,740	23,195	23,659	0	0
Other Admin Exp/ Subscriptions - Net Expenditure	31,184	22,740	23,195	23,659	0	0
210 Services Income						
Total Income	56,170	58,000	59,160	60,343	0	0

Forward Budget Detail - By Centre

Note :- (-) Net Expenditure means INCOME is greater than EXPENDITURE

	Current Year Budget	Next Year Budget	Year 2 Budget	Year 3 Budget	Year 4 Budget	Year 5 Budget
Services Income - Net Expenditure	-56,170	-58,000	-59,160	-60,343	0	0
220 Paddling Pool						
Total Over Head Expenditure	11,155	11,200	11,424	11,652	0	0
Paddling Pool - Net Expenditure	11,155	11,200	11,424	11,652	0	0
230 Equipment Repairs						
Total Over Head Expenditure	8,590	8,850	9,027	9,208	0	0
Equipment Repairs - Net Expenditure	8,590	8,850	9,027	9,208	0	0
240 St James Community Centre						
Total Over Head Expenditure	19,066	15,730	16,045	16,365	0	0
St James Community Centre - Net Expenditure	19,066	15,730	16,045	16,365	0	0
250 Storey Park Community Centre						
Total Over Head Expenditure	19,860	15,310	15,616	15,929	0	0
Storey Park Community Centre - Net Expenditure	19,860	15,310	15,616	15,929	0	0
260 Bus Station Toilets						
Total Over Head Expenditure	29,230	24,300	24,786	25,282	0	0
Bus Station Toilets - Net Expenditure	29,230	24,300	24,786	25,282	0	0
265 Other Toilets						
Total Over Head Expenditure	22,000	15,000	15,300	15,606	0	0
Other Toilets - Net Expenditure	22,000	15,000	15,300	15,606	0	0
270 Carlisle Park Toilets						
Total Over Head Expenditure	800	820	836	853	0	0
Carlisle Park Toilets - Net Expenditure	800	820	836	853	0	0
280 Terrace Toilets						
Total Over Head Expenditure	1,378	1,400	1,428	1,457	0	0
Terrace Toilets - Net Expenditure	1,378	1,400	1,428	1,457	0	0
285 General Services						

Note :- (-) Net Expenditure means INCOME is greater than EXPENDITURE

	Current Year Budget	Next Year Budget	Year 2 Budget	Year 3 Budget	Year 4 Budget	Year 5 Budget
Total Over Head Expenditure	82,800	82,900	84,558	86,249	0	0
General Services - Net Expenditure	82,800	82,900	84,558	86,249	0	0
290 Morpeth in Bloom						
Total Over Head Expenditure	47,000	50,250	51,257	52,279	0	0
Morpeth in Bloom - Net Expenditure	47,000	50,250	51,257	52,279	0	0
295 Services: Other Expenditure						
Total Over Head Expenditure	25,000	24,000	24,480	24,970	0	0
Services: Other Expenditure - Net Expenditure	25,000	24,000	24,480	24,970	0	0
310 Allotment Income						
Total Income	897	4,601	4,693	4,787	0	0
Allotment Income - Net Expenditure	-897	-4,601	-4,693	-4,787	0	0
320 Allotment Expenditure						
Total Over Head Expenditure	3,600	4,600	4,692	4,786	0	0
Allotment Expenditure - Net Expenditure	3,600	4,600	4,692	4,786	0	0
420 Tourism and Grants						
Total Over Head Expenditure	1,704	1,700	1,734	1,769	0	0
Tourism and Grants - Net Expenditure	1,704	1,700	1,734	1,769	0	0
430 Awards						
Total Over Head Expenditure	750	750	765	780	0	0
Awards - Net Expenditure	750	750	765	780	0	0
440 Subsidies						
Total Over Head Expenditure	47,762	47,512	47,512	47,512	0	0
Subsidies - Net Expenditure	47,762	47,512	47,512	47,512	0	0
520 Economic Development Costs						
Total Over Head Expenditure	8,593	8,593	8,593	8,593	0	0
Economic Development Costs - Net Expenditure	8,593	8,593	8,593	8,593	0	0

Forward Budget Detail - By Centre

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	Current Year Budget	Next Year Budget	Year 2 Budget	Year 3 Budget	Year 4 Budget	Year 5 Budget
610 Major Items Income						
Total Income	3,000	0	0	0	0	0
Major Items Income - Net Expenditure	-3,000	0	0	0	0	0
620 Major Items Expenditure						
Total Over Head Expenditure	56,180	56,700	56,700	56,700	0	0
Major Items Expenditure - Net Expenditure	56,180	56,700	56,700	56,700	0	0
710 Civic Duties Income						
Total Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Civic Duties Income - Net Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
720 Civic Duties Expenditure						
Total Over Head Expenditure	9,563	9,600	9,792	9,988	0	0
Civic Duties Expenditure - Net Expenditure	9,563	9,600	9,792	9,988	0	0
900 EMR						
Total Over Head Expenditure	369,206	228,606	231,107	233,607	0	0
EMR - Net Expenditure	369,206	228,606	231,107	233,607	0	0
Total Budget Expenditure	1,031,669	885,233	898,612	912,203	0	0
Income :	644,112	658,260	671,425	684,854	0	0
Net Expenditure	387,557	226,973	227,187	227,350	0	0

Reports re Outside Organisations – Appendix D

Organisations	Councillor	Report
Morpeth and District Chamber of Trade	Jack Gebhard	At their pre-Christmas meeting the Chamber decided to delay a decision on financially supporting MTC's proposal for CCTV in the town. The decision will be made at the Chamber meeting on Monday 19th January-A verbal update will be given on the night.
Hunter Memorial Homes	Johnny Wearmouth	Nil report – no update.
Millennium Green	Les Cassie	Nil report – The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 21 st January 2019. A verbal update will be given on the night.
Morpeth Heritage Network	Alison Byard	No meeting held since last Full Council. Next meeting 20th February.
Greater Morpeth Development Trust	Joao Parreira	Nil report received.
Hollon Trust	Alison Byard (Trustee until Sept 2018)	AGM held 17th December 2018, trustees re-elected. No further news until next meeting in March/April, date tbc.
Markets Advisory Group	Nic Best	The Christmas Farmers Market at the beginning of December went well, and the Wednesday Markets in December were weather-affected but otherwise OK. There were no other special Christmas markets in Morpeth this year. There was no January Farmers Market as usual due to the lack of preparation time etc after New Year and Wednesday Markets in January are traditionally quiet as this is the peak season for market traders' holidays. The Wednesday Market is expected to pick up full by mid to end of February.
Northumberland Association of Local Councils	Andrew Tebbutt	Nil Report – The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 19 th January 2019.
Town and Parish Liaison	Nic Best	Nil report – the next meeting has been re-scheduled for 1st February and no agenda has been published yet.
NCC Local Area Council	Jack Gebhard Andrew Tebbutt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At November's meeting the committee reaffirmed their opposition to the development of 53 dwellings north of Pottery Bank (16/04486/FUL), and clarified their reasons for objection. • Approval was given for a religious building behind the Co-op at Loansdean. • Councillor Tebbutt raised concerns of traffic management around the Mace store next to the Sun Inn if a Post Office from there.

County Councillor Updates – Appendix E

Cllr R Wearmouth

The county council has moved the Local Plan to the next stage which is the regulation 19 Consultation. This will commence in late January including a drop in at Morpeth Town Hall.

On Friday 18th the council launched "Discover our Lands" which aims to build on "Great Northumberland" and the recent award of gold to Northumberland in the National Tourism Awards. The team behind Discover our Lands are seeking short videos and stories showing off what is unique and best about our county, in all aspects of life (e.g. tourist attractions, businesses, peoples positive experience, lifestyle etc). It is aimed at everyone and everyone but in particular about driving up our visitor numbers, making sure the best talent is happy to locate where etc. Ideas from Town councillors are very much welcomed and can be forwarded to ann.bridges@northumberland.gov.uk who is the head of coms at NCC.

The ideas/projects used will include a nice video easily shared through social media email etc, they look very professional so well worth it for Morpeth and any one doing them. The preference is not for politicians but for residents and businesses to step forward and tell the story of our County.

Locally there is a stone planter being removed from Spelvit Lane at the request of residents. There has in the last few months been repairs to Spelvit Lane and some other estate roads. I understand that Highmoor will be resurfaced in the coming months. Regarding the entrance to the Kylins we are apparently waiting for the team to finish work near the Snowy Owl (Cramlington) and then they will move on to the Kylins in the next month or so. On minor repairs (pavings etc) I have forwarded some issues on Leland, Green Acres, Highmoor and the Pastures to Local Services.

The 151 officer is not yet returned to work, this continues to slow progress on discussions about Storey Park. By the time this paper is sent out there will have been the latest Morpeth Forum so I can verbally update on the night on that subject.