

**Morpeth Town Council**  
**Annual Assembly 2018**

**Minutes of the Meeting held in the Corn Exchange of the Town Hall Morpeth**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Present:-**

**Councillors:** N Best - Mayor  
D Bawn  
N Bawn  
A Byard  
R Hogg  
K Holmes  
J Parreira  
A Tebbutt  
J Tebbutt  
J Wearmouth  
R Wearmouth

28 Members of the Public and one member of the Press also attended.

**Clerks:** Miss D Smith and Mrs J Wilson

**Other Staff** Ms A Cole

**Absent Councillors:** Cllr L Cassie – Apologies Received (Business)  
Cllr J Gebhard – Apologies Received (Business)  
Cllr D Herne – Apologies Received (Business)

The Town Clerk, Tracey Bell, also gave her apologies (Business).

**448/17 Mayor's Welcome**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Annual Assembly of the Town.

The Mayor introduced councillors and Town Council staff to members of the public present.

**449/17 To Confirm the Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The Mayor advised that the minutes would be published on the Town Council website from Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were confirmed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

**450/17 Annual Report 2017/2018**

The Mayor, Councillor N Best, presented the Annual Report which reviewed the activities of the Town Council's year, along with his personal highlights as Mayor.

Various achievements and projects were highlighted, as well as the ongoing maintenance and management of many services in Morpeth.

The Mayor thanked councillors, partners, contractors and staff for their work and support throughout the year.

There were no questions from Members of the Public regarding the Annual Report, however there was one question raised by Mrs K Bibby-Wilson.

*'Can Morpeth Town Council review their policy for the use of signage for events in the Town Hall?'*

The Mayor advised that this matter would be referred to the Finance and General Purposes for consideration.

A question was also raised by Mr Ed Campbell.

*'The Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan (MNP) was developed and approved under the previous County Council administration. Given the experience of the decisions made without reference to the MNP, what guarantee can be given that the new administration will consider the MNP moving forward?'*

The Mayor advised that planning decisions are not party politically driven and there are regulations that should be followed.

There were no further questions from the public.

#### **451/17 Presentation of Civic Awards**

The Mayor, Councillor N Best, presented the Morpeth Town Council Civic Awards, giving a brief resume of the reason why the individual had been selected to receive a Civic Award.

##### **Recipients of Award**

David Barker

Ken Irvine

Ian Nelson

#### **452/17 Closure**

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending the formal business of the meeting, which concluded at 6.26 pm, and all present were invited to partake of refreshments.

