

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Full Council Committee Meeting
Wednesday 17th July 2019
at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber of Morpeth Town Council

<u>Present:</u>	Councillors: A Byard D Bawn N Bawn N Best J Gebhard D Herne R Hogg K Holmes R Thompson J Wearmouth R Wearmouth	- Mayor
	Clerks: Mrs T Bell Miss K Carter Miss C Rowell	- Town Clerk - Democratic Services Assistant - Administrative Assistant
Absent Councillors:	Councillor L Cassie Councillor J Parreira Councillor J Tebbutt Councillor R Thompson	- Apologies Received (Holiday) - Apologies Received (Business) - Apologies Received (Illness) - Apologies Received (Business)

63/19 **Mayoral Announcements**

- The Hiroshima Day commemoration event will take place on Tuesday 6th August 2019 at 8am in the Chantry Peace Garden.
- The Annual Meet the Mayor event will take place on Thursday 19th September 2019 in Morpeth Town Hall.

64/19 **Mayoral Diary**

Members were provided with the schedule of events to be attended by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor from July 2019 to May 2020.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

65/19 **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman received the following declarations of interest on this occasion:

Cllr R Hogg – Items Referred from Other Committees and Working Groups-County and Parish Boundaries – (Personal Interest – Resident of Southfields in the Hepscott Parish).

66/19 **Public Participation Time**

There were no members of the public present on this occasion.

67/19 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 15th May 2019**

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

Cllr A Tebbutt suggested that at the next Annual Meeting the Annual Return should be explained thoroughly to show transparency.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) That the Minutes of 15th May 2019, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

68/19 **Matters Arising from Full Council Committee Meeting on 15th May 2019**

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

69/19 **Items Referred from Other Committees and Working Groups**

Finance & General Purposes

i. County and Parish Boundaries

Members were requested to consider the Position Statement, associated maps and letter from Hepscott Parish Council. A letter was received from Mitford Parish Council on 15th July 2019 which is attached as Appendix A which was also included in the discussion and decision making process.

Cllr Bawn introduced the report giving an update to the background and outlining the actions taken to date.

Cllr Tebbutt wanted his concerns placed on record regarding the changes to the boundaries and the potential impact it may have on the settlement boundaries.

Cllr Best advised that this was purely an administrative change and would have no effect in planning terms or any of the settlement boundaries identified in the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan.

It was agreed that Hepscoth should be considered and discussed in two parts. The first being the existing Stobhill Manor Estate (west of the A192 shown on the map attached in the report) which is currently divided between Morpeth and Hepscoth Parishes. The second part would land east of the A192 on the map including Barratt's Southfields Estate and the designated Employment land

A lengthy discussion took place on the pros and cons of each of the proposed boundary changes. It was agreed that each parish would be voted on separately.

- (i) Cllr D Bawn proposed that the changes to the Morpeth / Hebron boundary be approved, seconded by Cllr A Tebbutt.

A vote was taken: 11 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

- (ii) Cllr D Bawn proposed that changes to the Morpeth / Hepscoth land west of A192 Stobhill Manor Estate be approved, seconded by Cllr A Tebbutt.

A vote was taken: 10 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstention

- (iii) Cllr D Bawn proposed that changes to the Morpeth / Hepscoth land east of the A192 including Barratt's Southfield Estate and designated Employment land be approved, seconded by Cllr R Wearmouth.

A vote was taken: 10 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstention

- (iv) Cllr D Bawn proposed that changes to the Morpeth / Mitford boundary be approved, seconded by Cllr R Wearmouth.

A vote was taken: 11 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

Cllr R Wearmouth advised that the next step was to contact Northumberland County Council (NCC) requesting a Community Governance review, a public consultation will take place as part of the process prior to NCC making a final decision.

It was agreed that this would be advertised at the next Morpeth Forum taking place on the 5th September 2019 in the Town Hall, members of the public would will be encouraged to give their views on the proposals. A press release would also be prepared outlining the proposals.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) That the Clerk contact NCC requesting a Community Governance Review.
- (iii) That the Clerk and Cllrs Bawn and Byard prepare a press release.

Cllr R Hogg declared a Personal Interest in this matter, see Min 65/19.

70/19 **Town Centre Recycling Scheme**

Cllr D Bawn and the Clerk met with Paul Jones Director of Local Services at NCC and County Councillor Glen Sanderson to discuss trialling two recycling bins in the town centre for six months. This will be a jointly funded partnership.

The bins will be insitu for the children returning to school in September. NCC will work with schools to raise awareness of the scheme.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

71/19 **Amendments to Annual Meeting Timetable**

Members were advised that there was typo on the original meeting schedule approved in May which didn't highlight that the Annual Assembly and the Mayor Making commence at 6pm.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) Members approved the start time of the Annual Assembly and Mayor Making as 6pm.

72/19 **Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Members were provided for information with the Outside Organisation reports.

Cllr Best informed members that a continental market will take place from 8th to the 11th August 2019.

The Clerk advised members that the Chamber of Trade Book Fair, due to take place from 20th to the 22nd September 2019, has now been cancelled.

Cllr R Wearmouth informed members that the unveiling of the newly refurbished train station has been delayed to the third week in November 2019. Litter picks are going well and fewer bags are being collected due to a reduction of litter.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

73/19 **Strategic County Councillor Updates**

Members were provided for information with the County Councillor updates.

Cllr R Wearmouth informed members that the speed sign at Abbeyfields First School will be installed on either the 24th or 25th July 2019. Potholes at Highmoor and Townsend Crescent have recently been filled in.

Cllr D Bawn advised members that the resurfacing of Howard Road will begin next week for two days. Residents at Kings Avenue and De Merley Road have approached Cllr D Bawn to enquire about a residents' parking scheme, a formal consultation will take place in due course. There is a long standing exemption of one hour to the parking scheme on Bullers Green due to historical reasons. Cllr D Bawn has started the formal consultation with residents to remove this anomaly.

RESOLVED

(i) Information duly noted.

74/19 **Local Council Issues**

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

The meeting concluded at 7:19pm with Councillors A Byard, D Bawn, N Bawn, N Best, J Gebhard, D Herne, R Hogg, K Holmes, R Thompson, J Wearmouth and R Wearmouth.