

**Morpeth Town Council**

**Minutes of the Full Council Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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

**RESOLVED**

- (i) that the Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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