

**Morpeth Town Council**  
**Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6:30pm**  
**in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	N Best	- Chair
		N Bawn	
		A Byard	
		A Tebbutt	
		J Wearmouth	
<b>Clerks:</b>	Mrs J Wilson	- Deputy Clerk	
	Miss K Carter	- Democratic Services Assistant	
	Miss C Rowell	- Administration Assistant	
<b>Absent Councillors:</b>	J Gebhard	- Business	
	J Parreira	- Business	
	J Tebbutt	- Personal	

**Open Session**

There were no members of the public present who wished to address members on this occasion.

**162/19**      **Committee Chairman's Announcements**

- Members were advised of the usual rules about the recording of meetings;
- Members were reminded that mobile phones should be turned on to silent and should not be used during the meeting.

**163/19**      **Mayoral Announcements**

- The 1920's themed Mayor's Ball will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Tickets are now sold out.
- The annual Remembrance Parade and Two Minutes Silence took place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 respectively.
- The Mistletoe Fair and Christmas Lights Switch On event takes place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
- Cllr Tebbutt has organised an afternoon tea at Café Des Amis on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 3-5pm to raise money for the Mayor's charity. Tickets will be £20 each.

**164/19**      **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

**165/19**      **Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

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

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

**166/19**      **Matters Arising**

See Appendix B.

**167/19**      **Licenses**

There were no license applications to consider on this occasion.

**168/19**      **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, see Appendix C.
- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for w/c 14<sup>th</sup> October, w/c 21<sup>st</sup> October and w/c 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- (iii) 17/01329/OUT – Land North of Fernleigh, Cottingwood Lane

Members were advised that no further comments have been received to the above application and our original comments stand.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

- (iv) 19/03931/FUL - 1 Chathill Close, Stobhill Farm, Morpeth

Members were advised that the above application was due to be heard at Local Area Council on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Cllr Byard informed members that the Officer's report had recommended approval of the application.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

(v) 18/04133/TREECA – Land at Dawson Place, Morpeth

The Deputy Clerk informed members that a tree had been felled on land at Dawson Place. This came to the attention of the Town Council via a member of the public. On enquiring with Northumberland County Council (NCC) why the Town Council had not been consulted we were informed that we were not a statutory consultee.

Cllr Best advised that the Ash tree was on land owned by Karbon Homes but that the planning application to fell the tree had been submitted by Northern Powergrid to re-site the substation.

Cllr Best proposed that Morpeth Town Council write to Karbon Homes, appealing to their community spirit and bring to their attention their lack of awareness of enjoyment of the tree by the local community. He also proposed that the letter suggest that they plant two trees to replace the one that was felled.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) The Deputy Clerk to write to Karbon Homes.

169/19

**Northumberland Local Plan Examination – Chapter 13  
(Managing Natural Resources)**

Members were asked to consider if they wish to participate in the above hearing and submit a pre-hearing statement.

Cllr Best informed members that the Town Council had not made any previous comments to this section of the Local Plan, therefore any involvement was not necessary.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

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**Road Closures**

Members were advised of the following road closure:

1. C148 St Leonards Lane, Mitford

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

171/19

**Local Council Issues**

There were no issues raised on this occasion.

Cllr Best advised members that the Deputy Clerk had sent an email to all councillors regarding a pre-application for the former Benfield site at Hillgate, asking for comments by the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to be submitted to the Planning Department by 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019. This will be brought to the next Planning & Transport committee meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 for consideration.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To consider the application and submit comments to the Deputy Clerk by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
- c) To bring this application to the next Planning & Transport meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 for consideration.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 7:11pm with Councillors N Bawn, N Best, A Byard, A Tebbutt and J Wearmouth present.

## **166/19 - Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B**

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Action from meeting</b>
145/19	Northumberland Local Plan Consultation on Scoping Documents for the Affordable Housing and Planning Obligations SPDs	Members were advised that no comments were received to the consultation.	Information duly noted.
148/19	Morpeth Conservation Area Character Appraisal	<p>Members were advised that comments received to the Consultation Area Appraisal have now been submitted.</p> <p>The Deputy Clerk advised members that she has requested that the final version of the document be received by the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020, to be circulated to members prior to Full Council on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 for consideration.</p> <p>Cllr Best advised members that the Conservation Area boundary would need to be reviewed; this work would cost just under £12,000. He proposed that this review be recommended to the Finance &amp; General Purposes committee for consideration in the budget setting process for 2020/21.</p>	<p>Information duly noted.</p> <p>To recommend to the Finance &amp; General Purposes committee that the Conservation Area boundary review is included in the 2020/21 budget setting process.</p>

### **APPENDIX C - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

<b>PLANNING REF</b>	<b>NAME &amp; LOCATION</b>	<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>MTC RESPONSE</b>	<b>MIN NO</b>	<b>NCC DECISION</b>
19/03940/CCD	<b>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Best from planning list w/c 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019.</b> Mr Damon Barnaby Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Loansdean, Morpeth, NE61 2EF	Refurbishment and extension of existing reception, cafe and Council offices to provide enhanced public facilities, meeting suite and leadership offices; associated external works and landscaping.	Morpeth Town Council welcome the enhanced facilities and would like the following to be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The improvements meet the expected public need and requirements, rather than just meeting spaces – projection facilities etc.</li> <li>• Dedicated parking spaces for those hiring the public facilities.</li> <li>• That the fitting out of the facilities will compliment those already available in the town.</li> <li>• A pop up café in the reception area as it was proven to be popular.</li> </ul>		Application Granted
19/04235/CCD	Northumberland County Council Car Park On Former Library Site, Gas House Lane, Low Stanners, Morpeth	Construction of new leisure and community centre with associated parking, pedestrian access, landscaping and public realm.	Morpeth Town Council welcome this new facility and would like the following to be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adequate signage and facilities are in place to accommodate all disabilities including those who suffer with Dementia.</li> <li>• The inclusion of features to remember the buildings that were demolished to make way for this development.</li> <li>• The potential inclusion of energy efficient supply.</li> </ul>		
19/03813/FUL	Mr Will McLean 33 The Avenue, Loansdean, Morpeth, NE61 2DF	Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.	Morpeth Town Council have no comment to this application.		
19/04278/FELTPO	Mrs Lorna Beansley	Tree Preservation Order application for Corsican Pine to be felled.	Morpeth Town Council have no comment to this application.		Application Granted

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
	15 Kings Avenue, Morpeth, NE61 1HX				
19/04318/VARYCO	Mr G Harker Land North Of Windrush, Morpeth	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning application 18/02914/REM in order to change minor elements on approved Housetype and site plan and boundary treatments.	Morpeth Town Council have no comment to this application.		