

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 6.30pm
in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth

Present:	Councillors:	J Wearmouth	- Chairman
		N Best	- Vice Chairman
		J Gebhard (arriving 6.37pm)	- Mayor (ex-officio)
		N Bawn	
		A Byard	
		D Herne (arriving at 6.35pm)	
		J Parreira	
		A Tebbutt	
	Clerks:	Miss D Smith	- Deputy Clerk
		Mrs J Wilson	- Office Manager
		Ms A Cole	- Administration Assistant
	Absent Councillors:	Cllr J Tebbutt	- Illness
		Cllr K Holmes	- Personal

178/18 **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.

179/18 **Mayoral Announcements**

- The Mistletoe Fair and Christmas Lights Switch On event will take place on Saturday 17th November 2018.
- The In Bloom Thank you event will be held on Wednesday 21st November at 5pm in the Mayors parlour, prior to Full Council meeting.

180/18 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest on this occasion.

181/18 **Public Participation Time**

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

182/18 **Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 17th October 2018**

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

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of 17th October 2018, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

183/18 **Matters Arising**

See Appendix B

184/18 **Licenses**

There were no license applications to consider on this occasion.

185/18 **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

- (i) Members considered the planning applications for w/c 5th November 2018, and those requested to be brought to committee from previously circulated planning lists (29th October). See Appendix C.
- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for the 15th October 2018.
- (iii) 16/04486/FUL – Land North of the Garth, Pottery Bank, Morpeth

Members were advised that an appeal has been made on the grounds of Appeal Against Refusal. Members were asked to consider any further comments to this application.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) Cllr Tebbutt to email his report presented at the Local Area Council meeting which will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

186/18

Improvements and Investments in Car Park Provision

Members were provided for information with the above report from NCC. The following comments and concerns were raised:

- Revenue and funding gained to be used to fund more parking spaces;
- Improved enforcement to tackle anti-social parking in the area;
- Improved connectivity with bus and other transportation links;
- Continue to pursue additional car park spaces funding through Network Rail;
- Seek further investments through the North East Combined Authority;
- Remote payment facilities in car park;
- Car parking charges at the station should not set a precedent on other car parks in Morpeth

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) To write to SENRUG for their comments on this report.

187/18

Train Services in Morpeth

1. TransPennine Express Timetable Consultation December 2019

Members were advised that the above consultation has been received.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) Consultation to be circulated to all members for comments. These should be received back by 23rd November 2018.
- c) To request SENRUG's comments to this consultation.

2. First Group – East Coast Open Access Operation

The Deputy Clerk advised members that following a meeting with the stakeholder lead from First Group, from Summer 2021 there will be an additional five trains each way, operating from London to Edinburgh, calling at Stevenage, Newcastle, and Morpeth. Members welcomed this new service.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To request SENRUG's comments to this new service.

188/18 Road Closures

Members were advised of the following road closures:

1. A192 Bridge Street, Morpeth
2. U6190 Abbey Meadows, Morpeth

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted

189/18 Morpeth Forum

Cllr Best advised members of the following :-

- The next drop in session for the Forum has been postponed to 16th February 2019.
- A report is being produced from Active Northumberland on the plans for the Leisure Centre in Morpeth;
- Ongoing discussions regarding the development of the Terrace Car Park.
- There are no immediate plans to relocate the Library to the Chantry. This will be reviewed on a 6 monthly basis.
- The redevelopment of the RAFA club has begun.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted

190/18 Local Council Issues

There were no other issues raised on this occasion.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 7.17pm with Councillors J Wearmouth, N Bawn, N Best, A Byard, J Gebhard, D Herne, J Parreira and A Tebbutt present.

183/18 Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
157/18 (88/18) (66/18)	Northumberland Local Plan – Spring Consultation	Members were advised that the NCC officer is awaiting confirmation on whether a report/update regarding the Link Road, and the Northern Bypass one year update needs to go through NCC processes prior to reporting to the Town Council	Information duly noted.
157/18 (92/18)	Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan Housing Policy (MNP)	Members were advised no response had yet been received from NCC regarding a date to meet to discuss concerns regarding the weight of the MNP when considering applications.	1. Information duly noted. 2. To ask for reassurances which can be published on our website, from NCC in writing regarding the weight of the MNP
158/18	Items referred from F&GP Committee - Community Action Plan- Environment Comprehensive Tree Strategy	Members were advised that no response has been received from NCC to our request for detailed guidance relating to the planting of appropriate trees in the new developments. No further councillors volunteered to progress the tree strategy with Cllr Best and Morpeth Town Council Allotments Officer.	1. Information duly noted. 2. Cllr Best to produce a report relating to the Tree Strategy
158/18	Items referred from F&GP Committee - Community Action Plan- Resources – S106 Discussions	Members were advised that no response has been received from NCC to a request made to meet to discuss concerns to their response regarding S106 discussions.	1. Information duly noted. 2. To chase up a response from NCC regarding S106 discussions
161/18 (124/18)	Morpeth Parking Direction Signage	Members were informed that NCC have advised that car parks had been named with identification. NCC would welcome any comments after the new signage is in place.	Information duly noted.
162/18 (126/18)	Morpeth Forum – Car Parking Feasibility Study	Members were advised that Cllr Beynon has reported that the Police have been monitoring the parking situation at the Station Cottages and Allery Banks, and the possibility of payment parking fees. Cllr Beynon was due to meet with Cllr Sanderson last week regarding the situation.	1. Information duly noted. 2. To request a written report from Cllr Beynon regarding an update on the parking issues at the Station. To be presented at

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			the next Full Council meeting.
163/18	Consultation on Street Naming and Numbering – St George’s Hospital, Morpeth	Members were informed that the suggestion of Rastrick Way has been accepted by NCC.	Information duly noted.

185/18 Appendix C - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 5th November 2018

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
18/00810/PREAPP	<p>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr J Wearmouth from Planning list 29th October Mr Stephen Foster, Former Benfield Motors, Hillgate, Morpeth, NE61 1XY</p>	<p>Pre-application for residential development to include town houses and apartments, car parking levels to be agreed, proposed access points as per the existing site, proposed development footprint to the existing building line or in line with proposed privacy distances.</p>	<p>Morpeth Town Council wish to make the following comments to this application –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is of historic interest and consideration should be given to ensure that views of Morpeth Castle are not obstructed from Telford Bridge and Elliot Bridge • The height of the building should be less than the height of the new William Turner Court • The design of the building should be sensitive to the entrance to Carlisle Park and the view throughout the park • Consider should be given to a mix of residential and commercial outlets 		

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There should be sufficient on-site parking to avoid displacement of parking in to Castle Square 		
18/03710/LBC	Mr Dinesh Kohli 59 Newgate st, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 1AY	Listed Building Consent – Proposed Internal alterations to office space to form 3no. self-contained dwellings over 3 floors and attic.	Morpeth Town Council have no comment to this application.		Application Granted
18/03712/FUL	Mr Dinesh Kohli 59 Newgate st, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 1AY	COU - Proposed Internal alterations of 2 offices and attic space to form 3no. self-contained dwellings for residential use.	Morpeth Town Council have no comment to this application.		Application Granted