

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 6:30pm
in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth

Present:	Councillors:	N Best	- Chair
		A Byard	
		J Gebhard	
		A Tebbutt	
		J Tebbutt	
Clerks:	Mrs J Wilson	- Deputy Clerk	
	Miss K Carter	- Democratic Services Assistant	
	Miss L Roberts	- Administration Assistant	
Absent Councillors:	N Bawn	- Business	
	J Parreira	- Business	
	J Wearmouth	- Business	

One member of the public and one member of the press were also in attendance.

Open Session

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

233/19 **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.

234/19 **Mayoral Announcements**

- Nominations for Civic Awards must be submitted by 26th February 2020.
- The Mayor thanked Cllr D Bawn for organising the Burns Night Supper at the Sun Inn which took place on Monday 3rd February 2020, £600 was raised for the Mayor's charity.
- Cllr Tebbutt is organising a Royal Fusiliers concert at Kind Edwards VI High School on Saturday 14th March 2020 at 6pm. The TA band and KEVI Steelpan band will be performing. Ticket price to be confirmed.
- There will be a VE Day celebration taking place on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th May 2020 in the Town Hall.
- The KEVI Chamber Choir will be putting on a concert at St George's URC on Wednesday 12th February 2020 12:30-1:30pm to raise money for the Mayor's charity.

- A meal will be held at Lollo Rosso on Sunday 5th April 2020. Proceeds will go to the Mayor's charity.
- The Chinese New Year Banquet, which took place at Mulan on the 27th January 2020, raised £970 for charity. Thanks were given to everyone involved.

235/19 **Declarations of Interest**

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

Cllr J Gebhard – Planning Applications List for Consideration – 27th January 2020 applications 20/00198/FUL Craik Park, High House Road, Morpeth, NE61 2YX and 19/05032/AGTRES Land North of Katerdene, Fulbeck, Morpeth, and license application for Morpeth Town AFC, Craik Park, The Common, Morpeth, NE61 2XY – (Personal Interest – friend of the applicants).

236/19 **Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 15th January 2020**

The minutes of the above meetings were approved as a true record, with the following correction:

Page 1 – remove “There will be a competition to design,” and amend to read “The floral clock bedding will be planted red, white and blue, and a vintage singer will be performing.”

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of 15th January 2020, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved including the amendment and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

237/19 **Matters Arising**

See Appendix B.

238/19 **Licenses**

Members were asked to consider the following license application:

- (i) Morpeth Town AFC, Craik Park, The Common, Morpeth, NE61 2XY.

Cllr A Tebbutt raised concerns regarding noise pollution which residents have been affected by from previous events at Craik Park. He also raised concerns regarding light pollution from the flood lights.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To submit the following comment: Morpeth Town Council do not object to this license application, however we are aware that residents have had

previous concerns regarding noise and light pollution. Therefore, we would hope the situation is monitored accordingly.

Cllr J Gebhard declared a personal interest in this matter – see min 235/19.

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Town and Country Planning Act 1990

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 27th January 2020, see Appendix C.

Cllr J Gebhard declared a personal interest in this matter – see min 235/19.

- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for w/c 13th January and w/c 20th January 2020.

- (iii) 19/04195/FUL – West Tennis Courts, Carlisle Park, Castle Bank

Members were advised that the above application is due to be heard at Local Area Council on Monday 10th February 2020.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

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Items Referred from Other Committees and Working Groups

Full Council

i. Strategic County Councillor Updates

Members were asked to consider s106 requirements for potential developments in Morpeth.

Cllr Best advised members that Cllr Cassie had suggested, at Full Council on the 22nd January 2020, that improvements to the path at Beggar Lane through to Cottingwood Lane should be considered as it is currently in a state of disrepair. This is in the locality of a proposed development which is still in the pre-application stage.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
b) To contact NCC to enquire when they will be implementing the protocol for s106 discussions and;
c) If consideration will be given to s106 contribution for improvements to the path leading down Beggar Lane to Cottingwood Lane.

241/19 **Road Closures**

Members were advised of the following road closure:

1. U6109 – Challoners Gardens, Morpeth

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

242/19 **Local Council Issues**

There were no issues raised on this occasion.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 6:58pm with Councillors N Best, A Byard, J Gebhard, A Tebbutt and J Tebbutt present.

237/19 - Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
216/19 (199/19, 168/19)	18/04133/TREECA - Land at Dawson Place	<p>Members were advised that no response has been received from Karbon Homes following a request for confirmation as to if and when the tree will be replaced.</p> <p>The Deputy Clerk advised that following a request made through this committee, a representative from Karbon Homes will be coming along prior to the next Planning & Transport committee at 6pm on 11th March 2020 to discuss ways to improve communications between them and the Town Council. A housing officer will also be in attendance to discuss any current issues and how we can communicate better going forward.</p>	<p>Information duly noted.</p> <p>Members to submit questions for Karbon Homes to the Deputy Clerk prior to the next Planning & Transport meeting.</p>
220/19	Grass at Simpsons Cottages, Gas House Lane	The Deputy Clerk advised that Cllr D Bawn is currently in conversation with Northumberland County Council (NCC) to discuss options for preventative measures to stop vehicular access to the land at Simpson Cottages.	Information duly noted.

APPENDIX C - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 27th January 2020

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
20/00098/FUL	Mr Andrew Jones 51 Pinewood Drive, Lancaster Park, Morpeth, NE61 3SS	Proposed entrance lobby and family room extension to front of property.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
20/00198/FUL	Mr Ken Beattie Craik Park, High House Road, Morpeth, NE61 2YX	Retrospective Planning Permission to construct a new 128 seat capacity covered East stand to replace the existing dilapidated covered terrace and to further increase capacity to 255 seats including 4No. spaces for disabled spectators and provision of new accessible toilet facilities to the rear of the stand, including extended car parking area.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
19/05032/AGTRES	Michie Land North Of Katerdene, Fulbeck, Morpeth	Change of use of existing agricultural building including partial demolition and conversion to 2no. dwellings.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
19/03789/FUL	Mr & Mrs J Sutherland and V Baring Land West Of Field House, Hepscott	Change of use of existing agricultural buildings and land to residential including conversion to 5 dwellings (as amended 29.01.2020).	Morpeth Town Council are concerned this is outside the settlement boundary and support the comments submitted by Hepscott Parish Council.		