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To: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend the **Full Council** meeting to be held via **Zoom at 6:30pm on Wednesday 25th November 2020**, using the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85341532598?pwd=OVhDS3AxY2svQ0hKNU4rbDJ4UIA0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 853 4153 2598
Passcode: 984280

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Mrs Tracey Bell
Clerk to Morpeth Town Council

20th November 2020

OPEN SESSION

The Chair to invite members of the public present to put questions to or draw relevant matters to the attention of the Council, prior to commencement of business. This is for a period of 20 minutes overall and is limited to 3 minutes per person.

AGENDA

1. Committee Chairman's Announcements

- Usual rules about recordings apply.
- Usual rules regarding the use of mobile phones apply.

2. Mayoral Announcements

- All mayoral activities have been suspended due to the new government restrictions.

3. **Mayoral Diary**

A schedule of events attended by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor is enclosed for members' information, see appendix A.

4. **Apologies for Absence**

5. **Declarations of Interest**

Members to inform the Chairman of Committee of any Declarations of Interest for matters set out within this agenda.

6. **Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council held on Wednesday 23rd September 2020**

To approve the minutes of the above meeting, see appendix B.

7. **Matters Arising from previous committee meetings**

There are no matters arising on this occasion.

8. **Items Referred from Other Committees and Working Groups**

There are no items on this occasion.

9. **Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Reports are attached, see appendix C.

10. **Strategic County Councillor Updates**

Members are provided for information with the County Councillor updates, see appendix D.

11. **Local Council Issues**

Members are asked to consider any issues to be brought to the attention of the next Local Council meeting.

Mayor's Diary May 2020-21

Key

- Confirming details Red
- Events confirmed and attending Black
- Cannot attend or cancelled Green

Nov-20			
Dec-20			
Jan-21			
Feb-21			
Mar-21			
8th	TBC	Unveiling of Emily Davidson Statue	Epsom Marketplace, Epsom, Surrey
Apr-21			
May-21			

MORPETH TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the Full Council Committee Meeting
held on Wednesday 23rd September 2020 at 6pm Via Zoom****Present:**

Councillors:	D Bawn	- Mayor
	N Bawn	
	N Best	
	A Byard	
	J Gebhard	
	R Hogg	
	K Holmes	
	J Parreira (arriving at 6:08pm)	
	A Tebbutt	
	J Tebbutt	
	R Wearmouth	

Clerks:	Mrs T Bell	- Town Clerk
	Miss L Roberts	- Administrative Assistant
	Miss C Rowell	- Administrative Assistant
	Mrs J Wilson	- Deputy Clerk

Absent Councillors:	Councillor L Cassie	- Personal
	Councillor D Herne	- Business
	Councillor R Thompson	- No Apologies Received
	Councillor J Wearmouth	- No Apologies Received

Open Session

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

40/20 Committee Chairman's Announcements

- Usual rules about recordings apply
- Usual rules regarding the use of mobile phones apply

41/19 Mayoral Announcements

- All mayoral activities have been suspended due to the new government restrictions.
- The Charity Quiz night due to be held on the 23rd of September has been postponed, there is currently no new date confirmed for the event.

42/20 Mayoral Diary

Members were provided with the schedule of events to be attended by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor from September 2020 to May 2021. The Mayor advised a number of events have been cancelled or postponed due to the current restrictions.

RESOLVED

(i) Information duly noted.

43/20 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

44/20 Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Mayor Making ceremony held on Wednesday 10th June 2020

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

RESOLVED

(i) Information duly noted.

(ii) That the Minutes of 10th June 2020, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

45/20 Matters Arising from Annual Meeting and Mayor Making Ceremony on 10th June 2020

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

46/20 Items Referred from Other Committees and Working Groups

There were no items referred from other Committees and Working Groups on this occasion.

47/20 Meeting Dates

Members were asked to approve the 2020/2021 Meeting timetable. Due to the current situation this is subject to change.

Cllr Gebhard stated that 6:30pm would be a more suitable time for meetings to begin.

A vote was taken: 5 For, 0 Against and 6 Abstention

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) Meeting times to be changed to 6:30pm start.

Cllr A Tebbutt asked why there was no scheduled Full Council meeting for November.

The Clerk advised that the November meeting is used to celebrate the In Bloom partnership however, no competition had taken place this year.

Cllr Hogg added that it may be beneficial to have the meeting to review the COVID situation. Members agreed with this suggestion.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) Additional Full Council meeting to be scheduled for 25th November 2020.

Cllr Parreira arrived at 6:08pm.

48/20 Final Internal Audit 2019/20

Members were provided for information with a letter from the internal auditor following completion of the interim internal audit for 2019/2020

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

49/20 External Audit

Members were advised that the external audit for 2019/2020 has been completed and were provided for consideration and approval the external auditors report.

The Mayor thanked the staff for their continued hard work.

RESOLVED

- (i) Members unanimously approved the external audit.

50/20 Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members were provided for information with the Outside Organisation reports.

RESOLVED

(i) Information duly noted.

51/20 Strategic County Councillor Updates

Members were provided for information with the County Councillor updates.

Members were advised by Cllr D Bawn that Glen Sanderson has been elected as the new Leader of Northumberland County Council. Cllr R Wearmouth is the Cabinet Member for Business and Tourism.

Cllr R Wearmouth advised members that demolition works have restarted on the Goosehill site, and that Northumberland County Council are to undertake a feasibility study into developing land at the train station for an additional 100 parking spaces.

RESOLVED

(i) Information duly noted.

52/20 Local Council Issues

There were no issues raised on this occasion.

RESOLVED

(i) Information duly noted.

The meeting concluded at 6:22pm with Councillors A Byard, D Bawn, N Bawn, N Best, J Gebhard, R Hogg, K Holmes, J Parreira, A Tebbutt, J Tebbutt and R Wearmouth.

Reports re Outside Organisations

Organisations	Councillor	Report
Morpeth and District Chamber of Trade	Jack Gebhard	Nil report received.
Hunter Memorial Homes	Johnny Wearmouth	Nil report received.
Millennium Green	Les Cassie	Nil report.
Morpeth Heritage Network	Alison Byard	Nil report. Next meeting 2 nd December.
Greater Morpeth Development Trust	Joao Parreira	Nil report received.
Hollon Trust	Alison Byard (Trustee until Sept 2021)	<p>Finances healthy.</p> <p>We stand ready to assist with referrals, though haven't had an increase in demand yet. However, we are in close contact with, and provide support to Wansbeck Valley Food Bank and Contact Mental Health, as well as a number of needy families.</p> <p>The Trust contributed £220 to the Town Council's free school meals initiative over the recent half term holiday.</p> <p>Sadly, the annual Hollon Tea on 5th November had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. However, we are currently arranging a special card and small gift for our 86 annuitants over 75, who are contacted regularly by Trustees to offer any assistance needed.</p>
Markets Advisory Group	Nic Best	<p>Under the rules for the current lockdown, food markets are counted as “essential” alongside supermarkets etc, so markets are continuing with food & drink stalls only, under Covid-19 and social distancing precautions – and at the discretion of individual traders.</p> <p>The new “Morpeth Markets” branding was launched at a two-day farmers market replacing the cancelled food festival at the beginning of October. The new (4th Saturday) monthly Street Food market was held on 24th October, and further Street Food Markets will be held on 28th Nov and 19th Dec. A Morpeth Christmas Markets offering “A Taste of Northumberland” and drawing on Produced in Northumberland members was held on 14th Nov and a second one is planned for 12th Dec.</p>
Town and Parish Liaison	Nic Best	A virtual meeting was held on 6 th October and reports were received on Covid-19 in the county, NCC’s plans for economic recovery post-pandemic, NCC Climate Change Action Plan – and update from Local Services including information on the Kerbside Glass Recycling Trial.

Organisations	Councillor	Report
		The next meeting is scheduled for 7 th January.
NCC Local Area Council	J Gebhard / A Tebbutt	Nil report received.

County Councillor Updates

Cllr R Wearmouth

Kirkhill Ward: Works have started on the latest phase of the county hall renovation with a site compound established on the front side of County Hall. We have had some high levels of covid-19 in Kirkhill compared to county wide rates, however the rate has still been relatively low. The county council has been gearing up for the winter as usual re grit bin replenishment etc. In wider Morpeth the new Leisure centre construction will soon be underway and the goose hill car park is making good progress. Progress continues to be made by the Queens Head, and the Townhouse has been completed and is either ready to open / has opened briefly before closing due to covid restrictions.

Cllr J Beynon

The school site at Goose hill is progressing well, NCC have introduced a pilot scheme for glass collecting, and one of the areas chosen is a number of streets in Stobhill. There are 1 or 2 other items in progress and hopefully I will have more information for the next full council.

Cllr D Bawn

I am pleased to report that work is now commencing on the new Leisure Centre and the ground breaking ceremony has commenced.

The LTP process continues and the paths at Lancaster Park are ranked highly in the proposed schemes so I am hopeful that this will be included.

Local Area Councils including the local planning committee are now fully operational again.