

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.