

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 6:30pm
Via Zoom

Present:

Councillors: N Best - Chair
D Bawn
A Byard
J Gebhard
A Tebbutt
J Wearmouth

Clerks:

Mrs J Wilson - Deputy Clerk
Miss K Carter - Democratic Services Assistant

Absent Councillors:

N Bawn - Personal
J Tebbutt - Illness

Open Session

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

117/20 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.

118/20 Mayoral Announcements

- All mayoral activities have been suspended due to the new government restrictions.
- Beginning on the 10th December 2020 an online fundraiser will take place, called The Twelve Days of Christmas, to raise funds for the Mayor's charity. The Mayor will make a Facebook post each day; members of the public can enter by liking and sharing the post and donating £1 or more to Contact Morpeth Mental Health Group's JustGiving page. Each prize will be themed to the song the Twelve Days of Christmas. On the final day of the fundraiser all the people who have entered will be entered into a big draw to win a big prize.
- The Mayor attended the Morpeth Rotary Club Christmas meeting virtually on Tuesday 8th December 2020.

119/20 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

120/20 Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committees held on 11th November 2020

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

Page 3 – Change Morpeth Heritage Trust to Morpeth Heritage Network.

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of 11th November 2020, copies of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved with the above amendment, and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

121/20 Matters Arising

See Appendix B.

122/20 Licenses

The following license applications were received and circulated to all members for consideration:

- (i) Easteye Ltd, Queens Head Hotel, Bridge Street, Morpeth

No comments were received for this application.

- (ii) Gilchrist Confectionery Ltd, Unit 22-23 Sanderson Arcade, Morpeth

Members agreed to support the application as it is bringing buildings in Morpeth back to use.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
b) To support the Gilchrist Confectionery Ltd licenses.

123/20 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 30th November 2020, see Appendix E.
- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists from w/c 9th November to w/c 23rd November 2020.
- (iii) 20/01601/FUL – Land South of King Edwards High School, Cottingwood Lane, Morpeth

Members were advised that the above application was heard at Local Area Committee on Monday 7th December 2020.

Cllr D Bawn advised members that the application had been granted.

RESOLVED

a) Information duly noted.

(iv) 20/01790/COU - Land South Of 32 Cuthbert Way, Cuthbert Way, Collingwood Manor

Members were advised that the above application has been refused planning permission.

Cllr Best advised members that this kind of application which involves the inclusion of open land into residential curtilage should be fully scrutinised moving forward.

RESOLVED

a) Information duly noted.

(v) 20/03233/LBC - The Boys Brigade Hall, Manchester Street, Morpeth

Members were advised that the above application has been granted planning permission.

RESOLVED

a) Information duly noted.

(vi) 17/02588/FUL - Former Morpeth Police Station, Castle Square, Morpeth

Members were advised that the above application has been granted planning permission.

RESOLVED

a) Information duly noted.

124/20 Northumberland Line Public Consultation

Members were asked to consider a response to the above consultation.

Cllr Byard informed members that she supports the new Northumberland Line. The only objection that she has heard from residents is that it does not include Blyth.

Cllr A Tebbutt expressed his disappointment that Morpeth has not been included in the link.

Members agreed to endorse the views of SENRUG and express disappointment that Morpeth is not being considered as a link at this stage.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To submit the comments to the consultation.

125/20 Morpeth Conservation Area Boundary Review Public Consultation

Members were provided with a link to the virtual consultation of the above, which is now live until 8th January 2021.

Cllr Best advised members that he had received some concerns from members of the public that the consultation is exclusively online. There has also been some confusion that it is a new conservation area and concern about the cost of living in the conservation area.

The Deputy Clerk advised that she has requested a statement from the Northumberland County Council (NCC) Conservation Officer of how the conservation area appraisal is actually used.

Cllr Best also informed members that an article regarding the boundary review will be included in the Inside Morpeth magazine which will be circulated next week.

The Deputy Clerk informed members that the consultation has been advertised on Facebook, the Town Council website and the Morpeth Herald.

Cllr Gebhard suggested that the consultation could also be advertised on the screens in the Town Hall.

Cllr A Tebbutt also suggested that it be advertised in the noticeboards around town as well.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) The Deputy Clerk to chase for a response from the Conservation Officer.
- c) To advertise the consultation on the screen at the Town Hall and in the noticeboards.

126/20 Cycle Parking Proposals

Members were asked to consider a response to the above proposals.

Cllr Byard expressed appreciation that the Town Council's views had been taken into account following the initial consultation.

The Deputy Clerk advised members that one of the proposed sites located on the Market Place between the phone box and a planter may affect access for market traders.

Cllr Best suggested that the consultants should speak to the Market Manager and observe a Market Day to fully assess the suitability of placing cycle parking in this location.

The Deputy Clerk also suggested that the response should stress that this year has not been a typical year as the planters were unable to go out. This would affect the area outside of Osbournes Jewellers. When responding a map of where the planters are usually located should be included.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To submit comments addressing the issues of access on Market Place and location outside of Osbournes Jewellers.

127/20 Road Closures

Members were advised of the following road closures:

1. U6109 – Postern Crescent, Morpeth
2. U6114 – Watson Terrace Footway, Morpeth
3. A192 Shields Road, Morpeth
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5. U6114 – Bennetts Walk, Morpeth
6. U6109 – Crawhall Crescent/Westfield, Morpeth

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

128/20 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 7:06pm with Councillors D Bawn, N Best, A Byard, J Gebhard, A Tebbutt and J Wearmouth present.

121/20 - Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
89/20 (73/20) (60/20) (32/20) (272/19) (240/19) (231/19)	Strategic County Councillor Updates – s106	Members were advised that the Deputy Clerk has chased the Northumberland County Council (NCC) Democratic Services department for a written response regarding s106 protocols and how best to engage with Planning Officers in future.	Information duly noted. The Deputy Clerk advised that she has not yet received a response.

123/20 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 30th November 2020 – APPENDIX E

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
20/03826/FUL	Susi and Sandy Tywnholm 7 Trentham Gardens, Brocksburn Park, Pegswood, NE61 6TJ	Single storey rear extension with gable and pitched roof, with end feature glazed window and side bi-fold doors.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
20/03818/FUL	Mrs Elizabeth Foster 83 Abbey Meadows, Kirkhill, Morpeth, NE61 2XZ	Construction of proposed front facing (North) entrance porch, together with addition of small pitched tiled roof to front facing (North) elevation.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
20/03587/ADE	Mr Colin Davidson Davidsons Of Morpeth, Coopies Way, Morpeth, NE61 6JN	Advertisement Consent: 2 x LED Volkswagen Service signs. 1 on the fascia of the building and 1 on the roadside on a 4.5m pole.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
20/03878/FUL	Mr & Mrs Will and Vicky Clark 5 Swinton Close, Stobhill Manor, Morpeth, NE61 2XD	Proposed ground floor extension to rear and first floor extension to side of existing dwelling.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		Application Granted