

**Morpeth Town Council**  
**Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 6:30pm in the Corn**  
**Exchange of the Town Hall, Morpeth**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** A Byard - Chair  
B Bawn  
D Bawn  
J Crawford  
M Greveson  
H Hall  
E Lawson  
J Richardson  
J Wearmouth

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

**Absent Councillors:** J Clayton - No apologies received

1 member of the press was also in attendance.

**Open Session**

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

**22/21 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.

**23/21 Mayoral Announcements**

- The Prosecco on the Square event took place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and raised £150.
- Hotpod Yoga was launched on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021, rather than charging a fee they asked for donations, raising £405 for the Mayor's charity.
- The Mayor is looking to hold events in the new Pavilion Café.
- Fair Day will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**24/21 Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

**25/21 Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

**26/21 Matters Arising**

See Appendix B.

**27/21 Licenses**

There were no licence applications to consider on this occasion.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

**28/21 Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

Members unanimously agreed to bring forward item 8(v). 19/00904/FUL – Land South of Bluebell Court, East Cottingwood, Morpeth.

Members were provided with the decision notice to the above application.

A briefing note by former Planning and Transport committee Chair Nic Best was provided on the night to members, to give a history of the application.

Cllr Byard advised members that the planning application for Phase 1B St Georges housing estate had been approved with traffic lights and not the preferred roundabout solution.

She informed members that more than five years had been spent working with the developer to come to an agreement. The Secretary of State has approved the removal of a small amount of allotment land to make way for the proposed roundabout. The developer then entered a variation application changing the roundabout to traffic lights, which, was then approved by NCC Strategic Planning Committee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

Cllr Byard proposed that herself and Cllr D Bawn compose a letter to the Leader and Deputy Leader of NCC to ask them to reconsider the approval of the application with traffic lights, emphasising the unpopularity of the traffic lights that were installed at the junction at Telford Bridge in 2013. Cllr Bawn proposed that the letter should also request that, if the developer is willing to change the application back to a roundabout, that NCC fund the difference in cost.

A vote was taken: 9 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.
  - (ii) Cllrs Byard and D Bawn to draft a letter to the Leader and Deputy Leader.
- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021, see Appendix C.
- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists from w/c 19<sup>th</sup> April, w/c 26<sup>th</sup> April, w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> May, w/c 10<sup>th</sup> May, w/c 17<sup>th</sup> May and w/c 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
- (iii) 21/00965/FELTPO – Somersby Grange, Somersby Wood, Morpeth, NE61 2DX

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

- (iv) 21/00099/ADE – Unit 3 (First Floor Premises), Sanderson Arcade, Morpeth, NE61 1NS

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

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.

#### **29/21 Northumberland Local Plan Examination: Consultation on Main Modifications**

Members were advised that the above consultation will run from 9<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Members were provided with consultation documents via email.

Cllr Byard informed members that Cllr J Wearmouth will be looking at the consultation in detail and will formulate a draft response for consideration at the next meeting.

### **RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) Cllr Wearmouth to draft a response.

#### **30/21 Road Closures**

Members were advised of the following road closures:

1. U6114 - Bennetts Walk, Morpeth

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3. B1337 - Whorral Bank to Longhirst Village, Longhirst

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

**31/21 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 A Byard, B Bawn, D Bawn, J Crawford, M Greveson, H Hall, E Lawson, J Richardson and J Wearmouth present.

## 26/21 – Appendix B – Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
199/20 (176/20) (149/20) (143/20) (121/20) (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 emailed Northumberland County Council (NCC) to enquire who handles the s106 negotiations. She has not yet received a response. Cllr D Bawn has also forwarded the email on to Rob Murfin and also has not received a reply.	Information duly noted.  Cllr Bawn to chase a response.
204/20	Local Transport Plan	Members were advised that the final Local Transport Plan Programme for 2021-22 has not yet been formally agreed. Once it has, all Parish/Town Councils will be written to give feedback on their requests. This will likely be April/May 2021.  Cllr D Bawn advised members that the final programme has not yet been to Northumberland County Council (NCC) Full Council, however it is in place.  The Deputy Clerk informed members that she has been in Contact with Richard McKenzie from NCC, who has advised that the Town Council will only receive the final Local Transport Plan once next year's priority request letter is sent out.	Information duly noted.

## 28/21 – Appendix C – PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
21/01665/COU	<b>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Byard from planning list w/c 24th May 2021.</b> Mr Jonathan Jonson 20 Abbey Meadows, Kirkhill, Morpeth, NE61 2BD	Change of Use from Residential dwelling flat (C3) to Office (E).	Morpeth Town Council have no objections to this application in principle, however, request further information on the demand for affordable accommodation and office space in Morpeth.		Application Granted
21/01666/COU	<b>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Byard from planning list w/c 24th May 2021.</b> Jonathan Johnson 24 Abbey Meadows, Kirkhill, Morpeth, NE61 2BD	Change of use from Residential dwelling flat (C3) to Office (E).	Morpeth Town Council have no objections to this application in principle, however, request further information on the demand for affordable accommodation and office space in Morpeth.		Application Granted
21/01784/CCD	Newminster Middle School Morpeth Newminster Middle School, Mitford Road, Morpeth, NE61 1RH	Installation of a modular building to form two classrooms with ancillary toilet provisions and stores, to provide teaching accommodation for 60 pupils.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
21/01532/FUL	Beveridge The Garth, Longhorsley, NE61 3SD	Residential extension including conversion of existing outbuildings.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
21/01710/FUL	Mr And Mrs Gordon Mockett West Loansdean Gardens, Morpeth, NE61 2DT	Side extension and new front canopy, connect garage to kitchen and internal alterations.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
21/01821/FUL	Ruth Speirs 89 Low Stobhill, Stobhill Grange, Morpeth, NE61 2SQ	Removal of flat roof to garage and replace with pitched integrated roof. Brick work built up both gable ends new	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		Application Granted

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		window fitted to front gable new French doors fitted to back gable.			
21/01513/FUL	Mrs Libby Eltringham 40 Stobhill Villas, Morpeth, NE61 2SH	Single storey rear kitchen/diner extension.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		