

## **MORPETH TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Full Council Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 at 6:30pm in the Corn Exchange of the Town Hall, Morpeth**

#### **Present:**

<b>Councillors:</b>	D Bawn	- Mayor
	B Bawn	
	A Byard	
	J Clayton	
	A Cochrane	
	J Crawford	
	M Greveson	
	H Hall	
	E Lawson	
	S Peacock	
	J Richardson	
	J Wearmouth	
	R Wearmouth	

<b>Clerks:</b>	Mrs T Bell	- Town Clerk
	Miss K Carter	- Democratic Services Assistant

<b>Absent Councillors:</b>	E Skinner	- Holiday
	R Hogg	- Illness

#### **Open Session**

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

#### **53/21 Committee Chairman's Announcements**

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

#### **54/21 Mayoral Announcements**

- A Mayor's Quiz Night will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 at 7pm, at Harry's Coffee Bar. Proceeds to go to the Mayor's charity. Tickets available from Harry's Coffee Bar, £10 per head.
- The Hiroshima Day ceremony takes place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021, the Mayor will be in attendance and encouraged Councillors to also attend.

- The official opening of the Pavilion Café takes place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021, invites have been sent out.

**55/21 Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

**56/21 Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Mayor Making ceremony held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

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

**RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) That the Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**57/21 Matters Arising from Full Council held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

**58/21 Items Referred from Other Committees and Working Groups**

There were no items on this occasion.

**59/21 Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Members were provided for information with the Outside Organisation reports.

Cllr D Bawn advised members that there will be a Morpeth Forum event in the Town Hall in October 2021 to give updates on projects happening in Morpeth.

Cllr R Wearmouth hoped that a consultation could begin on the potential use of the old leisure centre site.

Cllr Cochrane gave an update on the Climate Change Steering Committee. £5m has been allocated to the green homes grant. The climate Change Action Team have also increased their officers from two to fifteen. An open day will take place in September 2021 to determine the next Climate Change Champions. There is also a tree planting scheme, where each family can apply for a tree to plant in an appropriate area.

## **RESOLVED**

(i) Information duly noted.

### **60/21 Strategic County Councillor Updates**

Members were provided for information with the County Councillor updates.

Cllr R Wearmouth advised members that the Local Transport Plan consultation by NCC is now live. He asked members to email the Clerk if they have any suggestions for improvements to roads/pathways where it will be discussed at the Planning and Transport committee for agreement. He also informed members that the LNER consultation is still underway and the majority of feedback has been negative. This was discussed at the Planning and Transport committee where it was agreed that Cllr Byard would respond to the consultation on behalf of the Town Council.

Cllr D Bawn informed members that the parking scheme at Kings Avenue is now in place, this will be review in one year. He also advised that bollards will be installed at Bullers Green around the paved triangle to increase road safety.

Cllr Greveson raised concerns regarding the standard of roads in the town.

Cllr R Wearmouth gave an update on the money which had been allocated across the county.

Cllr D Bawn advised that NCC have made significant improvements to the roads and continue to do so.

Cllr Cochrane enquired if a date had been set for the improvements to the A1.

Cllr Wearmouth advised that planning permission is due by November 2021 to be finalised over the winter.

## **RESOLVED**

(i) Information duly noted.

### **61/21 Local Council Issues**

There were no issues on this occasion.

Cllr D Bawn advised members that the next Local Area committee will take place in September 2021.

## **RESOLVED**

(i) Information duly noted.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 6:58pm with Councillors B Bawn, D Bawn, A Byard, A Cochrane, J Clayton, J Crawford, M Greveson, H Hall, E Lawson, S Peacock, J Richardson, J Wearmouth and R Wearmouth present.