

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 14th July 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
J Richardson
J Wearmouth

Clerks:

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

Absent Councillors:

E Lawson - Personal
J Clayton - Personal

Open Session

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

42/21 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.

43/21 Mayoral Announcements

- A Mayor's Quiz Night will take place on Thursday 22nd 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.
- A Prosecco on the Square event will take place on Saturday 31st July 2021 and Saturday 11th September 2021 to raise money for the Mayor's charity.
- The Mayor is in the process of organising a wine and gin tasting event to raise money for his charity.

44/21 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

45/21 Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 9th June 2021

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

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of 9th June 2021, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

46/21 Matters Arising

See Appendix B.

47/21 Licenses

There were no licence applications to consider on this occasion.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

48/21 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 5th July 2021, see Appendix C.

Cllr Byard advised members that application 18/03339/DISCON, Land West of Lancaster Park, has received a lot of objections from members of the public and the Town Council have strongly objected to this application in the past. The original application stated that an Innovation Centre would be constructed which would supply the town with more job opportunities.

Cllr D Bawn also advised that the application stated that a country park will be included in the development. This was going to be the next phase of development after the Innovation Centre; however, it is now last.

Cllr Byard proposed that she draft a response to the application stating that the development should begin with the Innovation Centre, then the country park, and lastly housing.

Cllr D Bawn proposed that, should the application be taken to Local Area Council, Cllr Byard be nominated to speak on behalf of the Town Council.

A vote was taken: 7 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstention

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) Cllr Byard to draft a response to planning application 18/03339/DISCON.
- c) Cllr Byard to speak to the application if it is brought to Local Area Council.

(ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists from w/c 7th June, w/c 14th June, w/c 21st June, and w/c 28th June.

49/21 Passenger Rail Services in Northumberland from May 2022

Members were provided for consideration with a briefing from SENRUG.

Cllr Byard advised members that NCC have already written to the rail industry to ask them to reconsider their proposal to remove some services from Morpeth.

Cllr D Bawn suggested that the Town Council object to the proposals as the result would be a loss of twenty-one stops and a decrease of only five minutes on journey times.

Cllr Byard proposed that the Town Council support SENRUG's response and herself and Cllr J Wearmouth draft a response to the proposal.

Cllr Byard advised members that the closing date for comments is Thursday 5th August 2021 and encouraged members to submit their own comments to the proposal.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) Cllrs Byard and J Wearmouth to draft a response.

50/21 Bullers Green Bollards

Members were provided for information with documentation relating to the installation of bollards at Bullers Green.

Cllr D Bawn advised members that the NCC Road Safety Team have identified that the area is hazardous because cars drive over the path from the small triangle, directly onto the main road.

Several solutions were proposed, including surrounding the triangle with yellow lines, which would not allow any residential parking. Bollards were proposed as this would still allow for parking but also increase the safety of the area.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

51/21 Road Closures

There were no road closures on this occasion.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

52/21 Local Council Issues

Members agreed that if planning application 19/00904/FUL, Land South of Bluebell Court, East Cottingwood, Morpeth is taken to Local Area Council Cllr Byard attend to represent the Town Council.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) Cllr Byard to speak to the application if it is brought to Local Area Council.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 7:12pm with Councillors A Byard, B Bawn, D Bawn, J Crawford, M Greveson, H Hall, J Richardson and J Wearmouth present.

46/21 – Appendix B – Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
26/21 (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. The Deputy Clerk to continue to chase a response.
28/21	19/00904/FUL -Land South of Bluebell Court, East Cottingwood, Morpeth	Members were advised that a letter to the Leader and Deputy Leader was compiled by Cllrs Byard and D Bawn. A response was received from Rick O'Farrel, Interim Executive Director, Place and Regeneration. A copy of a letter sent by NHS Property Services was also enclosed for information. Cllr Byard advised members that Greystoke Doctors' Surgery and the Clinical Commissioning Group also support the letters sent to NCC.	Information duly noted.
29/21	Northumberland Local Plan Examination: Consultation on Main Modifications	Members were provided with a draft response for consideration.	Information duly noted. Members agreed to submit the response to the consultation.

48/21 – Appendix C – PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 5th July 2021

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
18/03339/DISCON	Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Byard from planning list w/c 28th June 2021. Euro Garages Limited Land West Of Lancaster Park, Pinewood Drive, Lancaster Park, Morpeth	Discharge of Condition 11 (Phasing Plan for the timing and delivery of the development) on approved planning application 16/00078/OUT.	See Min 48/21.		
21/02544/FUL	Mr A Wilkinson 4 Thornton Close, Stobhill Manor, Morpeth, NE61 2XB	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension/alterations.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
21/02342/FUL	Mr Malcolm Paton 17 Field House Close, Hepscott, Morpeth, NE61 6LU	Alterations internally to provide additional bedroom, change garage to a habitable room (study & utility). Build new timber framed garage/garden store and summer house.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		