

MORPETH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 6:30pm in the Corn Exchange of the Town Hall, Morpeth

Present:

Councillors:	D Bawn	- Mayor
	B Bawn	
	A Byard	
	A Cochrane	
	J Crawford	
	M Greveson	
	H Hall	
	R Hogg	
	E Miles	
	S Peacock	
	J Richardson	
	E Skinner	
	J Wearmouth	
	R Wearmouth	

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

Absent Councillors:	J Clayton	- Business
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Open Session

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

83/21 Committee Chairman's Announcements

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

84/21 Mayoral Announcements

- The Mayor's Ball will take place on Saturday 4th December 2021.
- A Prosecco on the Square event will take place on Saturday 11th September 2021 to raise money for the Mayor's charity.
- The wine tasting event, Vino on the Veranda, will take place on Thursday 23rd September 2021 6pm at the Pavilion Café. Tickets are £22 each.

- The Mayor has commissioned some ties in Morpeth Town colours, including the Town Crest, in aid of his chosen charity, contact Mental Health. These are available for purchase at £30 each. Scarfs will become available shortly.

85/21 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

86/21 Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Mayor Making ceremony held on Wednesday 21st July 2021

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

Cllr D Bawn advised members that the Morpeth Forum event, due to take place in October 2021, has been cancelled due to Northumberland County Council (NCC) COVID regulations.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) That the Minutes of 21st July 2021, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

87/21 External Audit

Members were advised that the external audit for 2020/21 has been completed and were provided for consideration and approval the external auditors report.

RESOLVED

- (i) Members unanimously approved the external audit.

88/21 Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members were provided for information with the Outside Organisation reports.

Cllr Cochrane advised members that the Climate Change Steering Group will be hosting a virtual open event on the 29th September 2021 to talk about Climate Champions.

Members agreed to add Cllr Cochrane and the Climate Change Steering Group to the list of representatives on outside bodies.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) To add Cllr Cochrane and the Climate Change Steering Group to the list of representatives on outside bodies.

89/21 Strategic County Councillor Updates

Members were provided for information with the County Councillor updates.

Cllr Hogg enquired about antisocial behaviour in Stobhill.

Cllr Byard advised that the police are considering installing lights next to the community centre to discourage loitering.

Cllr Byard recommended to use the text number to log any crime reports.

Cllr Hogg suggested that a link to the police text service be posted on the Town Council website.

Cllr R Wearmouth advised that police have requested that the orientation of some of the CCTV cameras in the town be changed to cover a wider area.

Cllr D Bawn proposed that the police be invited to the next Full Council meeting to discuss issues in the town.

Cllr Peacock enquired where to report homeless people to.

Cllr D Bawn advised that the NCC Homelessness Team should be contacted.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) To post the link to the police text service on the Town Council website.
- (iii) To invite the police to the next Full Council meeting.

90/21 Local Council Issues

Cllr D Bawn advised that the Town Council's query regarding s106 protocols had been raised at Local Area Council on Monday 13th September 2021. A formal written response will be received shortly.

Cllr Cochrane enquired about the Local Transport Plan process.

Cllr R Wearmouth advised that it would be agreed in October, considered at Local Area Council, and if approved, implemented the following budget year.

Members agreed to invite Martin Podevyn to either the November or January Full Council meeting to discuss the cycle and walking plan in Morpeth, as he had been involved in the cycle lane at Stobhill.

RESOLVED

(i) Information duly noted.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 7:07pm with Councillors B Bawn, D Bawn, A Byard, A Cochrane, J Crawford, M Greveson, H Hall, R Hogg, E Miles, S Peacock, J Richardson, E Skinner, J Wearmouth and R Wearmouth present.