

**Morpeth Town Council**  
**Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 6:30pm in the Corn**  
**Exchange of the Town Hall, Morpeth**

**Present:**

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

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

**Absent Councillors:** B Bawn - Holiday  
E Miles - Personal

**Open Session**

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

**99/21 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.

**100/21 Mayoral Announcements**

- The Mayor's Ball will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- The Mayor has commissioned some ties and scarfs 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.
- A charity Gin Tasting event will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 7:30pm at Morpeth Conservative Club. Tickets are £20 each, including buffet supper.
- The Ellington Colliery Band will be putting on a concert on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at St James Church.
- There will be a curry night at the Tandoor Mahal on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to celebrate 42 years of business.

**101/21 Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

**102/21 Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the minutes of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

**103/21 Matters Arising**

See Appendix B.

**104/21 Licenses**

There were no licence applications to consider on this occasion.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

**105/21 Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021, see Appendix C.

Cllr D Bawn informed members that residents had concerns that the applications regarding Bow Villa, 41 Bullers Green would result in a conversion to an Airbnb in the future. He advised that this would be a private law issue rather than a planning issue.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.
- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists from w/c 6<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 20<sup>th</sup> September and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- (iii) 19/01008/FUL Land North of Fairmoor Centre A192 District Boundary to Northgate Roundabout, Morpeth

Members were advised that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Northumberland County Council on the grounds of non-determination.

Members were asked to consider any comments they would like to make to the appeal.

Members agreed to submit previous comments made to this application for consideration by the Secretary of State.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) To submit previous comments made to the Secretary of State.

**106/21 Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Parking Restrictions on Challoner's Gardens, Morpeth**

Members were provided via email for consideration with a letter regarding the above consultation.

No comments were received from members.

Cllr D Bawn informed members that he had recommended this proposal.

Cllr Greveson enquired if there was any way concerned residents could still submit comments to the proposal.

Cllr D Bawn advised that comments could still be submitted to the email address provided on the proposal letter.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

**107/21 Planning Validation Checklist Consultation**

Members were provided via email for consideration with a document regarding the above consultation.

No comments were received from members.

Cllr Byard expressed her delight that the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan had been considered in the checklist.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.

**108/21 Transport North East Stakeholder Forum**

Cllr Byard attended the above forum in September 2021.

Cllr Byard advised that the government are investing in advertising to get more people to use buses. £3 billion has been set aside for this scheme to promote the sustainable and safe services. Organisers will look to cultivate an enhanced partnership with NCC to co-operate on a plan for bus services. Bus services are

currently a non-statutory service, under the partnership they would become statutory, and standards would be set.

**RESOLVED**

(i) Information duly noted.

**109/21 Lumo**

Members were provided for information with notification of the above scheme.

Cllr Byard expressed her appreciation for the addition of these new train services, however, cautioned members that this service is not a replacement for LNER services to London.

**RESOLVED**

(i) Information duly noted.

**110/21 Road Closures**

Members are advised of the following road closures:

1. U6010 – Fulbeck/West Shield Hill, Morpeth
2. C144 – Pigdon to Benridge Hagg Junction
3. U6106 – Dacre Street, Morpeth

The Deputy Clerk advised members that the road closure on Dacre Street is for the removal of a dead tree.

**RESOLVED**

a) Information duly noted.

**111/21 Local Council Issues**

There were no issues on this occasion.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 7:08pm with Councillors A Byard, D Bawn, J Clayton, J Crawford, M Greveson, H Hall, J Richardson and J Wearmouth present.

### 103/21 – Appendix B – Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
77/21 (46/21) (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 received an email from Northumberland County Council (NCC) regarding s106 protocols. The Deputy Clerk advised that she had received a further email from the Executive Director of Planning at NCC, Rob Murfin, advising that he would be happy to attend a Town Council meeting to explain s106 protocol once the Local Plan has been adopted.	Information duly noted.
77/21 (46/21) (28/21)	19/00904/FUL - Land South of Bluebell Court, East Cottingwood, Morpeth	Members were advised that a response has been received from Rick O'Farrell at NCC. Cllr Byard proposed that the Town Council respond to the letter, expressing extreme disappointment with the decision to approve the planning application with traffic lights rather than a roundabout. The response will include evidence from the secretary of state as to why the Town Council went to such lengths to ensure that a roundabout was adopted and state that the Town Council will be the first to object if there are any issues once the traffic lights are installed.	Information duly noted. Cllrs Byard and D Bawn to draft a response.
80/21	Local Transport Plan Programme 2022/23	Members were advised that the Local Transport Plan priorities were submitted Friday 8th October 2021.	Information duly noted.

**105/21 – Appendix C – PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
21/03411/FUL	<b>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Bawn from planning list w/c 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Extension granted to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021.</b> Mr Andy Mahmood Bow Villa, 41 Bullers Green, Morpeth, NE61 1DF	Erection of garden room on decking and including 6 person hot tub.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
21/03412/LBC	<b>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Bawn from planning list w/c 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Extension granted to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021.</b> Mr Andy Mahmood Bow Villa, 41 Bullers Green, Morpeth, NE61 1DF	Erection of Garden Room and Support Decking	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
21/03935/FELTPO	Allison Freeman 11 Southgate Mews, Morpeth, NE61 2BW	Tree Preservation Order Application - Fell T1, T4 and T8 Ash all 3 trees are showing clear obvious signs of Ash dieback; T2, T5, T6, T7 and T9 Sycamore - crown lift to 4m; T3 Elm crown lift to 4m.	Morpeth Town Council would request that a replacement tree is planted and an appropriate British native species of tree is used.		
21/02997/FUL	Mr James Nicolson 21 Southgate Mews, Morpeth, NE61 2BW	Single storey extension to rear of property and conversion of garage into garden room and store (amended description 04.10.21).	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		Application Granted
21/03905/MISC	Mr K Jones Land South East Of Abbey Mill, Mitford	Application to operate a certified exempted caravan site - response by 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
21/03563/FUL	Mr Chris Evans Catchburn Farm, Catchburn, Morpeth, NE61 6DF	Construction of first floor side extension with steel balcony to rear to form granny annexe.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
21/03939/MISC	Lily Holt-Martyn Communications Mast, Morpeth	Install 5G communication apperatus at Ariqiva transmitting station.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		