

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 26th January 2022 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
E Miles
J Richardson

Clerks:

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

Absent Councillors:

J Clayton - No apologies received
H Hall - No apologies received
J Wearmouth - No apologies received

Open Session

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

151/21 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.

152/21 Mayoral Announcements

- 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 Chinese New Year Banquet at Mulan in aid of the Mayor's charity will take place on Monday 31st January 2022 7pm. Tickets are £23 per person.

153/21 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman received the following declarations of interest on this occasion:

Cllr J Richardson – Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Planning list for information w/c 6th December 2021 21/04763/FUL - 5 Springhill Walk, Highchurch, Morpeth, NE61 2JT (Personal Interest – neighbour of an applicant).

154/21 Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on Wednesday 13th October 2021

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

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of Wednesday 13th October 2021, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

155/21 Matters Arising

See Appendix B.

156/21 Licenses

There were no licence applications to consider on this occasion.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

157/21 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 17th January 2022, see Appendix C.
- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists from w/c 6th December, 13th December, 20th December 2021, 3rd January, 10th January 2022.

Cllr J Richardson declared a personal interest in this matter – see min 153/21.

- (iii) 21/01625/REM – Land West of St Georges Hospital, Morpeth

Members were advised that the above application was heard at Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday 4th January 2022 and had been granted planning permission.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

- (iv) 21/01614/FUL - High End, 22 Thorp Avenue, Morpeth, NE61 1JR

Members were advised that the above application was heard at Local Area Council on Monday 10th January 2022 and has been granted planning permission.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

158/21 Morpeth Conservation Area Boundary Review

Members were advised that following the above review, NCC Cabinet adopted the recommended extension to the current Conservation Area Boundary, with the exception of the inclusion of the houses at Curly Kews.

The Deputy Clerk advised that this would be publicised on the Town Council website, following completion of the final document by the consultants LUC.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

159/21 Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation

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

No comments were received from members.

Cllr Byard noted that there are four main objectives to quote when making a comment to a licensing application:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

160/21 ZEBRA Business Case

Members were provided for information with a request for support of the above consultation and the response submitted following consultation with the Chair of the Planning and Transport committee.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

161/21 Road Closures

Members were advised of the following road closures:

1. B6343 – Mitford Village, Mitford
2. B1337 – Whorral Bank, Morpeth
3. U6010 – West Shield Hill to Morpeth
4. U6014 – Clifton Lane, Hepscott

RESOLVED

a) Information duly noted.

162/21 Local Council Issues

Cllr Miles advised members that she had received a phone call from a concerned resident regarding the bus station toilets as she had heard that they are going to be bricked up.

Cllr Byard informed members that the toilets are being refurbished to include a commercial unit and toilet.

RESOLVED

a) Information duly noted.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 6:56pm with Councillors A Byard, B Bawn, D Bawn, J Crawford, M Greveson, E Miles and J Richardson present.

155/21 – Appendix B – Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
103/21 (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 Rob Murfin has agreed to provide formal Planning and S106 training. This will be held on Wednesday 30 th March 2022 at 6:30pm in the Corn Exchange.	Information duly noted.
103/21 (77/21) (46/21) (28/21)	19/00904/FUL - Land South of Bluebell Court, East Cottingwood, Morpeth	Members were advised that Cllrs Byard and D Bawn have drafted and sent a response to the letter received from Rick O’Farrell at NCC. A response from Chris Mead had been received. Cllr Bawn advised members that he had attended a Morpeth Forum meeting on Thursday 20 th January 2022. The developer is considering leaving the junction as it is rather than installing traffic lights, however this is not confirmed.	Information duly noted.

157/21 – Appendix C – PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 17th January 2022

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
22/00112/FUL	Mr Mark Tait 106 Wansdyke, Lancaster Park, Morpeth, NE61 3RA	Proposed single storey rear extension; entrance porch and infill to carport; window changes to front elevation.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		Application Granted
22/00151/FUL	Mr & Mrs Paul Boiston 49 Lindisfarne Lane, Stobhill Grange, Morpeth, NE61 2UJ	Proposed front porch (main extension previously approved under reference 20/04020/FUL).	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		Application Granted
22/00166/FUL	Jeans Lanercost House, Tranwell, Morpeth, NE61 6AF	Single storey porch to front.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
22/00181/FUL	Mr John Adams 13 High Stanners, Morpeth, NE61 1QU	Removal of existing garage to rear and construction of single storey side and rear extension with pitched roof. Removal of existing front canopy and replace.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		Application Granted