

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 6:30pm in the Council
Chamber of the Town Hall, Morpeth

Present:

Councillors:

A Byard - Chair
J Crawford
M Greveson
E Miles
J Richardson

Clerks:

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

Absent Councillors:

B Bawn - Personal
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.

20/22 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.

21/22 Mayoral Announcements

- There will be a 70's Flower Power Disco at St James Community Centre on Saturday 9th July 2022 7pm to celebrate 50 years of the Floral Clock. Tickets are £20 each, all proceeds to the Floral Clock.
- There will be a fundraiser at Lollo Rosso on Monday 22nd August 2022 7pm to raise funds for Ellington Colliery Band. Tickets are £25 each, all proceeds to support Ellington Colliery Band in the National Brass Band Championships.
- The St Patrick's Day themed Mayor's Ball will take place on Saturday 18th March 2023 at Pleased to Meet You.

22/22 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

23/22 Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on Wednesday 13th April 2022

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

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of Wednesday 13th April 2022, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

24/22 Matters Arising

Cllr Greveson requested an update regarding the Walking and Cycling in Northumberland Consultation.

The Deputy Clerk advised that the response had been submitted and that she will circulate it for information.

Cllr Greveson also enquired if there had been an update regarding the renewal of the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan (MNP).

Cllr Byard suggested that the Deputy Clerk write to David English at NCC to ask for advice.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) The Deputy Clerk to circulate the response to the Walking and Cycling consultation to Councillors for information.
- c) The Deputy Clerk to write to David English to ask for advice regarding updating the MNP.

25/22 Licenses

There were no licence applications to consider on this occasion.

26/22 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 30th May 2022, see Appendix B.
- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists from w/c 16th and 23rd May 2022.

27/22 Local Transport Plan Programme 2023-24

Members were asked to consider their top three highways and transport priority issues for 2023/24.

The Deputy Clerk advised that Cllr D Bawn had suggested continuation of works to Lancaster Park paths and improvement of roads on the High Stanners.

Members suggested several priorities to consider:

- Speed limit on Stobhill Grange
- Road improvements to Coopies Lane, Green Lane and the Avenues at Stobhill
- Covered cycle parking at the bus station
- Traffic calming measures starting at the junction by the Sun Inn leading round Church Walk and down the Curly Kews, possibly speed bumps or chicanes

The Deputy Clerk advised that the deadline for submission of the town council's priorities is Friday 29th July 2022.

Cllr Byard proposed that the Deputy Clerk ask for the priorities from the remaining County Councillors to be taken to the next Planning and Transport committee meeting for consideration.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) The Deputy Clerk to chase County Councillors for their transport priorities.

28/22 Road Closures

Members were advised of the following road closures:

1. C132 – Hepscott Junction to Shadfen Junction

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

29/22 Local Council Issues

There were no issues on this occasion.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

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

26/22 – Appendix B – Planning Applications W/C 30th May 2022

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
22/01285/PRUTPO	Mr Neil Creighton Land North Of Mathesons Gardens Car Park, Pretoria Avenue, Morpeth	Tree Preservation Order Application: T3 - group of 3no. Cedar stems - reduce by approximately 3m to bring branches back into group canopy and thin by 20% to reduce weight and sail. T5 - 2no. mature Poplars - due to be re- pollarded to prevent future failure of new stems. T6 - 2no. semi mature Poplars - pollard to 5m.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application subject to approval of the Tree Officer.		Application Granted