

MORPETH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Morpeth

Present:

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

Clerks:	Mrs T Bell	- Town Clerk
	Miss K Carter	- Committees and Communications Officer

Absent Councillors:	R Hogg	- Business
	J Wearmouth	- Business
	R Wearmouth	- Business

Open Session

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

88/22 Committee Chairman's Announcements

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

89/22 Mayoral Announcements

- There will be a Mayor's Charity Curry Night at the Tandoor Mahal on Tuesday 22nd November 2022 6pm to raise funds for the 4th Morpeth Scout Hut. Tickets are now sold out.
- There will be a Community Carol Service on the Market Place on Saturday 17th December, starting at 4.30pm.
- The St Patrick's Day themed Mayor's Ball will take place on Saturday 18th March 2023.

- There will be a Christmas market on the 19th and 20th November 2022 on Bridge Street. Cllr Byard will be collecting for the 4th Morpeth Scout Hut.

90/22 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

91/22 Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Mayor Making Ceremony held on Wednesday 28th September 2022

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

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Minutes of 28th September 2022, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

92/22 Civility and Respect Pledge

Members were provided with the National Civility Pledge for approval.

The Clerk advised that NALC (National Association of Local Councils) and SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) have collaborated to produce the pledge to promote good behaviour and drive through positive changes which support civil and respectful conduct. The pledge is being introduced as there is no place for bullying, harassment and intimidation in the sector. 500 councils have signed the pledge so far.

Members unanimously agreed to sign the pledge.

Cllr Miles enquired if there are any training courses available to ensure that members are upholding the pledge.

The Clerk advised her that a link to training courses will be circulated to all members. Members need to contact the office who will book and pay for the courses on their behalf.

Cllr D Bawn suggested that a photo of the Mayor signing the pledge be taken to promote on the Town Council website and social media that Morpeth Town Council have taken the pledge.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) To circulate the link to Civility and Respect training courses to all members.

(iii) To promote that the Town Council have taken the pledge on the Town Council website and social media.

93/22 Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members were provided for information with the Outside Organisation reports.

RESOLVED

(i) Information duly noted.

94/22 Strategic County Councillor Updates

Members were provided for information with the County Councillor updates.

Cllr Skinner advised members that the Bread and Butter thing scheme at Stobhill is now fully subscribed.

Cllr D Bawn informed members that the new Goosehill car park is due to open on Friday 18th November 2022. It is a free long stay carpark with over 130 spaces and 6 charging stations.

Cllr D Bawn advised that the traffic diversion on Cottingwood Lane to allow work on the access to the St Georges estate will, unfortunately, be in place until April 2023 due to delays caused by engineering issues. Residents of Cottingwood Lane who have been unable to use their parking passes will be refunded as compensation.

A 10-month trial is currently taking place at Stobhill, Pegswood and Morpeth North which involves delivering food waste bins to residents. Detailed modelling of different options for the collection and processing of food waste via anaerobic digestion is currently being undertaken as this is the most environmentally sustainable way of dealing with food waste. Members will be invited to take a tour of the facility at Cramlington to witness the process.

RESOLVED

(i) Information duly noted.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 6:55pm with Councillors B Bawn, D Bawn, A Byard, A Cochrane, J Clayton, J Crawford, M Greveson, H Hall, E Miles, S Peacock, J Richardson and E Skinner present.