

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 6:30pm in the
Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Morpeth

Present:

Councillors: A Byard - Chair
B Bawn
E Miles
J Richardson

Clerks: Mrs J Wilson - Deputy Clerk

Absent Councillors: J Clayton - No apologies received
J Crawford - Personal
M Greveson - Personal
H Hall - No apologies received
J Wearmouth - Business

Open Session

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

117/22 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.

118/22 Mayoral Announcements

- There was a Burns Night Supper on Monday 23rd January, held at the Pavilion Café, which raised £464 for the charity Henry Dancer Days.
- A Chinese New Year Banquet will be held at Mulan Restaurant on Monday 30th January to raise money for the Floral Clock, a second banquet will take place on Monday 13th February.
- The St Patrick's Day themed Mayor's Ball will take place on Saturday 18th March 2023, tickets are now on sale.

119/22 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received on this occasion.

120/22 Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on Wednesday 9th November 2022

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

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of Wednesday 9th November 2022, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

121/22 Matters Arising

See appendix B.

122/22 Licenses

There were no licence applications to consider on this occasion.

123/22 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 16th January 2023, see appendix C.
- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists from w/c 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November, 5th, 12th and 19th December 2022 and 9th January 2023.

124/22 Enforcement Strategy Consultation

Members had no comment to the consultation which was previously circulated via email.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

125/22 Electoral Division Boundaries for Northumberland Consultation

Members were provided with a link to the above consultation. A discussion took place as to the reasoning for the consultation. Members agreed that the information provided was not sufficient to comment at this time and requested further documents to be provided.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) The Deputy Clerk to request an extension to comment.

126/22 Road Closures

Members were advised of the following road closures:

1. U6111 – De Mowbray Way, Lancaster Park, Morpeth
2. C132 – Hepscott Junction to Shadfen Junction, Hepscott

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

127/22 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 6:52pm with Councillors B Bawn, A Byard, E Miles and J Richardson present.

121/22 – Appendix B – Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
(80/22) (201/22) (24/22)	Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan Update	Cllr Byard advised members that following a meeting with Cllr Wearmouth, a list of questions has been collated and will be submitted to the Neighbourhood Planning Team in due course to determine the process for reviewing the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan.	Information duly noted.

123/22 – Appendix C – Planning Applications W/C 16th January 2023

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
23/00192/FUL	Mr & Mrs Laude 4 Westgate, Newminster Park, Morpeth, NE61 2BH	Demolish the existing single storey attached garage and utility and form a new garage and utility on the ground floor and en suite bedroom and study on the first floor.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application subject to the information available at this time.		
23/00116/FUL	Mr Alex Swinney 15 Bridge Street, Morpeth, NE61 1NX	Change of use to Airbnb to include restoration of external internal fabric. Windows to be refurbished with secondary double glazing to the rear with a slim aluminium profile siding sash to match existing. Chimney stack cut back and walling made good with addition of a tie beam at ceiling level to allow chimney stack to remain at roof level. Removal of staircase to rear. Insertion of 2 new windows to rear of building and new conservation roof lights to lantern below either side of ridge.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application subject to the information available at this time.		
23/00115/LBC	Mr Alex Swinney 15 Bridge Street, Morpeth, NE61 1NX	Listed Building Consent for - Change of use to Airbnb to include restoration of external internal fabric. Windows to be refurbished with secondary double glazing to the rear with a slim aluminium profile siding sash to match existing. Chimney stack cut back and walling made good with addition of a tie beam at ceiling level to allow chimney stack to remain at roof level. Removal of staircase to rear. Insertion of 2 new windows to rear of building and new conservation roof	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application subject to the information available at this time.		

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		lights to lantern below either side of ridge.			
23/00105/FUL	Carol McClenn 25 Croome Gardens, Brocksburn Park, Pegswood, NE61 6TP	Demolish existing conservatory. Proposed single story rear extension, joining existing building to existing garage. Increasing living space, a study and utility room. Proposed porch between existing garage and existing building, on front elevation.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application subject to the information available at this time.		
23/00120/FELTPO	Mr Alan Dawson Woodlands, 4 South Lodge Wood, Hepscott, NE61 6LH	Tree Preservation Order Application - T1 Scot's pine – fell.	Morpeth Town Council would request that a replacement tree is planted and an appropriate British native species of tree is used.		
23/00189/FELTPO	Andrew Craig Tall Trees, Gubeon Wood, Tranwell Woods, NE61 6BH	Tree Preservation Order Application: Removal of Willow T1 damaged and seriously weakened and removal of Birch T2 with 2 limbs split at base and leaning towards power lines.	Morpeth Town Council would request that a replacement tree is planted and an appropriate British native species of tree is used.		