

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 5 March 2018 at 6.00 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

Councillors:	G Roughead (Town Mayor)	T Forrester
	H Bettison	A Gibson
	A Bowlas	K Graham
	B Douglas	C Lewis
	A Forbes	B Parkin

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gareth Davies, Town Clerk

Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

Paul Jones and David Laux, Northumberland County Council

County Councillor G Hill

County Councillor G Renner-Thompson

County Councillor C Seymour

5 members of the public, 1 member of the press

OPEN SESSION

A resident addressed the meeting on the topic under consideration.

C219/17 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Bruce, I Dixon, H Nicholls, G Smith, L Stephenson and G Thompson.

C220/17 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council meeting held on 19 February 2018 were deferred until the next meeting of Council.

C221/17 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

C222/17 4. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

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5. NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON CAR PARKING IN BERWICK UPON TWEED

After the Mayor had explained the procedure the Town Clerk introduced his report. The meeting was then addressed by Paul Jones and David Laux.

During the subsequent debate a number of questions were asked and answered, and Standing Orders were suspended sufficiently to allow members of the public to address the meeting.

On the motion of Cllr Graham seconded by Cllr Gibson it was **RESOLVED** that the capacity gap in car parking space provision should be addressed by a mixture of new space provision and demand management.

On the motion of Cllr Graham, seconded by Cllr Parkin, it was **RESOLVED** to reduce the demand for parking spaces by changing the mix of short term and long term parking spaces.

On the motion of Cllr Bettison, who accepted an amendment proposed by Cllr Forrester, who seconded the substantive motion it was **RESOLVED** that the preferred sites for additional spaces were Castlegate, the Railway Station area and Walkergate.

Cllr Gibson proposed the reintroduction of charges for parking as part of a long-term plan to invest in Berwick car parks; his motion having not found a seconder Cllr Graham proposed the reintroduction of charges for parking as part of a long term sustainable transport plan including options such as park and ride. Standing orders were suspended sufficiently to allow County Cllr Hill to speak; on their resumption, after a debate about whether charge revenue could be hypothecated by NCC to only benefit Berwick it was **RESOLVED** without contest to defer this issue.

On the motion of Cllr Graham, seconded by the Mayor, it was **RESOLVED** that the proposed changes to the mix of parking spaces should be that long stay parking should be focussed on Castlegate, and short stay parking only should be introduced at Hatters Lane, the Quayside, The Parade and Coxons Lane, with additional parking being sought to the rear of the library in Chapel Street and on Walkergate.

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6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, 26 March 2018 at 6 pm.