



**FINANCIAL YEAR – 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2020 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR – 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020 TO 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**

## Mayor for 2021/22 – Cllr J Aveyard

It is an honour to have been elected Mayor and First Citizen of Morley for 2021/22. The Covid epidemic has meant that some of the usual engagements have not taken place. It has been a vibrant and exciting time because of the work being undertaken by the Council.

In March 2020 the Council declared a Climate Emergency and work has been ongoing to make reductions in our carbon footprint. We have an extensive tree planting programme. We planted a wood of approximately 1,000 small trees. Independently we have planted over 300 more mature trees in various parts of the town. More planting will take place next year to encourage more use of electric vehicles.

The Covid pandemic has emphasised the need for good quality open space to benefit our health and wellbeing. The Council has undertaken a greenspace audit so that we can maximise our use of green spaces that remain.

Work continues the Town Deal with some exciting proposals being worked upon. Several colleagues are involved in working groups that are developing the proposals for submission to the Government. The promised money is conditional on costed plans being approved by the Treasury. I am sure the effort will be rewarded and the end product will be of great benefit to the town.

Finally, I would like to thank Cllr Andrew Hutchison for his sterling service over two Mayoral years.

<b>Members of the Council 2020/21 – Figures Show Attendance at Full Council Meetings in the Municipal Year (6 meetings held)</b>					
Cllr Andrew Hutchison (Mayor)	5	Cllr Robert Finnigan	5	Cllr Damien McKenna	2
Cllr Noel Bullock (Deputy Mayor)	5	Cllr Danny Harrison	3	Cllr Oliver Newton	5
Cllr Jim Aveyard	5	Cllr Janet Harrison	5	Cllr Adam Rhodes	2
		Cllr Charlotte Hill	5	Cllr Julian Rodley	2
Cllr Christine Bell	2	Cllr Bev Kelly	5	Cllr Joyce Sanders	5
Cllr Roger Bell	3	Cllr Wyn Kidger	5	Cllr Jane Senior	4
Cllr Phil Bennett	2	Cllr Simon Kimberley	5	Cllr Isabel Stone	4
Cllr Andy Dalton	3	Cllr Tom Leadley	5	Cllr Mike Storey	5
Cllr Helen Evans	3	Cllr Susan McGarroch	5	Cllr Colin Taylor	4

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### CONTACTING THE COUNCIL

The Town Council is contactable either by phone or email. If you wish to speak with a member of the Town Council staff, please ring on the number above to make an appointment.

The Council will also take public questions/accept delegations at all its meetings. Please contact the Deputy Town Clerk for more information.

## COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE

Figures in ( ) show number of meetings attended in the municipal year

<b>The Council operates through Standing Committees as follows:-</b>		<b>Number of meetings held in municipal year</b>
<b><u>Finance, General Purposes &amp; Strategic Committee</u></b> Cllrs R Finnigan (Chairman) (8), A Hutchison (8), W Kidger (6), T Leadley (8), M Storey (7), S Kimberley (6), J Aveyard (6) and R Bell (0) – resigned 5/8/2020		<b>8</b>
<b><u>Planning Committee</u></b> Cllrs H Evans (Chairman) (3), R Bell (3), P Bennett (0), A Dalton (5), R Finnigan (6), A Rhodes (1), J Sanders (5), M Storey (6) and C Taylor (4)		<b>6</b>
<b><u>Community Development Committee</u></b> Cllrs S Kimberley (Chairman) (5), C Bell (2), N Bullock (4), D Harrison (7), D McKenna (4), J Senior (5) and I Stone (8)		<b>5</b>
<b><u>Highways and Transportation Committee</u></b> Cllrs J Aveyard (Chairman) (8), J Harrison (8), C Hill (7), B Kelly (8), S McGarroch (7), O Newton (8), A Rhodes (2) and J Rodley (3)		<b>8</b>
<b><u>Audit Committee</u></b> Cllrs H Evans (Chairman) (0), S McGarroch (1), J Sanders (1) and I Stone (1)		<b>1</b>
<b><u>Staffing Committee</u></b> Cllrs R Finnigan (Chairman) (2), N Bullock (2) and A Hutchison (2)		<b>2</b>
<b><u>Income and Expenditure for the financial years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and 2021</u></b>		
	<b>£ 2019/20</b>	<b>£ 2020/21</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Council precept	204,379	210,000
Interest on investments	1,127	624
Local Council Tax Support Grant	12,441	12,640
Miscellaneous	4,200	9,376
Community Infrastructure Levy	165,722	100,874
<b>Total</b>	<b>387,869</b>	<b>333,514</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
General administration	107,114	132,466
Community Grants	4,500	0
Community Development	110,656	103,333
Highways and Transportation	17,525	22,996
Planning	500	500
Civic Duties	5,885	3,800
Grass Cutting	2,088	766
Community Infrastructure Levy	37,427	26,211
<b>Total</b>	<b>285,695</b>	<b>290,072</b>
<b>General Fund</b>		
Opening balance as at 1st April	268,185	370,359
Add total income	387,869	332,749
Deduct total expenditure	285,695	289,236
<b>Balance as at 31st March</b>	<b>370,359</b>	<b>413,872</b>

PLEASE NOTE, THE ABOVE FIGURES FOR 2020/21 ARE YET TO BE APPROVED BY EXTERNAL AUDITORS

## ACHIEVEMENTS – 2020/21

- Continued to jointly fund 4 Police Community Support Officers to work exclusively in the Town Council area, which comprised Morley, Churwell and Woodkirk, under an agreement with the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire.
- Continued to pay the annual monitoring/maintenance costs for an additional CCTV camera at the Queen Street/Queensway junction, as well as cameras in Churwell Park.
- The Community Development Committee organised a limited switch-on of the Christmas Lights due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Committee, however, organised the extremely popular and enjoyable Schools Music Festival, which was held in the Town Hall the weekend prior to the lockdown.
- The Highways & Transportation Committee continued to fund a Contractor to deal with environmental matters in the town centre and worked closely with Morley In Bloom on horticulture projects.
- Funding was provided for Lengthsman Operations in the town centre to deal with litter.
- A budget was set aside to fund gritting/snow clearance provision on some affected and otherwise untreated estate roads and main roads.
- Provided funding to the Town Centre Management Board to assist in improving footfall and provide a first-class visitor and shopping experience, together with dealing with other town issues, as appropriate. Three Town Council representatives are Members of the Board. This funding also contributed towards the Town Centre Manager post and also contributed to an active strategy in opening up the high street when the Covid lockdowns cease together with providing support local business, the community and the provision of floor vinyls and hand sanitisers.
- From Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) income, various local infrastructure projects were supported, including provision of additional CCTV camera, benches and picnic benches in local parks, replacement bannister, additional bannister and fencing at local woodland areas, a contribution to the landscaping at Lewisham Park together with purchase of trees and planting of same.
- Continuation of maintenance costs for town centre wi-fi.
- The Town Council part-funded the provision of an Enforcement Officer to deal with dog-fouling, parking issues and other enforcement matters.
- Provision of funding to several local groups/organisations including Morley In Bloom, Morley Amateur Operatic Society, Morley Arts Festival and supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal with a donation in lieu of the annual Remembrance Sunday service and parade.
- The introduction of the 'Mayor's Awards.
- The Town Council supported and providing funding during the pandemic for food banks, Healthy Holidays scheme in Scatcherd Park and the provision of 30 laptops for local schoolchildren.

## COMMITTEES – 2020/2021

### **Finance, General Purposes & Strategic Committee**

- To monitor the financial and administrative affairs of the Council, producing monthly income/expenditure reports, certifying all payments made and ensuring legal responsibilities are met.
- To consider the annual Council budgets and consistently monitor these throughout the financial year.
- To oversee Council communications, such as liaison with the local press, publicity and public information pertaining to the website.

- To consider appropriate licensing matters.
- To review Town Council procedures and policies.
- To approve appointment of Internal Auditors.
- To consider Community Infrastructure Levy expenditure.
- To deal with other policy and constitutional issues that may arise.
- To deal with recommendations to Council regarding amendments to Standing Orders/Financial Regulations.

**Community Support Committee**  
**(previously Community Development Committee)**

- To continue to work in partnership with West Yorkshire Police to fund and monitor the effectiveness and viability of the funding of additional Police Community Support Officers operating within the Town Council area.
- To consider annual renewal of the Police Community Support Officers' funding Contract with West Yorkshire Police Authority, which includes regular attendance at meetings by Representatives of West Yorkshire Police to provide updates on performance, results, crime statistics etc.
- To further improve safety and security within Morley town centre by providing funding for the maintenance and monitoring of a CCTV camera.
- To help support and encourage local community and voluntary groups, through financial assistance in the form of community grants.
- To work closely with the Town Centre Manager to promote both regular and one-off events within the Town Council area, in order to encourage visitors to the area, i.e. the Lantern Festival, Christmas Lights switch-on event.
- To assist in the organisation of the guided tours of Morley Town Hall and a Heritage Walk, over the Heritage Weekend, in partnership with the Morley Community Archives Group.
- To organise the annual Schools' Music Festival held in Morley Town Hall.
- To continue to organise, fund and promote Summer Entertainment in the town, which now includes the very popular Outdoor Cinema.

**Planning Committee**

- Meet all planning deadlines by holding regular monthly meetings, with extraordinary meetings if necessary; attendance at meetings by members of the public is welcomed.
- To deal efficiently with all enquiries, correspondence and representations.
- To consider all planning applications, including site visits, if necessary, and to make appropriate representations.
- Continue to support Leeds City Council in the application of enforcement regulations.
- Monitor Leeds Plans Panels South & West and City, and subsequent decisions delegated to officers. Both of these may consider Morley applications.
- Inform the public about planning and development in Morley.
- Continue to oppose green field industrial and house building, particularly those included in the Leeds Local Development Framework (LDF) process, and also include neighbouring proposed developments which may impact on Morley.

## **Highways and Transportation Committee**

- To deal with concerns raised by the public for highways works and liaise with the City Council regarding possible implementation, including speed and parking matters.
- To correspond with the City Council, other partners and interested parties in all highways and transportation issues.
- To deal efficiently with correspondence from local residents regarding highways issues.
- To consider all public transport matters including liaison with operators and related agencies.
- To continue to provide services under 'Community Cleaning'.
- To oversee developments in the maintenance provision of the 'Public Rights of Way' network.
- To determine appropriate locations for the siting of new bench seating.
- To deal with matters relating to 'horticulture' in the town centre, and other environmental issues.
- To endeavour to combat the current climate issues.

## **Audit Committee**

- To scrutinise council accounts and council procedures.

## **Staffing Committee**

- To deal with all Staffing and Employment matters.

## **SHORT TERM PROJECTS**

- Expansion of the maintenance of the Public Rights of Way network in partnership with Leeds City Council
- Organisation of the Christmas Lights switch-on event with provision of additional lighting along Queen Street and Morley Bottoms
- Other annual town events such as the Lantern Festival, Christmas Lights switch-on, Schools' Music Festival,
- Continuation of funding to the Morley Town Centre Management Board, which in turn funds the provision of a Town Centre Manager
- Continue to monitor effectiveness of additional PCSO's funding
- Consideration of grant applications from £250 up to £1250 (match funding) to local community groups/organisations via the Community Support Committee
- Organisation of the Remembrance Day service and parade
- Provision of additional gritting/snow-clearance during the Winter period
- Continue to provide grant funding to local organisations, i.e. Morley In Bloom, The Royal Society of St George, Morley Arts Festival, Morley Murals and Morley Amateur Operatic Society

## **MEDIUM / LONG-TERM PROJECTS**

- Forward plan for 'Community Infrastructure Levy' projects
- Additional Speed Indicator Devices
- Conversion of zebra crossing beacons to 'halo' type
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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Morley Town Council is committed to ensuring the provision of a high standard of cost-effective and best value-for-money community services, which will enhance the quality of life for the residents of the area.