

Kendal Town Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday, 3 June 2024, at 6.30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal.

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| Cllr A Campbell | Apologies | Cllr H Ladhams (Vice-Chair) | Present |
| Cllr J Cornthwaite | Present | Cllr D Miles | Present |
| Cllr L Edwards | Present | Cllr D Rathbone (Chair) | Present |
| Cllr R Edwards | Present | Cllr G Supka | Present |
| Cllr A Finch | Absent | | |

In Attendance: Chris Bagshaw (Town Clerk).

P10/2024 Apologies

Resolved: To receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllr A Campbell.

P11/2024 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were raised under this item, though Cllr Rathbone explained that he would leave the room during any consideration of the Flood scheme, as the matter was being considered by a Westmorland and Furness Planning Committee on which he sat. He would also recuse himself from any consideration or mention of a development in Kendal Parks, because he is a neighbour.

P12/2024 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

There were no excluded items on the agenda.

P13/2024 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: To receive and accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 May 2024 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record.

P14/2024 Minute Action Sheet

The Committee considered a report on actions taken by officers on resolutions or recommendations made at previous meetings.

Resolved: To note the actions taken by officers on resolutions or recommendations made at previous meetings.

P15/2024 Planning Process and Issues

The Chair reported that Westmorland and Furness members had recently received training on viability tests for new developments. He explained that there were ways that developers could minimise their affordable housing liabilities. The general lesson learned was that there were considerable benefits to town and parish councils from being involved in the creation of the Local Plan.

On a separate issue, it was noted that the land included in the latest application for development in Kendal Parks appeared to incorporate that land currently occupied by a golf driving range. This portion of land was not included in the land allocated for development in the current local plan or the Supplementary Planning Document from 2015.

Resolved: To note the verbal update.

P16/2024 Kendal Town Council Flood Relief Scheme Working Group

Cllr Rathbone left the meeting at this point, returning when the item was concluded. Cllr J Cornthwaite, Chair of the Kendal Town Council Flood Relief Scheme Working Group, reported that there had been an informal workshop session to consider what the group's position should be with regard to the ongoing application from the Environment Agency to build a stone-fronted flood wall along New Road. The group's preferred outcome was for this wall to be constructed at the river side of the New Road common, but it was noted that the EA had long-since proposed a wall on the road side. This wall had been granted permission in 2019 and now required further permission to allow the EA to amend their plan slightly with regard to gates and alignment. It was noted that at the meeting of the South Lakeland Area Planning Committee when the matter was considered, it had been deferred to give the EA opportunity to better explain the thinking behind their application. Attempts by the KTCFRSWG to develop alternative plans appear to have been thwarted by a lack of information being supplied by the EA. Although general survey work had been shared through the work done on New Road by SLDC, members believed there was further bore hole data which had not yet been shared with the Working Group, and this was hindering the group's ability to consider and comment effectively on the options, particularly the assumptions behind the choice of wall alignment. It was suggested that the Council use a Freedom of Information request to obtain the necessary bore hole data.

Resolved: To note the verbal update and to request that the Town Clerk uses Freedom of Information if necessary to obtain the data the Working Group is seeking.

P17/2024 Planning Applications

The Committee considered the Planning Applications as detailed in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

Resolved: To submit the recommendations in Appendix 1 to these minutes to the Planning Authority.

The meeting closed at 7.13pm.

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 Responses from Planning Committee: 3 June 2024
Appendix 1

| No. | App No./Type | Address/Proposed Development | Parish Ward | Comments to W&F | Observations/Recommendations |
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| 1 | 2024/0807/FPA | 2 Lower Castle Park KENDAL LA9 7BW Replacement of rear glazed extension. | Mintsfeet | 6 June | No material objections on the condition that the materials are of a suitable match. |
| 2 | 2024/0820/FPA | 42 Hayclose Crescent KENDAL LA9 7NT Detached fitness studio for a personal training business. | Heron Hill | 11 June | No material objections , though the Committee were concerned that the business did not expand beyond the outline given in the application. Further expansion would require further permission to consider impact on traffic, noise, nuisance, waste etc. Some consideration of biodiversity net gain would be welcomed, given that there is very little on the site presently. |