

Kendal Town Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday, 6 March 2023, at 6.00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal.

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 D Evans	Apologies	Vacancy	

* Left prior to consideration of Item No.8 (Planning Applications), Minute No.P149/2022 below.

** Arrived during consideration of Item No.5 (Minute Action Sheet), Minute No.P147/2022 below.

In Attendance: Chris Bagshaw (Town Clerk) and Inge Booth (Democratic Services Assistant)

P142/2022 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs A Campbell and D Evans.

P143/2022 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were raised.

P144/2022 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues were considered for exclusion.

P145/2022 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: To receive and accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 February 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record.

P146/2022 Kendal Town Council Flood Relief Scheme Working Group

Cllr J Cornthwaite, Chair of the Kendal Town Council Flood Relief Scheme Working Group, presented the notes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 15 February 2023. He informed the Committee that the next meeting of the meeting would be held virtually and that Members would be provided with details once known. He further reported that that he had recently visited the Mintsfeet area of the Flood Relief Scheme. The Environment Agency was now using the old County Council depot and work had commenced on the riverbank area in this location.

Resolved: To receive the notes of the meeting of the Kendal Town Council Flood Relief Scheme Working Group held on 15 February 2023.

Resolved: To note the verbal update.

P147/2022 Minute Action Sheet

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

The Town Clerk referred to P95/2022 (Planning Process and Issues) and informed Members that the local branch of the Campaign for the Preservation of Rural England (Friends of the Lake District) with regard to partnership training had suggested that he should speak with the Royal Town Planning Institute with regard to Planning Training for Members. He hoped that this organisation would be able to make appropriate arrangements in this regard after the commencement of the new Council year. Attention was drawn to the fact that the training for Members held by Westmorland and Furness Authority referred to at Minute No.P138/2022 had been with regard to logistics rather than Development Control issues. Members had been informed that there would be three Planning Boards for each of the Barrow, Eden and South Lakeland areas. There would also be an over-arching Planning Committee to deal with other functions currently dealt with by the County and District Councils.

The Town Clerk drew Members' attention to the South Lakeland Strategic Housing and Economic Needs Assessment Study (SHENA) which was due to be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Planning Committee. This information would inform the implementation of existing planning policies in the South Lakeland Local Plan, and the annual assessment of five year housing land supply, until a new Local Plan was in place.

Resolved: To note the report.

P148/2022 Planning Process and Issues

Raised was the issue of the recent change in the start time of Planning Committee meetings. It was pointed out that some Members found it difficult, due to work commitments, to arrive at the earlier time of 6.00 p.m. It was suggested, therefore, that the start time should revert to 6.30 p.m., unless it became evident that the list of planning applications due to be considered was becoming unwieldy, in which case the Chair's or Vice-Chair's opinion on whether to change the start time of an individual meeting should be sought. The potential for Cllr A Finch to re-join the Committee was raised.

Resolved: The start time for meetings of the Planning Committee to revert to 6.30 p.m. unless it becomes evident that the list of planning applications due to be considered is becoming unwieldy, in which case the Chair's or Vice-Chair's opinion on whether to change the start time of an individual meeting should be sought.

P149/2022 Planning Applications

The Committee considered the Planning Applications shown 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 6.36 p.m.

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Responses from Planning Committee: 6 March 2023

Appendix 1

No.	App No./Type	Address/Proposed Development	Parish Ward	Comments to SLDC	Observations/Recommendations
1	SL/2022/0718	Land off Underbarrow Road, Kendal Residential Development for 12 Dwellings with associated access, landscaping and drainage works (Major application)	Highgate	6 March	No Material Objections provided that note is taken of comments raised by the Fire Officer, Kendal Swifts and residents and the Council should be robust in adhering to policy with regard to affordable housing and encouraging green spaces in Kendal. The Committee felt that problems with the travel plan and connectivity by foot and cycle to the town had still not sufficiently been addressed.
2	SL/2023/0126	South View Cottage, South View Lane, Kendal New vehicular/pedestrian access and three storey extension to rear	Fell	13 March	Material Objection on the grounds of scale and dominance and due to the impact of the proposal on the character and appearance of an area within the Kendal Conservation Area. Notwithstanding this objection, the Committee agrees with the Arboriculturist's report with regard to a landscaping plan.
3	SL/2023/0137	Kendal Leisure Centre, Burton Road, Kendal Variation of Condition 3 (restricted use) attached to planning permission SL/2021/0256 (New modular building connected to mains power and drainage)	Kirkland	14 March	No Material Objection provided that permission for use is as the original planning permission which was for a temporary period of three years and subject to subsequent review.

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4	SL/2023/0128	9 Ivy Garth, Sedbergh Road, Kendal Installation of an external door on eastern elevation of house	Castle	20 March	No Material Objections
5	SL/2023/0155 & SL/2023/1056	Stricklandgate House, 92 Stricklandgate, Kendal Renovate the interior of the Coach House to become a training kitchen serving the community café and community larder at the centre of a Community Hub. This will include the installation of an extract vent that will be routed to the roof level via existing, but redundant ducting	Fell	20 March	No Material Objections
6	SL/2023/0160	19 Parr Street, Kendal Replacement of existing uPVC and aluminium bay windows and first floor window at the front of the property with white wood effect heritage-style vertical sliding double glazed (argon) uPVC sliding sash windows, with plain panes of glass at the top and bottom	Mintsfeet	20 March	The Committee commended the use of wood effect and the style of window. No Material Objections