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Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday, 16 October 2023, at 6.30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal.

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

In Attendance: Chris Bagshaw (Town Clerk).

P82/2023 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs R Edwards and D Miles.

P83/2023 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were raised under this item, though Cllr Cornthwaite drew the Committee's attention to his acquaintance with the architect of the Stainbank Green application.

P84/2023 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

There were no excluded items on the agenda.

P85/2023 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: To receive and accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Committee held on 2 October 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record.

P86/2023 Minute Action Sheet

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

It was suggested that Action Sheet ref 18, 19, 21 and 22 could be deleted, as these had no been dealt with. Action 8 and 9 could be merged. It was noted that there was not yet anything to report on Neighbourhood Planning, but scoping of the task ahead was being commenced.

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

P87/2023 Planning Process and Issues

The Committee responded to the Clerk's recent circulation of the Weekly list from the Planning Authority. It was felt to be a helpful addition to the flow of information. Cllr Ladhams will endeavour to send out back dated lists from the previous year for members who needed them.

Recent indications about the guidance on Solar Panels in a Conservation Area and on Listed Buildings changing will be followed up with officer at Westmorland and Furness.

Resolved: To clarify any changes in policy advice concerning Solar Panels with Westmorland and Furness.

P88/2023 Kendal Town Council Flood Relief Scheme Working Group

Cllr J Cornthwaite, Chair of the Kendal Town Council Flood Relief Scheme Working Group, reported that the group would be meeting on Thursday 26th October, at the Flood Hub on Little Aynam. He reported that ongoing disruption to parking at Castle Crescent was continuing to affect residents adversely, but that no alternative options could be identified. The status of works on Waterside would be reported at the meeting, and the latest timetable for completion of the scheme would be circulated to members in due course.

Resolved: To note the verbal update.

P89/2023 DLUHC (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) Consultation

Further to Minute No.P78/2023, the Chair requested that the matter of a Council response to the consultation be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and members.

Resolved: To delegate the substance of a response to DLUHC to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair any other members required.

P90/2023 Westmorland and Furness Council Planning Application for Comment - SL/2023/0634 – 51 Broad Ing Crecent, Kendal – Two storey extension to replace existing single storey extension - Amended Plan

The Committee was asked to consider an amended plan submitted to Westmorland and Furness Council by the agent in relation to Planning Application No. SL/2023/0634. The design of the roof had been altered. The Town Council had objected to the original proposal and the Planning Authority had asked for it to be reconsidered. The Planning Authority stated that other elements (windows) can be controlled by condition.

Resolved: The Committee welcomed the amendments to the application, which now appeared closer to the Committee's view of what would be acceptable. Whilst observing that a bird box does not make up an effective biodiversity net gain, they now had no material objections to the application.

P91/2023 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 7.18pm.

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Responses from Planning Committee: 16 October 2023

Appendix 1

No.	App No./Type	Address/Proposed Development	Parish Ward	Comments to SLDC	Observations/Recommendations
1	SL/2023/0691	116 & 118 Windermere Road, Kendal Proposed storage outbuilding and garden boundary wall to rear of dwellings	Fell	18 October	Concern was expressed over the width of the access gates, particularly to 118, however there were No material objections.
2	SL/2023/0692	41 Whinfell Drive, Kendal Single storey rear extension forming self contained annex accommodation	Nether	18 October	The development was characterised as having the appearance of a shipping container in a garden. The Committee felt it was out of keeping with the surrounding area, of an inappropriate scale and dominance, with inappropriate design and materials. There was also concern that it would be very visible from Garburn Road. The Committee welcomed the proposal to plant silver birches, but otherwise could not support the proposal and therefore recommend refusal.
3	SL/2023/0402	11 Gawith Place, Kendal Replacement of wooden black single glazed sash windows with black UPVC double glazed wood effect mock sash windows	Highgate	20 October	The Committee could not find anything in the additional details supplied to cause them to alter their initial opinion. It was still unclear as to whether the new windows were opening sliding sash and this didn't seem to be reflected in the new information. No further comments to make unless this issue can be explained further.

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4	SL/2023/0705	115 - 119 Stricklandgate, Kendal Change of use of part of the ground floor existing shop (Use Class E) to a 1 bedroom flat (Use Class C3), alterations to the shop front window configuration and installation of double glazing	Fell	24 October	No material objections.
5	SL/2023/0707	18 Michaelson Road, Kendal Front porch	Stonecross	24 October	The Committee would like to see net biodiversity gain lifted from the status of being 'taken into consideration' to actually being specified, but otherwise had no material objections .
6	SL/2023/0623	8 Stainbank Green, Brigsteer Road, Kendal Single-story extension to create open plan kitchen/dining area.	Highgate	26 October	The Committee would like to see a net biodiversity gain of 10%, but otherwise had no material objections.
7	SL/2023/0712	11 Castle Road, Kendal Enlargement of rear extension and including installation of French doors to replace windows and relocation of back door	Castle	27 October	No material objections.

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8	SL/2023/0722	78 Greenside, Kendal Roof alterations to existing garage with installation of solar panels	Fell	27 October	No material objections.
9	SL/2023/0727	64 Hayclose Crescent, Kendal Single storey detached garage	Heron Hill	27 October	There was concern about whether the design actually provided sufficient space for a vehicle to turn into the garage, but otherwise there were no material objections.