

Kendal Town Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday, 20 November 2023, at 6.30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal.

Cllr A Campbell	Present	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	Present		

In Attendance: Chris Bagshaw (Town Clerk)

Public Participation

Messrs F and M Pennington, accompanied by Mr P Winter (the developers) made a brief representation on the principles behind their Planning Application SL/2023/0781. They explained that a similar application had been made in 2017 but had been rejected by the local planning authority at the time. Several amendments had been made, and there was a new development on the site opposite which altered the sites relationship with the surrounding town. The low density of the proposed development afforded the opportunity to considerably improve the biodiversity of the site. In response to queries from the developers explained the SUDS scheme for the site and the design principles. The application was for outline consent for self-build dwellings, so would not be so tightly prescriptive as to preclude innovation, but there would be protections in place to prevent overdevelopment, subdivision and design not in accordance with the site's sensitive location on the edge of the Lake District National Park and World Heritage Site.

The Committee went on to consider the application and the result is recorded in the later minute.

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting, a minutes' silence was observed in memory of Mrs S Blackman, wife of Cllr A Blackman, whose funeral had been held earlier in the day.

P103/2023 Apologies

All members were present

P104/2023 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were raised under this item.

P105/2023 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

There were no excluded items on the agenda.

P106/2023 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: To receive and accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning

Committee held on 6 November 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record.

P107/2023 Minute Action Sheet

The agenda included a report on actions taken by officers on resolutions or recommendations made at previous meetings. The Clerk reported that he anticipated being able to have some arrangements for training available by February 2024. After a query about progress on the Aynam Road fountain, it was concluded that the Clerk and Cllr Cornthwaite would follow this up and report back to a subsequent meeting. Issues relating to the changes to the Planning system following the passing of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act, which received Royal Assent on 26 October, would await the secondary legislation the act enabled.

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

P108/2023 Planning Process and Issues

No additional items were raised

P109/2023 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 Group which had been held on 26 November 2023. Cllr Ladhams noted that her presence was recorded, when in fact she had sent her apologies.

Resolved: With this amendment, to receive the notes of the meeting of the Kendal Town Council Flood Relief Scheme Working Group held on 26 October 2023.

Resolved: To note the verbal update.

P110/2023 Budget 2024/25

The Clerk presented a report asking the Committee to consider its expenditure aims for the next financial year. Expenditure had to be in keeping with the aims of the Council Plan.

The following table included within the report showed the current budget and estimated outturn, the estimated amount required in the next financial year to complete the Council's actions and the percentage change to the previous year's budget.

There was one more payment instalment on the glass wall, with the total bill of £150,000 being due on 1 April 2024. The Committee had had no specific budget lines to deal with training support, and the need for some work on Neighbourhood Planning (as yet to be determined) suggested that it was prudent to bring in budget lines for these.

Item	Budget 2023-24	Estimated Outturn	Proposed 2024-25	% change
FRSWG	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
Planning Training	0	0	2,500	-
Neighbourhood Planning	0	0	2,500	-
Total	20,000	20,000	25,000	+25%

Resolved: To recommend the proposed budget requirements for the next financial year, as attached to the report and outlined above, for consideration by the Management Committee prior to presentation to Full Council.

P1111/2023 Planning Applications

The Committee considered the Planning Applications as detailed in Appendix 1 to these minutes. Prior to their consideration of application SL/23/0777, they watched a short video from the RSPB on the use of Swift boxes to encourage Swift nesting on new estates and elsewhere. The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the use of Swift-friendly policies, and other planning conditions which supported provision in development for nesting birds.

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

The meeting closed at 7.24 p.m.

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 Responses from Planning Committee: 20 November 2023
Appendix 1

No.	App No./Type	Address/Proposed Development	Parish Ward	Comments to SLDC	Observations/Recommendations
1	SL/2023/0777	1 Rydal Road, Kendal Two storey side extension, single front extension and single storey rear extension	Nether	23 November	No material objections. The Committee welcomed the provision of integral nesting boxes and supported the application in the context of the recommendations from the local tree officer, and with the proviso that the planning officer is satisfied that the development does not unduly compromise the visual amenity of the area.
2	SL/2023/0781	Land to north of Underbarrow Road, Kendal Application for outline application (some matters reserved - access, layout & scale) for the erection of 8 self-build dwellings (Resubmission of SL/2017/0575)	Fell	28 November	No material objections. The Committee welcomed a development which enabled self-build opportunities into the housing mix. With the various improvements to the application, and appropriate conditions relating to the comments already made by statutory consultees, they commended the application.