

Kendal Town Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday, 2 February 2026, at 6.30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal.

Cllr J Cornthwaite	Present	Cllr T Martland	Present
Cllr L Edwards	Present	Cllr D Miles	Resigned
Cllr R Edwards	Apologies	Cllr D Rathbone (Chair)	Present
Cllr A Finch	Apologies		
Cllr H Ladhams (Vice-Chair)	Present		

In attendance: Town Clerk
Also present: Cllr S Long

Public Participation

P150/2025 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Finch and R Edwards. It was noted that Cllr D Miles has resigned from the Council earlier in the day.

P151/20025 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rathbone reminded members that he was also a substitute member of Westmorland and Furness Council's Strategic Planning committee, and a member of their Local Planning Committee, but he would not be predetermined on any issue that subsequently arose.

P152/2025 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

There were no excluded items on the agenda.

P153/2025 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: To receive and accept the minutes from the meeting held on 5 January 2026 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record.

P154/2025 Minute Action Sheet

A meeting would be diarised for the Local Plan group under that agenda item.

Cllr Long gave a brief update on correspondence she had received from the LLFA with regard to Vicarage Park, following the Council's letter. It was noted that a historical case could be difficult to establish, but there were circumstantial indicators which created a very strong impression of the SUDS scheme being ineffective.

The Clerk reported that he had had attended a National Highways briefing to its Tebay bridges Stakeholder Group, and as a consequence had initiated correspondence with Westmorland and Furness members, including the Highways cabinet member with some suggestions as to how the

relationship could be developed more effectively.

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

P155/2025 Planning Process and Issues

The Clerk reported that the developer of the proposed Shap Road industrial site to be known as The Flock had responded to the Committee's objections with the offer of a further visit, to see if it would change its view. He had explained that this wasn't usually allowed, but if there were material considerations or factors which the committee had not been aware of when making its recommendation, then they may consider reviewing their decision. The Committee concurred that they were not inclined to review their recommendation unless there were compelling material considerations which were not previously available.

P156/2025 Kendal Town Council Flood Relief Scheme Working Group

The Chair of the FRSWG reported that Waterside was currently closed again for the EA to resurface the pathway. He had recently attended a meeting at Skelsmergh village hall in which the EA explained more about their proposed upstream storage site at Ivy Bridge. He noted that they did not appear to have done much drilling yet and was concerned that it had taken ten or so years for them to finally rule out Kentmere as a location.

Resolved: To note the verbal update.

P157/2025 Kendal Town Council Local Plan Working Group

The group arranged to meet on Monday 9 February, at 5.30pm in the Atrium at South Lakeland House.

Resolved: To note the date of the next meeting.

P158/2025 Planning Applications

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

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

No.	App No./Type	Address/Proposed Development	Parish Ward	Comments to W&F	Observations/Recommendations
1	2026/0044/FPA	<p>3 & 3A Wildman Street, Kendal</p> <p>Increase in non-residential floorspace within Use Class E(c)(iii) (any other services appropriate to a commercial, business or service locality), installation of solar panels within the rear roof slope, installation of two conservation-style rooflights, replacement of existing timber windows, application of lime render to the north-east gable and rear elevations, erection of a rear entrance canopy, and installation of a wall-mounted Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP).</p>	Mintsfeet	5 February 2026	<p>Material objection</p> <p>The Committee had no general concerns about this application and would be inclined towards recommending that planning consent is given, however they noted that the noise rating of the Heat Pump was currently in excess of the guidelines, and on this basis would raise this as a Material Objection. They would also add further conditionality in so far as a positive response from the Conservation Officer would be required.</p>
2	2025/2288/FPA	<p>147 Stricklandgate, Kendal</p> <p>Replacement of windows, two at the 2nd floor front, two at the 1st floor side and five at the 1st floor front.</p>	Fell	11 February 2026	<p>Material objection</p> <p>The Committee did not feel it had sufficient information to consider this application, and echoed the Conservation Officer's concerns that further detail was required, before a more positive response could be considered.</p>