

Kendal Town Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday, 28 July 2025, at 6.30 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	Apologies	Cllr D Miles	Absent
Cllr L Edwards	Present	Cllr D Rathbone (Chair)	Apologies
Cllr R Edwards	Present	Cllr G Supka	Present
Cllr A Finch	Apologies		

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

Also present: Cllr E Hennessy, Cllr T Martland and one member of the public.

Note – In the absence of Cllr Rathbone, Chair, Cllr Ladhams, Vice-Chair, took the Chair for the meeting.

Public Participation

Bill Woods addressed the Committee with regard to Agenda Item No.9 (Planning Applications), No.3 2025/1288/LBC (Kendal Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal LA9 4DL). He expressed thanks to the Town Council Planning Committee and the Westmorland and Furness Council Conservation Officer for standing firm with regard to the previous retrospective application to retain the hideous roller shutter doors in this fine building. Mr Woods suggested that Westmorland and Furness Council's Scrutiny Committee should investigate this matter and the waste of public funds in relation to such a costly mistake. Officers had now finally admitted defeat and submitted this new application which was supported by himself, the Conservation Officer and, he hoped, this Planning Committee.

The Vice-Chair in the Chair and twin-hatted Member undertook to raise the matter with Westmorland and Furness Council's Scrutiny Committee, pointing out that that Council needed to know that the people of Kendal used Kendal Town Hall and that it needed to be taken care of in an appropriate manner.

Mr Woods was thanked for his submission.

It was raised from the floor that an inquiry should be raised with the relevant formal body as to why the work had been undertaken by the Local Planning Authority in the first place without the relevant planning consent.

P38/2025 Apologies

Resolved: To receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Campbell, Cornthwaite, Finch and Ladhams.

P39/2025 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were raised under this item.

P40/2025 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

There were no excluded items on the agenda.

P41/2025 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: To receive and accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Committee held on 14 July 2025 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record.

P42/2025 Minute Action Sheet

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

P43/2025 Planning Process and Issues

There was nothing to raise under this item.

P44/2025 Kendal Town Council Flood Relief Scheme Working Group

In the absence of Cllr Cornthwaite, Chair of the Kendal Town Council Flood Relief Scheme Working Group, Cllr Ladhams informed the Committee that Cllr Cornthwaite had written to both the Environment Agency and Westmorland and Furness Council regarding the error in the height of the flood wall and as to what should be done. The Town Clerk added that he had also written to the Planning Department at Westmorland and Furness Council and that a response had been received stating that the matter had been placed on the enforcement file for consideration.

Cllr Supka displayed photographs of the wall close to the pedestrian traffic lights at Miller Bridge in which the ground level was significantly lower than the top of the wall. Cllr Supka explained that, given that any flood water could flow around the wall at that point, the height of the wall should be approximately 15cm lower than the current height.

The Town Clerk stressed the fact that the matter was now in the hands of the enforcement team at Westmorland and Furness Council and that the matter would, in due course, be brought back to Committee.

Resolved: To note the verbal update.

P45/2025 Kendal Town Council Local Plan Action Group

There was nothing to raise under this item.

P46/2025 Planning Applications

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

Note - Cllr Hennessy, Local Ward Member, spoke in relation to No.4, Planning Application No. 2025/1279/FPA (Amenity open grassed land adjacent to 73 Lingmoor Rise, Kendal LA9 7NR), stating that he was not in support of the application. Whilst he acknowledged that it was not a planning consideration, he questioned the ownership of the land. He further expressed disappointment in the retrospective

nature of the application and, in addition, the claim that there was no requirement for Biodiversity Net Gain.

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

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.

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Appendix 1

No.	App No./Type	Address/Proposed Development	Parish Ward	Comments to W&F	Observations/Recommendations
1	2025/1214/FPA	Station Inn Beehive Lane New Hutton Kendal LA9 7RF Erection of timber decking & covered seating area (Retrospective)	Oxenholme	28 July	No Material Objection , however, the Committee expresses disappointment at the retrospective nature of the application.
2	2025/1257/LBC	Tesco Stores Ltd 26-28 Highgate Kendal LA9 4SX Listed Building Consent to paint Tesco express branding like for like, apply new store address & Est. yr. vinyl lettering to new fascia, apply store directory vinyl to glazing internally and Install new projecting sign made of 2 mm formed aluminium powder coated white RAL 9010 with Tesco in opal 030 Avery 4509 Red 431, Express and blips in Opal 030-Avery 5600 LD/082 A blue letters. Sides, top and bottom to be blue as per fascia.	Fell	29 July	No Material Objection
3	2025/1288/LBC	Kendal Town Hall Highgate Kendal LA9 4DL Listed Building Consent for the replacement of fire shutter to a fire rated glazed door	Fell	1 August	No Material Objection and the Committee welcomes this conclusion.

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4	2025/1279/FPA	<p>Amenity open grassed land adjacent to 73 Lingmoor Rise Kendal LA9 7NR</p> <p>Change of use of amenity land to extend garden curtilage & erection of a random local stone boundary wall (retrospective)</p>	Castle	5 August	Material Objection on the grounds of loss of relatively scarce amenity land to the local area which is needed in Heron Hill and loss of biodiversity to this area, which creates part of the biodiversity pathway through this estate. The Committee further expresses disappointment at the retrospective nature of the application.
5	2025/0313/HOU	<p>Sunny Cote Sunnyside Kendal LA9 7DJ</p> <p>Proposed replacement ground floor porch and first floor sun room with glazed units in timber frames and a new door. Existing glazed roof to be replaced with lead using traditional bottle joints</p>	Mintsfeet	5 August	No Material Objection and the Committee commends the proposed Biodiversity Net Gain shown within the application.