Kendal Town Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday 5 October 2026, in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal, at 6.30pm.

Cllr J. Cornthwaite	Present	Cllr D. Rathbone (Chair)	Present
Cllr L. Edwards	Present	Cllr G. Supka	Present
Cllr R. Edwards	Present	Cllr K. Teasdale	Present
Cllr T. Martland (Vice-chair)	Present		

In attendance: Ben Unsworth (Democratic Services Assistant), Chris Bagshaw (Town Clerk).

P84/2026 Apologies

No apologies were received.

P85/2026 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were made; however, all the Committee members declared an interest in application **2026/1224/FPA** as this is from Cllr Brook's daughter, but it was also that no Councillor was pre-determined in their decision.

P86/2026 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

There were no confidential items included within the agenda.

P87/2026 Minutes from the Last Meeting

Resolved: To receive and accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 September 2026 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record.

P88/2026 Minute Action Sheet

Re. item 22, it was noted that the Town Clerk had circulated a drafted policy on Out-of-Town Food Outlets prior to the meeting, but that this would be discussed as an agenda item on October 19, along with a presentation by Gleeson Homes.

Resolved: To note this and further the relevant actions.

P89/2026 Planning Process and Issues

Firstly, Cllr Supka and the Town Clerk gave a brief verbal update of a meeting with Gleeson Homes which they both attended on Thursday 1 October; they thought the meeting positive and presented very well, with the organisation live to important issues such as affordability and active travel. This is part of why they'll present at the next meeting.

Secondly, the Town Clerk then outlined for the Committee a very enlightening meeting he'd attended

with the Friends of the Lake District and Kendal Futures on 30 September 2026. He reminded Councillors that he'd circulated the salient points by email last week. He then explained that officers are currently working to formalise how the Committee is required to interact with the Local Plan prior to the 31 October deadline (although it is believed that the majority of the work they have already done).

Resolved: To note this and further the relevant actions; to bring a full report to the next Planning Committee meeting.

P90/2026 Kendal Town Council Flood Relief Scheme Working Group

Cllr Cornthwaite gave a verbal report on the 29 September walkaround with the EA at Gooseholme. He reported on the pump station logistics in times of emergency, how generators work as backups, and how various projects by the EA are near to completion. Work has begun on Aynam Road, with a likely finish date of early 2028. He also explained that the EA are in a position to close the sealed gates of units in the event of flooding, which will be soon confirmed in writing also. Chris said he'd circulate his notes from the walkaround in order to guide fellow Councillors questions to Cllr Cornthwaite.

Resolved: To note the report and further the relevant actions.

P91/2026 Kendal Town Council Local Action Plan Group

The Committee quickly reviewed what information would be brought to the next meeting (as outlined in **P88/2026**). Secondly, the Chair and Town Clerk noted they would discuss the proposed Mintsfeet parkrun, along with planning applications and how to word planning application responses, before 19 October 2026.

Resolved: To note the report, further the relevant actions, and for the Town Clerk and Chair to meet prior to 19 October 2026.

P92/2026 Planning Applications

See Appendix 1.

The meeting closed at 7.22pm.

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Appendix 1

No	App No./Type	Address/Proposed Development	Parish Ward	Comments to W&F	Observations/ Recommendations	Status
1	2026/1598/FPA	**4 Beech Hill Terrace** Installation of black gloss metal railing to exterior steps.	Fell	13 October 2026	**No material objection.**	
2	2026/1823/HOU	**5 Bluebell Close** Erection of single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory.	Heron Hill	13 October 2026	**No material objection**, assuming biodiversity net gain, as suitable, is made a condition.	
3	2026/1800/FPA	**37 Stricklandgate** Proposed new exterior door opening, to facilitate access to an enclosed external void.	Fell	22 October 2026	Provided the Conservation Officer is content, there's **no material objection.** The Committee asked also that any developmental measures don't compromise the visual integrity.	
4	2026/1224/FPA	**87 Hayclose Crescent** Retrospective change of use of residential dwelling (Use Class C3) to mixed use residential dwelling (Use Class C3) and childminding business (Use Class E)	Heron Hill	9 October 2026	The Committee debated this at length. They queried parking and discussed the anticipation of neighbour complaints given number of hours open and number of children on site in a residential area. Because there is no feasible traffic/parking plan, and because the house is semi-detached, the Committee deemed this to be over-development. Therefore, **in its current form, they recommended refusal** and would	

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					want assurances that noise disruption would be reduced, and Committee worries solved, prior to them registering no material objection.	
5	2026/1697/FPA	**Unit 9 Blackhall Yard Stricklandgate** Change of use of cafe (Use Class Eb) to tattoo studio/parlour (Use Class Sui Generis)	Fell	22 October 2026	The Committee found **no material objection**; however, it was firmly asked that the disposal of sharps be far more frequent than 6-monthly.	