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Planning and General-Purposes Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 14th October 2024 at 6.45pm

Present:

Cllr Curley (Chair)
Cllr Connell
Cllr Davidson
Cllr Hilsden
Cllr Railton

Also in attendance:

Cllr Anderton
Cllr Chalmers
Cllr Heap
Cllr Kemp
Cllr Rooke
Cllr Smith
Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant

P1/10/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Pape.

P2/10/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

P3/10/24 Actions from the Previous Minutes

- **Black & White Bollards**

The installation of the new black and white bollards is now complete on the Butts, Boroughgate and Bongate War Memorial. There has been an overspend of £1,100, which is due to the decision to replace the War Memorial bollards in Phase 1. This overspend will come out of the Council's budget.

The costs and specification for the removable bollards on the Sands has been sent to Westmorland & Furness Council. The timescale of installation depends on the approval of the plans from W&F and confirmation of funding. There is currently no budget for Scattergate bollards in this financial year.

- **Lady Garth Path**

W&F Council have confirmed that they are not responsible for gritting paths and that it is up to local Councils or residents to do this. However, they have agreed to install another grit bin halfway up the path to make the gritting process easier. Cllr Chalmers confirmed that residents have done the gritting between them in the past.

The Clerk informed the Council that the area around the Moot Hall and bus stop becomes very slippery in icy weather, and she had been looking at a 'wheelie grit bin'. Cllr Chalmers advised that AERG have gritted the town centre paths in the past and will liaise with the Clerk's Office to arrange this going forward.

- **Golden Ball, 4 High Wiend**

The application to convert the old Golden Ball pub into two dwellings is pending the discharge of 3 conditions. Additional information has been received by Planning to address 2 of the conditions, but information is still pending on the 3rd condition relating to nutrient neutrality.

Until the applicants fulfil the conditions of the planning, further work cannot go ahead. Cllr Railton expressed concern that some of the internal and external work that has already been carried out, had not received planning permission and was therefore done illegally.

P4/10/24 Planning Applications

Under Westmorland and Furness Council's consultation process, to consider the following Planning Applications, plus any late arrivals, to prepare, under delegated authority, a response from Council:

2024/1339/LBC No comments **20-26 Chapel Street, CA16 6QR** Listed Building Consent for the replacement of existing render on the front elevation with lime mortar finished in white limewash. *Applicant: Mr Tom Warburton*	2024/1641/TCA No comments **The Armoury, Holme Street, CA16 6QU** Listed Building Consent for remodelling of interior and conversion of garage and former armoury to form two-bedroom ancillary annexe. *Applicant: Mr and Mrs S Lyon*
2024/1820/TCA No comments **1 Battlebarrow, CA16 6XS** Himalayan Birch - 2m crown reduction. Cherry - 2m crown reduction. *Applicant: Conchita Cameron*	2024/1795/TCA No comments **5 Friary Fields, CA16 6UT** Various tree works as outlined in planning proposal. *Applicant: Mr David Pelton*
2024/1702/TCA No comments **Douglas House, Bongate, CA16 6HW** T1) Lime - remove the tree due to its size and proximity to the property (10 metres). *Applicant: Nicol Landscapes Ltd* Request resident plants a replacement tree	2024/1891/TPO No comments **Douglas House, Bongate, CA16 6HW** Conservation area tree works, comprising; T1) Lime - remove due to size and proximity to property. Fungus infecting the basal area of T1. *Applicant: Nicol Landscapes Ltd*
2024/1828/LBC No comments **9 Battlebarrow, CA16 6XS** Listed Building Consent for the installation of an internal through floor lift. *Applicant: Mr & Mrs Cecillia Newitt*	2024/1114/FPA Late application * **1 Scattergate Green, CA16 6SP** Proposed single storey rear extension and addition of solar panels to rear roof slope. *Applicant: Mr Keith Abbott*
2024/1651/FPA Late application * **Bongate Hall, South Bongate, CA16 6HW** Proposed single storey rear wing extension. *Applicant: Mr V Oudhuis*	

* It was agreed to circulate the plans and information pertaining to two of the late applications, to give Councillors an opportunity to review and make any comments on the applications.

P5/10/24 Planning Decisions

Under Westmorland and Furness Council's consultation process, the following planning decisions were noted:

2024/0780/FPA Approved with Conditions **Shining Stars Nursery, The Gate, Bongate, CA16 6LH** Proposed nursery room extension. *Applicant: Mrs S Alderson*	2024/0791/FPA Approved **49 Boroughgate, CA16 6XG** Retrospective erection of a greenhouse and base. *Applicant: Mr L Seymour*
2024/0774/FPA Refusal **22 Castle View Road, CA16 6HH** Erection of first floor balcony. *Applicant: Mrs Faye Collis* *The balcony would result in unacceptable loss of privacy for neighbouring residents.*	2024/1468/TPO TPO Approved **4 Friary Fields, CA16 6UT** Sycamores subject to TPOs, crown reduction and thin. *Applicant: Mr Simon Walton*

P6/10/24 Recycling Centre

There have been numerous positive reports that the recycling centre is being kept much tidier. Steve Ritson has been visiting the site regularly and after the collections on Monday to ensure the site is tidy and has been taking polystyrene and other small fly-tipped items to the Public Hall bin.

The Clerk has enquired with Westmorland & Furness about the possibility of installing CCTV and is wating for their enforcement team to get back. There have been some cameras installed on the entrance from the car park into the Heritage Centre, but it is believed these have been installed by the Bike Inn, tenants of the Heritage Centre.

The resident who attended last month's council meeting, has recently confirmed that although the site is being kept much tidier, there has been no change in the noise issues. Closing the site, which had been suggested, would not be wise, as it would put an overwhelming burden on the smaller site located at the Primary School. Westmorland & Furness have indicated that they would consider re-locating the centre to an alternative site if a suitable one could be found and although Cross Croft had been suggested, no suitable location at the estate or anywhere else has been identified. Cllr Curley commented that unless an alternative site could be found, the situation is at an impasse.

P7/10/24 Town Centre Parking

There are still 25 parking spaces available for public parking in Broad Close car park, and the contractors have confirmed that these will remain available until 18th November. The demolition of Edenside is moving quickly now that the asbestos has been removed and it is expected to be handed over to the Environment Agency in early December. The Bowling Club parking has helped, as businesses with a permit can use these spaces rather than parking in the town centre for the whole day. To date, there have been very few complaints about lack of available parking in town.

P8/10/24 Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report in respect of this meeting.

P9/10/24 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- The Clerk reported that Highways are consulting with local councils to see if they would be interested in taking on more responsibility for minor highway works, such as maintaining grass verges, gritting, sign washing etc. Cllr Connell commented that it is uncertain, but unlikely, that any funding would be made available for this.
- The Clerk reported that the Highways Officer had previously looked at accessibility in the town centre and they have agreed that the tactile paving halfway down Bridge Street needs removing, as the crossing place was removed when the road was re-surfaced and the best place to install another raised crossing place would be at the junction of Bridge Street and Boroughgate. As this work would require a road closure, it was agreed it should be put on hold until the flood defence scheme was finished.
- Cllr Railton asked for an update on the wall at Mill Hill, which was damaged by the Yew tree. It was agreed that the Clerk would look at getting this work carried out.

P10/10/24 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Planning and General Purposes Committee will be on **Monday 11th November 2024** at **6.45pm** in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 23rd October 2024**, the Chairman of this meeting was authorised by the Council to sign these minutes, to confirm they are a true and accurate record:

Cllr Connell