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Planning and General-Purposes Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 13th January 2025 at 6.45pm

Present:

Cllr Connell (Chair)
Cllr Davidson
Cllr Pape
Cllr Railton
Cllr Turnbull

Also in attendance:

Cllr Anderton
Cllr Heap
Cllr Kemp
Cllr Potts
Cllr Rooke
Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant

P1/01/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Curley.

P2/01/25 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Turnbull declared that her husband is very involved with St Lawrence's Church and the refurbishment project.

P3/01/25 Actions from the Previous Minutes

- **Update on Black & White Bollards**

The Clerk reported that we are still waiting on a response from Westmorland & Furness Council with regards to available funding for the bollards on the Sands.

- **Update on Butts Shelters**

We are still waiting on a response from Westmorland & Furness Council with regards to available funding for the Butts shelters.

Appleby Rotary Club have confirmed their grant of £4,500 towards the shelters. As the total project cost for repairing the shelters with hardwood is around £6,500, the Clerk proposes that if Westmorland & Furness does not have any budget to put towards this work, then the Council meet the difference from the expected underspend in this year's budget.

- **EV Charge Points**

Westmorland & Furness Council have asked the Council for ideas regarding where EV charge points could be installed in Appleby. There are plans to install two in Broad Close car park once it is re-instated, and also in the leisure centre car park.

It was agreed to suggest locations at the railway station, at the front of the library, although it was recognised that there aren't many spaces there and also that Oaklea Trust be encouraged to install charge points at Edenside as part of their new development.

- **Community Achievement Awards**

The Clerk has drafted a nomination form and award certificate, which was circulated to Councillors for comments. Details about the awards and application form will be published on the Council website and Facebook, with hard copies available at the TIC.

Cllr Railton expressed concerns about the frequency of the awards every 3 months and suggested an annual award might be more sustainable and have more status in the community. The Clerk reported that she had recently read about a Council doing something similar, with a number of awards being presented for different categories, e.g. community champion, business champion, environment champion, with the awards being presented at the Annual Town Meeting in April.

It was **agreed** that this suggestion was a good idea and the Clerk will amend the application form and distribute to Councillors for discussion at January's Full Council meeting.

P4/01/25 Planning Applications

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

2024/1653/FPA No comments **Sands Methodist Church, CA16 6XR** Replacement of 10no softwood single glazed windows with uPVC white double glazed units *Applicant: Sands Methodist Church*	2024/1638/FPA (Re-consultation) No comments **The Armoury, Holme Street, CA16 6QU** Remodelling of interior and conversion of garage and former armoury. *Applicant: Mr and Mrs S Lyon*
21/1029 (Re-consultation on application 20/0312) No comments* **Land at Station Road, Appleby** Reserved Matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. *Applicant: Barratt Homes*	* The Clerk highlighted that the decision regarding widening the section of single track road above the development is still with Highways.

P5/01/25 Planning Decisions

There were no planning decisions to consider.

P6/01/25 Chairman's Report

- The 561 Appleby to Kendal Wednesday service will be resumed 15th January. It will run during off peak hours and gives users approx. 3 hours in Kendal. Although ENCTS permits will be eligible, the £3 fare cap will not, and normal ticket fares will apply.
- From 1st April, the 563 bus service will change to an Appleby to Kirkby Stephen service and the timetable will be extended to facilitate working hours. Western Dales will be operating the service from Kirkby Stephen to Kendal. No details of the timetable published as yet.

P7/01/25 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- Cllr Kemp asked about the fire service attending High Wiend on Sunday. Cllr Rooke and the Clerk explained there had been reports of smoke coming out of the Golden Ball, however after investigation, it was confirmed that the smoke was coming from a neighbour's fire.
- Cllr Turnbull reported that on a Sunday waste was being burnt in a container next to the Primary School, omitting a very strong toxic smell with it. The Clerk agreed to investigate.

P8/01/25 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Planning and General Purposes Committee will be on **Monday 10th February 2025** at **6.45pm** in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.09pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 20th January 2025**, the Chair of this meeting was authorised by the Council to sign these minutes, to confirm they are a true and accurate record:

Cllr Turnbull