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Planning and General Purposes Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 12th January 2026 at 6.45pm

Present:

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

Also in attendance:

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

P1/01/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Curley and Cllr Pape.

P2/01/26 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

P3/01/26 Actions from the Previous Minutes

- **Street Cleaning Operative**

The street cleaner has been in post for a month and has already made a big impact and received lots of compliments. He gritted all the town centre pavements following the snow and ice last week, which was well received by both businesses and residents.

- **Meeting with W&FC Markets Manager**

The Clerk has arranged a meeting with the Markets Manager from Westmorland & Furness Council on Friday 23rd to discuss how Appleby's market can be improved. An email invite will be sent to all councillors.

P4/01/26 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:

2025/2398/DISC No comments **Appleby Grammar School, Battlebarrow, CA16 6XU** Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 12 (Community Use Scheme), attached to approval 2025/0701/FPA. *Applicant: Morgan Sindall and The Department for Education*	2025/2433/HOU No comments **2 Romany Way, CA16 6XY** Proposed two storey side extension and additional flat roof single storey side extension. *Applicant: Mr & Mrs T Sowerby*

P5/01/26 Planning Decisions

Under Westmorland & Furness Council's consultation process, to consider the following Planning Decisions:

2025/1863/HOU Approved with Conditions **21 Drawbriggs Court, CA16 6JA** Retrospective application for the construction of a gabion wall and associated works. *Applicant: Mr Mark Carruthers*	

P6/01/26 Major Highways Updates

- **M6 Closure between Junctions 39-40**

The weekend closures between junctions 39-40 of the M6 to replace Clifton railway bridge had been successful and the M6 was opened 13 hours ahead of schedule. The railway line is on course to be reopened by the end of this week. The TIC had given out over car 500 permits to residents, many of whom had thrown out their information leaflets not realising it contained their permits. The police had been proactive, stopping people at Brough and Kings Meaburn, and turning them around if they didn't have permits.

- **M6 Lune Gorge Project**

The Clerk has a stakeholder meeting at the end of the month in Tebay and will give an update at February's committee meetings. Cllr Connell also attends meetings relating to this project and will provide updates.

P7/01/26 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- Cllr Heap commented that Dents Newsagents has been sold and there have been rumours suggesting the shop will be turned into a grocery store and the new owners are planning to obtain a vape and alcohol license.
- Cllr Turnbull raised an issue with lighting on Lady Garths Path after a lady had fallen on the stairs at the top and hurt her arm. Some of the overhanging trees block the lighting column. The Clerk will report this to Westmorland & Furness Council.
- The Clerk has received reports from Shining Stars Nursery and some of the parents, complaining about a lack of street lighting by the nursery, which has been passed on to Westmorland & Furness Council.
- Some paving stones on Boroughgate have been re-laid badly by Openreach during their recent work and a couple of people had complained they had tripped on them. This has been reported to Westmorland & Furness, an officer will inspect the area this week and raise this with Openreach.

P8/01/26 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Planning and General Purposes Committee will be on **Monday 9th February 2025** at **6.45pm** in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.04pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 21st 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 Davidson