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Planning and General Purposes Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 13th April 2026 at 6.45pm

Present:

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

Also in attendance:

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

P1/04/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Turnbull.

P2/04/26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Railton declared an interest in Planning Applications 2026/0547/DISC and 23/0744 due to his company, Eden Heritage, being involved in the planning process.

P3/04/26 Actions from the Previous Minutes

- **Saturday Market Working Group**

The Clerk explained that although Terms of Reference for the Working Group had been agreed, no Councillors, including Cllr Smith who had made the original proposal, had expressed an interest in being part of the group. Without any Councillors, a Working Group cannot be established. It was agreed to keep the development of the Saturday Market as an agenda item and discuss any ideas at future meetings as and when they are received.

P4/04/26 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:

2026/0435/FPA No comments **4 Market Arcade, Boroughgate, CA16 6YA** Change of use of dog groomers (Sui Generis) to beauty salon (class E). *Applicant: S Gilbertson, Appleby Town Council*	2026/0524/HOU No comments **28 Barrowmoor Road, CA16 6SB** Replacement of single storey side extension with larger single storey side extension. *Applicant: Mr & Mrs C Pigney*
2026/0547/DISC No comments **Land South of Highfield Lodge, Bongate, CA16 6AE** Application for the approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (Construction Env Mgt Plan (CEMP)), 4 (dust management plan), 6 (archaeology) and 10 (trees). *Applicant: Harrys & Co New Builds Ltd*	23/0744 Support changes (comments below) **Land at Cross Croft, Appleby** Re-submission of plans for residential development of 117 dwellings, including increase in affordable housing and bungalows, re-configuration of site adjacent to Cross Croft and extension of 30mph speed limit.* *Applicant: Story Homes Ltd*

*It was noted that the re-submission of the application by Story Homes for the development included:

- An increase in affordable housing from 0% to 30% (consisting of 35 affordable dwellings made up of 25 for rent and 10 shared ownership).
- An increase from 2 to 4 bungalows.
- Re-configuration to the layout of dwellings adjacent to the existing properties on Cross Croft.
- Extension of 30mph speed limit on B6542 beyond the developments entrance.

The Committee welcomed the changes and improvements in the plans for the development.

Councillors were asked to send any additional comments regarding this application to the Clerk by Monday, 20th April, so they could be included in the response to Planning.

P5/04/26 Planning Decisions

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

2025/0028/FPA Approved with Conditions **Land at Station Road, Appleby** Variation of condition 14 (noise) to vary the noise levels for garden and amenity areas, attached to approval 20/0312. *Applicant: Barratt Homes*	2026/0300/DISC Discharge of Conditions **Appleby Grammar School, CA16 6XU** Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 11 (sustainable drainage mgt and maintenance), attached to 2025/0701/FPA. *Applicant: Morgan Sindall and The DfE*
2026/0405/NMA Non-Material Amendment Approved **Broad Close Car Park, CA16 6QR** Non-material amendment for relocation of the generator exhaust flue and increase in size of louvre located on the western elevation of the Control Building, attached to approval 21/0869. *Applicant: Environment Agency*	

P6/04/26 Post Office Consultation Decision

The Post Office have responded to the Local Public Consultation regarding relocating the Post Office to the Spar. 178 responses were received from customers and local representatives. The key concerns raised were around internal space and queuing, as well as parking. The new branch will be in line with Post Office specifications and will ensure there is sufficient space to operate alongside the Spar's normal retail operation and provide adequate room for customers to queue and for wheelchair access. They will continue to monitor service demand once it is in operation and will work with the Spar to make sure service standards are maintained. The Post Office recognised that parking was a problem faced generally in many locations nationwide, but having carried out a review of the adjacent parking, they feel there is sufficient parking available opposite the Spar premises.

It was agreed that although the move will take some adjusting to and isn't perfect, it is good that a Post Office service will still remain in Appleby.

P7/04/26 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

There were no items for future agendas.

P8/04/26 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Planning and General Purposes Committee will be on **Monday 11th May 2026** at **6.45pm** in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.07pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 22nd April 2026**, the Chair of this meeting was authorised by the Council to sign these minutes, to confirm they are a true and accurate record:

Cllr Railton