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Planning and General Purposes Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 11th May 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 Rooke
Cllr Smith
3 Members of the Public
Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant

P1/05/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Curley.

P2/05/26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Railton declared an interest in application 2026/0805/NMA and the Story Homes development as his company, Eden Heritage, has been involved with these applications.

P3/05/26 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:

2026/0752/TCA No objections **Verge Adjacent to Electrical Substation, Low Wiend, CA16 6QP** S211 Notification; Conservation Area tree works: T1 Cherry - to fell. *Applicant: Mr Steven Faithorn, Electricity NW* The committee requested that the Yew tree situated next to the Cherry tree is protected.	2026/0805/NMA No comments **Land South of Highfield Lodge, Bongate, CA16 6UE** (erection of 4 dwellings) Non-material amendments to the elevation treatments and omission of centre stone mullions, and to hard surfaces and boundary treatments, (attached to approval 23/0786) *Applicant: Mr Chris Robinson, Harrys & Co*
2026/0883/NMA No comments **Appleby Grammar School, Battlebarrow, CA16 6XU** Non Material Amendment to reduce the size of the approved substation from 12.32sqm to 11.16sqm and relocate it approximately 6m towards the school entrance, attached to approval 2024/1378/FPA. *Applicant: Morgan Sindall (on behalf of the DfE)*	2026/0914/LBC No comments **5 Bongate, CA16 6UE** Listed Building Consent for repair and maintenance of existing roof and chimney, including lifting and re-laying of slates, installation of breathable membrane, renewal of leadwork, and repointing and repair of the chimney using lime-based mortar, all on a like-for-like basis using matching materials. *Applicant: Miss Tracey Cannon, Cannon Hire*

2026/0806/LBC No comments **New House, Parkin Hill, CA16 6EA** Listed Building Consent for the replacement of single glazed timber windows with timber double glazed windows. *Applicant: Mrs Katherine Thomas*	

P4/05/26 Planning Decisions

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

2026/0159/DISC Discharge of Conditions **Appleby War Memorial Swimming Pool, Chapel Street, CA16 6QR** Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 4 (method statement), attached to approval 2025/1673/FPA. *Applicant: Ms Allison Coward, W&FC*	2026/0463/TPO TPO Approved **2 Drawbriggs Court, CA16 6JA** Prune specific branches to create the largest difference with the smallest negative impact. Remove over extended branches and crown raise from over the public footpath on the other side of the property boundary. *Applicant: Mrs Ruth Wilson*
2026/0524/HOU Approved with Conditions **28 Barrowmoor, CA16 6SB** Replacement of single storey side extension with larger single storey side extension. *Applicant: Mr & Mrs C Pigney*	2026/0547/DISC Approved with Conditions **Land South of Highfield Lodge, Bongate, CA16 6UE** Application for the approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)), 4 (dust management plan), 6 (archaeology) and 10 (trees), attached to approval 23/0786. *Applicant: Mr Chris Robinson, Harrys & Co New Builds Ltd*

P5/05/26 Story Homes development at Cross Croft

A resident of Cross Croft attended the meeting and read out a statement stating how the proposed Story Homes estate would impact their lives. Although the re-submission of the planning application included a reconfiguration of the properties backing on to their gardens having been altered so none of the properties have their gable ends directly up against their boundary walls, the plans now show five 3-storey homes that will overlook the current residents of Cross Croft. The resident stated that they had been in contact with W&FC Planning, Story Homes and Tim Farron to express their concerns, but they have not made any progress. They also stated that the Story Homes development at Orchard Place had held a public consultation in the Public Hall, even though that estate had less of an impact on surrounding properties and asked why this hadn't happened with this new development and whether this would still be possible to do.

Councillors expressed their thanks and support to the resident, and it was agreed the Clerk and Cllr Connell would make representations to Planning and Story Homes on their behalf. The Clerk also advised the resident to encourage the other residents of Cross Croft to submit comments to the Planning portal.

The three members of the public left the meeting at 7.15pm.

P6/05/26 Appleby Carnival

The Appleby Carnival is taking place on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July.

As Broad Close car park will not be open in time for the carnival, the Environment Agency had been approached to ask if it would be possible to site the funfair equipment on Edenside car park. Although Oaklea Trust, the owners of the Edenside site, were happy with this request, the EA have only recently informed the Carnival Committee that this is not possible. After looking at other options and discussions with Highways, the Clerk has applied for a road closure for the Boroughgate side road by the Moot Hall to enable the market square car park area in front of the Spar and Tufton to be used as the funfair. The library has also been approached to potentially use their car park for one of the smaller rides.

P7/05/26 Horse Fair and MASCG

The Clerk attended a MASCG meeting last week. Appleby Council will be helping with the parking permits for the Leisure Centre car park, as well the resident parking permits for some streets in Appleby which will be made resident parking only. We are hoping to have confirmation of the details of these arrangements this week.

Cllr Chalmers asked whether vehicles parked in resident permit areas with no permit can be towed, as tickets don't act as much of a deterrent for some visitors. The Clerk will ask Highways, but thought that this was only possible if vehicles parked illegally caused a public safety issue or were blocking access, etc.

The Environment Agency and Volkerstevin have informed Highways they will be closing Edenside car park on Friday 29th May, a week before the fair starts. This is contrary to last year's arrangements and the understanding of the Highways Officer, as last year they didn't close the car park until the beginning of the following week. The Clerk and W&FC Highways Officer have questioned this, as it will cause extreme disruption to available parking in town during the busy half term week.

The Pre-Fair drop-in is taking place in Wednesday 13th May in the Public Hall from 5-8pm. It will follow the same format as last year with representatives from all the various organisations in attendance and it is an excellent opportunity to speak to the people and organisations directly involved in managing the fair. Trotting at Holme Farm is taking place on Monday 25th May.

P8/05/26 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

There were no items for future agendas.

P9/05/26 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Planning and General Purposes Committee will be on **Monday 13th June 2026** at **6.45pm** in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.32pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 20th May 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 Connell