

# APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND TOWN COUNCIL

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## PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE PUBLIC HALL

**MONDAY 11 October 2021 AT 19:05**

### Present

Cllr Martin Stephenson (Chairman)  
Cllr Connell  
Cllr Hayes (Mayor ex Officio)  
Cllr Davidson  
Cllr Dougherty  
Cllr Pape  
Cllr K Wignall  
Cllr T Wignall

### Also, In attendance

Cllr Rooke  
Cllr Anderton  
Town Clerk

### P1/10/21 Apologies for absence

No apologies were received for this meeting

### P2/10/21 Declarations of interest

Cllr Connell declared a personal interest in relation to any item on the agenda that relates to Cumbria County Council and Eden District Council.

### P3/10/21 Actions from the Previous Minutes

No actions

### P4/10/21 Planning Applications

The following applications were discussed, comments in red.

**21/0841**

1, Drawbriggs Lane, Appleby CA16 8HY  
Proposed detached garage  
A&J Davis  
**No Objection**

**19/0820**

EDENSIDE RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME  
HOLME STREET APPLEBY-IN-  
WESTMORLAND CA16 6QU  
Amended plans  
The committee have asked for a time extension to reviews these plans as they arrived too late for scrutiny.

### P5/10/21 Planning Decisions

The following Planning Decisions were noted:  
21/0741 and 21/0776

### P6/10/21 Response to People's New Fair Group

In response to a request put to the Council by a member of the public at the Full Council meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021, the Committee debated and consider the question posed "Will Appleby Town Council take control of Fair Hill and take ownership of the Horse Fair?" The following statement has been issued and **RECOMMEND** to full Council for approval.

To seek a new date for the 2022 Horse Fair. The PNF group request a date one or two weeks before the Jubilee, other residents and businesses asked the Clerk to seek just an alternative date. The date for the 2022 Appleby Horse Fair is the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 to avoid the Jubilee celebrations.

## Recommended statement from Committee to Full Council

The following is a statement from ATC responding to a question posed by The People's Fair at the Full Council meeting 22 September 2021

**“Will Appleby Town Council take control of Fair Hill and take ownership of the Horse Fair?”**

The Council considered this request at a meeting of its Planning and General-Purpose Committee meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021

The Committee decided to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the proposal be declined, for the following reasons.

A major issue for the Council is that “the Fair” is not a legally defined event, nor is it run by any recognised body. There is therefore no legal mechanism for the Council to take on the running of the Fair and the issues involved are much more complex than the question anticipates.

Furthermore, Appleby Town Council is a parish council and does not have the resources or expertise to “run” Appleby Horse Fair, which is a gathering involving an influx of thousands of people into the town, over multiple sites and over a period of weeks. This requires operational and planning expertise and financial resources that are significantly beyond the capacity and limited means of Appleby Town Council. In the circumstances, it would be both highly inadvisable (legally) and financially imprudent for the Council to commit to “running” the Fair, as suggested.

This is why the Committee declined to make the recommendation proposed.

Nevertheless, the Council wishes to engage proactively with those community groups who have expressed an interest in improving the Fair and its impact on the town, in particular by listening to ideas as to how the Fair Hill might be placed on a more commercial footing. To this end, the Council has suggested that its current ‘Fair Hill Committee’ be expanded to 5 members (4 councillors and the Town Clerk), with the immediate remit of meeting with representatives of the Peoples Fair Group at the earliest opportunity to discuss their ideas.

Dr Gareth Hayes

Mayor of Appleby

12 October 2021 for ratification by Full Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### **P7/10/21 Queens Platinum Jubilee**

The Mayor and Cllr Stephenson will liaise with Rotary to discuss potential plans for this event

### **P08/10/21 A66 Project Trans Pennine Project**

The Committee chairman and Cllr Anderton attended the event at the Hub, Cllr Anderton distributed maps and papers to each Councillor

### **P9/10/21 Business Enterprise Group**

Cllr Chalmer and Cllr Stephenson will contact ACE to discuss support for businesses in the town.

### **P10/10/21 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's report was received

### **P011/10/21 Councillor's reports and items for future agendas**

- Recycling site
- Appleby in Westmorland Society

**P12/10/21 Date of the Next Meeting**

Councillors noted that the next meeting of the Planning and General-Purpose Committee would be held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November** at **7.15pm** or upon the rising of the Finance Committee.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:40**

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON: **WEDNESDAY 20th September 2021**  
THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WAS AUTHORISED BY  
THE COMMITTEE TO SIGN THESE MINUTES TO CONFIRM  
THEIR BEING A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD:

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