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Planning and General-Purposes Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 8th April 2024 at 6.45pm

Present:

Cllr Curley (Chair) Cllr Pape
Cllr Davidson (Ex-officio) Cllr Connell

Also in attendance:

Cllr Anderton Cllr Kemp
Cllr Chalmers Cllr Potts (*arr 6.55pm*)
Cllr Heap Cllr Rooke
Cllr Hilsden
1 Member of the Public (*arr 6.55pm*)
Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant

P1/04/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Turnbull and Cllr Railton.

P2/04/24 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Curley declared an interest in planning application 2024/0431/TCA, as it relates to his property. Cllr Chalmers declared an interest in the agenda item about the bollards, due to being a good friend of the contractor who was working with the Council to find a solution.

P3/04/24 Actions from the Previous Minutes

- **Doomgate FRMS**

Chapel Street is currently closed between the car park entrance and Pigneys' fuel station, to carry out preparatory utility work. The Clerk has had discussions with both the Spar and the Crown and Cushion regarding access for their delivery vehicles and based on their feedback, the traffic management team were asked to make a few changes to their plans. These included coning off a couple of the end parking bays by Low Cross to allow wagons to swing round and achieve the angle needed to drive into Low Wiend, as well as a couple of bays at the end of Chapel Street, at the junction with Low Wiend, to allow room for vehicles to queue for the traffic lights, without blocking the road. The lights have also been set to change quickly to stop traffic building up.

The traffic management team have been on site all day to monitor the traffic control and make any adjustments where needed and will return every morning to check things are good. They have also said that they are only 30 mins away, so can be on site promptly if any issues come up. It had been highlighted that there was insufficient signage on Doomgate and High Wiend, and it was not obvious exactly where the road was closed. To help resolve this, signs are being made to say, 'Road closed after fuel station'. They were also asked if 'Business open as usual' signs could be put up at these two locations, which they have already done. It was also noted that although the signage says the road closure is in force for 5 weeks, this is a worst-case scenario, and the work is only expected to take 3-4 weeks.

Cllr Chalmers asked whether there would be any work or road closures taking place during Horse Fair week. The Clerk reported that the EA's planned schedule was to start the main works in May, however, this can only happen if the temporary car park is up and running at Edenside.

- **Black & White Bollards**

Cllr Chalmers, as Chair of Finance, informed the committee that the Council had received a substantial donation from an anonymous donor to be used for the replacement and repair of bollards. Stipulations of the donation is that they should be replaced with a more durable material and that any money not used, would be returned to the donor. Together with the grant received from W&F, this now allows the Council to ringfence a substantial budget towards replacing/repairing the bollards.

Two bollards were presented to the Council for consideration - one concrete and one oak. The concrete bollard has been produced by Nigel Altham, who had made a mould based on the existing wooden bollards. The concrete mix is the same spec used for kerbstones and the bollard is reinforced with two metal bars running through the middle. The oak bollards have a moisture content of around 30-60%, so one with a 30% moisture content would theoretically not be fully dry for 3 years and unsuitable for immediate painting.

It had been recommended to use high quality Sandtex paint with a life span of 15-20 years. Cllr Potts commented that although paint may come with a guarantee of 15-20 years, it will likely require annual touch ups. It was agreed that an annual maintenance programme would need to be put in place for the upkeep of the bollards and that hopefully Appleby Smarter may be able to help with this. Cllr Potts also advised that due care would need to be taken when installing the new bollards, as there are numerous BT lines under the ground. The Clerk confirmed that as the bollards belong to W&F, due consideration would need to be taken into account in respect of Risk Assessment, etc and this would be checked out before any work started.

The cast iron brackets fixed to the top of the bollards, which hold the chains in place, have proved impossible to dismantle from the existing bollards. To get around this problem and to make the design easier for future maintenance, the concrete bollard has been designed with a hole going through the top to thread the chain through, which would then be fixed in place with a bolt.

It was agreed to ask Nigel Altham to look at the work and associated costs involved in removing the current bollards and installing new bollards.

The question was raised about whether concrete bollards would look out of place if surrounded by wooden ones. The Clerk suggested replacing one area at a time with the new style bollards, and reusing any of the removed wooden bollards that are in decent condition to replace damaged ones in a different area.

Cllr Curley agreed that in principle the concrete bollard was a good option, and that when a plan has been confirmed, an announcement of thanks should be made to acknowledge the anonymous donor. Cllr Connell suggested the donation information should remain quiet until an announcement is made.

Member of the public left the meeting at 7.15pm.

P4/04/24 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:

For application 2024/0431/TCA, Cllr Curley stepped back as Chair, and Cllr Connell led this part of the meeting.

[2024/0184/FPA](#) **No comments or objections**

19 Margarets Way, CA16 6SA
Replacement garage
Applicant: Mr R Balmer

[2024/0183/FPA](#) **No comments or objections**

2 Belgravia, CA16 6XZ
Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement of larger flat roof study and kitchen extension to rear elevation.
Applicant: Mr and Mrs D Westland

<p>2024/0364/FPA No comments or objections</p> <p>1 Scattergate Green, CA16 6SP Proposed domestic extension comprising; front porch, rear sun lounge, rear garden room, greenhouse and new 1.8m wood panel fence to boundary. <i>Applicant: Mr and Mrs K Abbott</i></p>	<p>2024/0431/TCA No comments or objections</p> <p>Castle Bank, CA16 6SN Remove 3no Ivy clad Ash trees in field adjacent to the wall at walled garden. Remove small tree saplings in the same location. All pose risk of damage to wall in high winds. <i>Applicant: Mr D Curley</i></p>
<p>2024/0555/TCA No comments or objections</p> <p>The Croft, Low Wiend, CA16 6QW S211 notification to cut back 2no Yew trees, overhanging garden wall, by approx. 4m. <i>Applicant: Duncan Wappett</i></p>	<p>2024/0187/ADV (Info only – ended 4th April)</p> <p>Land at Station Road, Appleby Advertisement Consent for 2no non-illuminated pole mounted signs <i>Applicant: Barratt Homes</i></p>

P5/04/24 Planning Decisions

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

<p>22/0507 Approved with Conditions</p> <p>Westmorland Road, CA16 6SD Residential development of 25 dwellings <i>Applicant: Atkinsons Building Contractors</i></p>	<p>23/0570 Approved with Conditions</p> <p>Former Edenside Residential Care Home, CA16 6QU Change of use to a temporary public car park at the site of the former Edenside Care Home <i>Applicant: Environment Agency</i></p>
<p>2023/1122/FPA Approved with Conditions</p> <p>The Coach House, The Sands, CA16 6XN Change of use of ground floor domestic garage/store use Class C3, to a yoga studio class E <i>Applicant: Coach House Studio</i></p>	<p>2024/0189/TCA Tree CA No Objection</p> <p>Douglas House, Bongate, CA16 6HW (Tree in Conservation Area) Fell 4no trees subject to TPO compromising: Ash, Silver Birch, Larch, Sobus due to poor quality <i>Applicant: Nicol Landscapes Ltd</i></p>
<p>2024/0100/FPA Refused</p> <p>30 Glebe Road, CA16 6RT Erection of detached garage and new driveway <i>Applicant: D Murphy</i></p> <p>Out of keeping with surrounding development, detrimental to the visual amenities of the street and outlook of surrounding residents.</p>	<p>Late Notice Decision:</p> <p>2024/0055/FPA Approved with Conditions</p> <p>5 Rookery Lane, Bongate Cross, CA16 6FL Proposed single storey rear extension. <i>Applicant: Mr & Mrs S Sowerby</i></p>

P6/04/24 Chairman's Report

There was no Chair's report in respect of this meeting.

P7/04/24 Highway Issues

- **Speed limited on B6542 by Shining Stars Nursery**

The Council has been contacted by parents of Shining Stars nursery and asked to support a request to extend the 30mph zone up past the nursey. This request comes following several safety incidents and a recent accident. It was agreed to support this request, although Cllr Curley pointed out that ultimately it will be a Highways decision. Cllr Pape understood that historically he believes there may be reasons why it hasn't been done.

- **Chapel Street parking**

The Clerk had met with Walkers Funeral Directors regarding parking issues outside their premises at the end of Chapel Street. There have been several occasions recently where they have been unable to get their hearse into the garage due to cars blocking the entrance. He has also witnessed cars being unable to get out of parking bays at the Leisure Centre, because of vehicles parked on the road in front of both their garage and neighbours' garages. The Clerk has spoken to Highways and will be forwarding the information, including photographic evidence to them, with a request that this stretch of the road should be made double yellow lined.

- **Long Marton Road (Flashing Lane) safety improvements for Horse Fair**

Westmorland and Furness Council have received funding to implement safety improvements for Appleby Fair. This includes removing the wooden barriers that are currently in place along 'Flashing Lane' and replacing them with removable guardrails. These will be installed on the east side of the road, from Salt-tip corner to the Rising Sun Holiday Park and will only be in place for the duration of the Fair. A permanent footpath will also be installed adjacent to the guardrails, benefitting visitors to the Fair, and benefitting locals all year round. These improvements are due to start soon and will be completed for this year's Fair.

P8/04/24 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- Cllr Anderton asked whether there was any official news about the rumours that a new chemist was moving into the old Co-op building. Cllr Connell advised that having made enquiries, at the present time this is still speculation.
- Cllr Connell reminded Councillors about the bus consultation that is currently ongoing. He advised that people using the bus get just over 2 hours to spend in either Kendal or Penrith. He suggested the 563 service could be extended to accommodate working days, as the contract currently only runs within school hours. It was agreed Cllr Connell would draft a representation on behalf of the Council to support this request.

P9/04/24 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Planning and General Purposes Committee will be on **Monday 13th May 2024** at **6.45pm** in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.41pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 17th April 2024**, the Chairman of this meeting was authorised by the Council to sign these minutes, to confirm they are a true and accurate record:

Cllr Curley
