

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NELSON COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 8TH MAY 2017**

PRESENT –

Councillors

Co-optees

G. Adam
M. Ammer
W. Blackburn
J. Henderson
M. Iqbal
A. Mahmood
B. Parker
M. Sakib
K. Shore
D. Whalley
S. Wicks
N. Younis

(Apologies were received from Councillor T Cooney)

Officers in attendance:

<i>Julie Whittaker</i>	<i>Housing, Health and Economic Development Manager and Area Co-ordinator</i>
<i>Neil Watson</i>	<i>Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager</i>
<i>Sarah Waterworth</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

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The following person attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated:

Shamim Aktar	17/0106/FUL Full: change of use of car park to car sales, erection of a sales office building and covered valet/car prep area at Land between Number 129 Bank Street and Leeds Road, Nelson	Minute No. 9(a)
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1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor M. Ammer be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2017/18.

Councillor M. Ammer – Chairman (in the Chair)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor J. Henderson be appointed Vice-Chairman of this committee for the municipal year 2017/18.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEEES

RESOLVED

That N. Emery of Nelson Town Centre Partnership and a member of Nelson Town Council be co-opted to the Committee for the municipal year 2017/18.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the Declaration of Interests.

The following person declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the items indicated –

Councillor M. Sakib	16/0810/HHO Full: Erection of part two storey, part single storey rear extension at 106 Regent Street, Nelson	Minute No. 9(a)
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Councillor M. Sakib	Environmental Blight	Minutes No.12
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5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee at the meeting held on 27th March, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on action arising from the meeting of this Committee held 27th March, 2017 was submitted for information.

8. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

No representative from the Police attended the meeting.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on planning applications to be determined as follows:-

(Councillor M. Sakib declared a pecuniary interest in the following item and withdrew from the meeting)

16/0810/HHO Full: Erection of part two storey, part single storey rear extension at 106 Regent Street, Nelson for Mr Carter.

Before the vote was taken the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager advised that should the application be approved this was a significant departure from policy the matter would be referred to the Legal Services Manager and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Development Management Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That planning permission be granted.

17/0042/HHO Full: Erection of two storey extension to rear, including first floor balcony at 103 Reedyford Road, Nelson for Mr M. Rahamn.

Before the vote was taken the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager advised that should the application be approved this was a significant departure from policy the matter would be referred to the Legal Services Manager and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Development Management Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That planning permission be granted.

17/0084/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey extension to the front of 198 Every Street, Nelson for Mr M. Khan

RESOLVED

That planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions and reasons –

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration on three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: LA01-P01, LA01-P03.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

3. Prior to the commencement of the erection of the walls of the development hereby approved samples of the external materials to be used in the walls and roof of the development shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in strict accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In the interest of the visual amenity of the area and the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

REASON

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed development is acceptable in terms of policy, design, highway safety. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

17/0106/FUL Full: Change of use of car park to car sales, erection of a sales office building and covered valet/car prep area at land adjacent 129 Leeds Road, Nelson

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **deferred** for a site visit.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported, for information, that there were no new appeals, appeal decisions or outstanding appeals.

10. CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported, for information, that the current balance for the Committees Capital programme for 2017/18 was £19,498

11. INSPIRE CLINICAL VAN

It was reported that Inspire East Lancs had now a Clinical mobile van for use across all of their areas, including Pendle and were also in the process of finding suitable venues. Details of the services available had been submitted and it was also reported that an open day was to be held on Friday 12th May, 2017.

(Councillor M. Sakib declared a pecuniary interest in the following item and withdrew from the meeting)

12. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted for information a report regarding environmental blight sites within the Nelson area.

13. PREMISES IMPROVEMENTS GRANTS

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Manager submitted a report regarding progress made on the scheme in 2016/17.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the premises improvement grant scheme summary be noted.
- (2) That Councillors M. Sakib and A. Mahmood attend the Premises Improvement Grant Panel.

REASON

- (1) *To allow Members of the committee to see the outcomes of the premises improvement grants scheme in the 2016/17 financial year.*
- (2) *To allow Members to have a greater involvement in the allocation of Premises Improvement Grants.*

14. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER – SPORTS GROUNDS

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report which gave an update on proposals and options for Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) in relation to sports grounds.

RESOLVED

That having completed a period of public consultation, a Public Spaces Protection Order for sports grounds in Nelson be agreed in relation to the control of dogs and to incorporate the relevant parts of the existing by-laws.

REASON

To enable the Council and its partners to respond to concerns regarding behaviour that is detrimental to the quality of life in public spaces in Pendle including enforcement action.

15. VACANT HOMES

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Manager submitted a report regarding the management of vacant homes with in Nelson.

Councillor Whalley made reference to the state of 65 Fir Street, Nelson as there were no windows in the first floor and the garden was full of waste.

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Manager reported that the Empty Homes Officer was working with the owner of the property.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the action that was being taken to manage empty houses within Nelson be noted.
- (2) That the position regarding each of the priority empty properties be noted.
- (3) That the committee receive an update report in six months' time unless there was a particular issue regarding a property in the committee's area.

REASON

- (1) To ensure that empty properties in the borough were managed.*
- (2) To ensure that the committee was kept up to date with the position regarding the priority properties in their area.*

16. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Trafalgar House, Market Street, Nelson

Councillor Adam complained about the state of the property. All the windows had been boarded up and he felt that it had become an eye score. He requested that the owners of the property be contacted to discuss the future use of the building.

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that he had had a meeting with a representative from the company who owned the property, regarding schemes and funding which may be available to them and to try push them for a long term plan. As yet nothing had been put forward and the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager was chasing it further.

(b) 105 Beresford Street, Nelson

Councillor Shore asked that that item be deferred to next meeting so that she could confirm the address.

Chairman: _____