

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NELSON COMMITTEE  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL  
ON 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2017**

*PRESENT –*

*The Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. Whalley)*

*Councillor M. Ammer (Chairman - in the Chair)*

**Councillors**

**Co-optees**

*G. Adam  
N. Ahmed  
E. Ansar  
W. Blackburn  
T. Cooney  
J. Henderson  
M. Iqbal  
A. Mahmood  
M. Sakib  
S. Wicks  
N. Younis*

*N. Emery*

*(Apologies were received from Town Councillor N. Hayat)*

*Officers in attendance:*

<i>Julie Whittaker</i>	<i>Housing, Health and Economic Regeneration Manager and Area Co-ordinator</i>
<i>Kathryn Hughes</i>	<i>Principle Development Management Officer</i>
<i>Sarah Waterworth</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>



**27. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**28. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**29. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee at the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**30. PROGRESS REPORT**

A progress report on action arising from the meeting of this Committee held 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 was submitted for information.

**31. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 100 (B)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the Chairman agreed that the following item should be considered as a matter of urgency, on the grounds that the deadline for any representations on the proposed closure of some Lancashire Constabulary front counters was 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 and the next meeting of this Committee was not until 7<sup>th</sup> August.

**32. REVIEW OF LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY'S FRONT COUNTER PROVISION**

Following a review of Lancashire Constabulary's front counters provision it was proposed to reduce the number of front counters that were open to the public from 23 to 13. This affected Barnoldswick and Colne within Pendle and would come into force in 2018.

It was reported that the opening hours for Nelson would be reduced.

**33. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**(a) Application for Comment**

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

**17/0233/FUL Full: Formation of BMX Track, car parking areas and road widening (Reg. 3.) at Swinden Playing Fields, Cravendale Avenue, Nelson.**

The Chairman explained that this application would be determined by Development Management later this month and any the comments would be passed on.

There were no objection made to the application.

**(b) Planning Appeals**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted, for information a report regarding new and outstanding appeals and notifications of appeals decisions.

**34. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's Capital Programme for 2017/18 was £19.499.

**35. REVIEW OF COUNCIL – OWNED CAR PARKS WITHIN NELSON**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report regarding a review of Council-owned car parks in the borough and asked members to consider matters regarding various Nelson car parks.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the recent report to the Executive regarding a review of Council-owned car parks in the borough be noted.
- (2) That it be noted that Liberata Property Services had been instructed to investigate the car parks which had been recommended for disposal, transfer or lease as set out in the report.
- (3) That the parking restrictions on The Palace Car Park be changed for sort-stay disc parking to long stay.
- (4) That business/residents permit parking be introduced.
- (5) That residents-only permit charge for Cuba Street Car Park, Nelson be increased from £30 to £50 per annum from February 2018.

**REASON**

- (1) *To provide a framework on which to decrease costs and increase income on public car parks in Nelson.*
- (2) *To increase the usage of the under-utilised Palace Car Park in Nelson town centre.*

**36. PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF A RESIDENTS-ONLY PARKING SCHEME: ALBERT STREET, NELSON**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report regarding the outcome of the survey for the possible introduction of a residents-only parking scheme.

It was reported that at the time the Survey was undertaken there were a number of empty properties that had be included in the results.

**RESOLVED**

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be requested to resend the questionnaire.

**37. TRAFFIC LIASION MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017 were submitted for information.

**38. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report, for information, regarding environmental blight sites in Nelson

**39. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- (a) **Untidy garden at 105 Beaufort Street, Nelson**

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It was reported that the Environmental Waste Services Manager was currently taking action against the owner of the property in relation to waste issues.

The actions had included an informal request to clear the land, which had not been acted upon and formal action under section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act had been taken. The first compliance date was 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

**(b) Request for Lighting at Rear of 38-62 Carr Road/ Albion Street, Nelson**

Councillor Ahmed reported that residents had contacted him regarding the possibility of back street lighting being installed to the rear of 38-62 Carr Road/ Albion Street, Nelson and could a report be submitted to the next meeting regarding the possibility, cost and funding for the scheme.

Councillor Iqbal informed members that the back street was an adopted back street and the responsibility of Lancashire County Council (LCC) and a letter be sent to the Councillor K. Iddon, Cabinet Member for Highways.

**RESOLVED**

That a letter be sent to LCC's Cabinet Member for Highways requesting that three back street lights be installed at the rear of 38-62 Carr Road/ Albion Street, Nelson.

**(c) Repair to allotment track – Sycamore Avenue/ Messenger Street, Nelson.**

Councillor Whalley reported that the track was in bad repair and that he had contacted LCC regarding bringing the track up to standard. He request that a report be submitted to the next meeting of this committee, if funding from LCC wasn't granted, regarding what work were required and the cost to the council to bring the track up to standard.

**RESOLVED**

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be requested to submit a report to the next meeting regarding bringing the allotment track up to standard.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_