

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NELSON COMMITTEE  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL  
ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

*PRESENT –*

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

**Councillors**

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

**Co-optees**

*N. Hayat – Nelson Town Council*

*(Apologies were received from Councillor B. Parker)*

*Officers in attendance:*

*Neil Watson                  Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager  
Julie Whittaker              Housing, Health and Economic Regeneration Manager and Area  
   Co-ordinator  
Sarah Waterworth          Committee Administrator*

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

Mr Oakes                      Former Taxi Rank, Sagar Street, Nelson                  Minute No. 114

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**107.    DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**108.    PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions raised from members of the public.

**109. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of this Committee at the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**110. PROGRESS REPORT**

A progress report on action arising from the meeting of this Committee held 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 was submitted for information.

**111. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES**

Inspector Goodall reported that year on year all crime within Pendle had increased by 10.7%. All burglaries had dropped by 3.2%, although burglaries within dwellings had risen by 11.9% compared to the same period in 2016, this equated to 27 crimes. Vehicle crime was down by 1.2%, but theft from vehicles had increased from last year by 7.2%, 24 offences. It was also reported that criminal damage offences had also increased from the same period last year by 9.6%, 64 offences.

Members expressed concerns regarding the figures. Inspector Goodall reported that there had been a reduction in staffing due to several officers being placed on secondments and a number of PCSO's being recruited as police officers, but he was looking at ways in which areas would be policed to reduce the figures.

**112. 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:-

**16/0721/ADV      Advert Consent: Erection of 2 illuminated fascia signs and 1 illuminated projecting sign (retrospective) at 68-70 Manchester Road, Nelson for Mr M. Naeem.**

**RESOLVED**

That planning permission be **deferred** for a site visit and to allow for discussions with the applicant to take place.

**16/0731/OUT      Outline: Major: Residential development up to 21 dwelling houses (0.46Ha) – access only at land on Coleman Street, Nelson for Mr D. Liversidge.**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that the application had been withdrawn prior to the meeting.

**(b) Planning Appeals**

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

16/0396/FUL          Appeal against refusal of planning permission for Sub-division of existing retails (A1) unit at ground floor level to create retail unit and café/restaurant (A3), with alterations to shop front and installation of flue to rear roof slope at 115 Manchester Road, Nelson. BB9 7HB.

**113.    CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's Capital programme for 2016/17 was £14,275.

A new bid was submitted for £10,000 for improvements to Back Streets

**RESOLVED**

That the bid for £10,000 for improvements to the Back Streets of 3 blocks on Barkerhouse Road, Nelson be allocated from the 2016/17 capital programme.

**REASON**

*To enable the capital programme to be allocated efficiently and effectively.*

**114.    GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18**

The Financial Services Manager submitted a report asking the Committee to consider its base budget for 2017/18, identify any options for budget reductions and pass on any comments to the Executive which was noted.

**115.    FORMER TAXI RANK, SAGAR STREET, NELSON**

The Strategic Director submits the attached report which asked members to determine if the rank could be revoked in view of the objection to the notice.

**RESOLVED**

1.    That the taxi rank on Sagar Street, Nelson be revoked.
2.    That Officers work with the Hackney Carriage trade to identify areas within Nelson for additional ranks.

**REASON**

1.    *To allow an unused area of land be brought back into use.*
2.    *To increase the number of Hackney carriage ranks within Nelson Town Centre.*

**116. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER – ALLEY GATES**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report regarding a statutory consultation on proposals to maintain the closure of footways by alley gates scheme.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That a PSPO for the existing schemes be agreed.
- (2) That the proposed scheme for Malvern Road and the cost of £3000 for the scheme be noted.

**REASON**

*To address the concerns of local residents that without the alley gates in place the back streets will attract anti-social behaviour.*

**117. PARKS, RECREATION AND GREEN SPACES UPDATE**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report, for information, which informed members of the current Parks, Recreation and Green Spaces work and upcoming plans/development for Nelson.

**118. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

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

**119. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROGRAMME 2017/18**

Members were asked to consider topics for scrutiny for the next municipal year 2017/18 and to send any suggestions directly to the Scrutiny Management Team before the end of February.

**RESOLVED**

That the Scrutiny Management Team be requested to include Disabled Facilities Grants within its 2017/18 work programme.

**120. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**(a) Rear Albert Street/ Mosley Street Nelson.**

Councillor N. Ahmed presented a petition signed by 12 residents of Albert Street who were having problems with anti-social behaviour due to a number of properties being empty. Youths were gathering in the yards setting light to litter bins and there was also a problem with the litter on the back streets.

The Area Co-ordinator said the matter would be investigated.

**(b) Condition of footpath outside 3b systems, Every Street, Nelson**

Councillor N. Ahmed made reference to the poor condition of the footpath and it was becoming quite dangerous and asked if it could be repaired.

**RESOLVED**

That the matter be referred to Lancashire County Councils Highways Department.

**(c) Metal Sheet Works, St Marys Street, Nelson**

Councillor N. Ahmed said he'd had complaints about the noise from the Metal Sheet Works and also that queried the hours of operation.

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager said that the matter would be investigated.

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**OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

(a) Condition of Back West Street, Nelson

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