

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NELSON COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 9TH MAY 2018**

PRESENT –

The Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. Whalley)

Councillors

*N. Ahmed
M. Ammer
W. Blackburn
T. Cooney
J. Henderson
M. Iqbal
A. Mahmood
N. McGowan
M. Sakib
K. Shore
N. Younis*

Co-optees

N. Emery

Police Representative

Inspector A. Winter

Officers in attendance:

<i>Julie Whittaker</i>	<i>Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager and Area Co-ordinator</i>
<i>Alex Cameron</i>	<i>Senior Planning Officer</i>
<i>Sarah Waterworth</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies were received from and Councillors G. Adam, E. Ansar and S. Wicks)

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

<i>C. Jones</i>	<i>18/0047/HHO Full: Erection of a first floor extension to the rear at 51 Lowthwaite Drive, Nelson.</i>	<i>Minute No. 9(a)</i>
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1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor M. Sakib be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

Councillor M. Sakib – Chairman (In the Chair)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor S. Wick be appointed Vice-Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTEES

RESOVLED

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 2018/19.

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	Environmental Blight	Minutes No.13
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5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions raised by the public.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th March, 2018 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 26th March, 2018 was submitted for information.

8. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Inspector Winter reported that over the last few months in partnership with Trading Standards they have been targeting organised crime with regards illegal sales of Tobacco and had some good results.

He also informed the committee that there was to be an increase in patrols throughout Ramadan due to the increase in antisocial behaviour over the last few years.

He informed the committee that Lancashire Police were running a recruitment programme over the next two years which members welcomed.

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:-

18/0047/HHO Full: Erection of a first floor extension to the rear at 51 Lowthwaite Drive, Nelson for Mrs S Ansar

RESOLVED

The planning permission be refused for the following reason:-

1. The proposed rear extension would result in an unacceptable impact upon the privacy of the rear garden of 11 The Warnings, Kelswick Drive to the detriment of the residential amenity of occupants of that property contrary to policy ENV2 of the adopted Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy, the guidance of the adopted Design Principles SPD.

18/0074/VAR Full: Change of use of ground floor from retail (A1) to Laundrette (SG) at 6 Rhoda Street, Nelson for Mr S Mahmood

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 of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following plans:

1:1250 Location Plan, E1 & P1

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

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 proposal is acceptable in terms of policy, impact on amenity and highway safety and therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

17/0337/ADV Advert Consent: Retain one illuminated fascia sign at 68-70 Manchester Road, Nelson for Mr M Naeem

Before the vote was taken the Principle Planning Officer advised that should it be agreed that no enforcement action be taken that would be tantamount to granting consent. Not taking enforcement action would be a significant departure from policy and as such the matter would be referred to the Head of Legal Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Policy and Resources Committee.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** subject to the following reason:-

1. The fascia sign which has been erected adversely affects the amenity of the conservation area and is not acceptable in terms of size, colour and design. The signage therefore fails to accord with Policy 13 of the Replacement Pendle Local Plan, Policy ENV2 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy and the Conservation Area Design and Development Guidance SPD.
2. That no enforcement action be taken.
3. That the Chairman meet with the Head of Legal Services to clarify if the application would be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee and if they disagreed the application would be referred back to this committee.

b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that there was one outstanding appeal.

10. ENFORCEMENT / UNAUTHORISED USES

The Head of Legal Services submitted, for information, a report regarding enforcement action.

11. REVISED ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2018/19 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Financial Services Manager submitted a report which advised the Committee of a change to the funding of area committee capital programmes in 2018/19. There had been no reduction in the overall funding for the Committee; however the revenue contribution had been deleted. This meant that all future spending had to be of a capital nature only.

A proposed process for the submission and approval of bids was detailed in the report.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

12. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - 2018/19

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committees Capital Programme for 2018/19 was £52,006.

It was noted that the £5,951 bid for Free Swimming Places has not been allocated as the bid was not of a Capital nature.

A late bid of £10,000 for Capital Works to Whitefield Area was submitted to the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) That £7,000 be allocated from the 2018/19 Capital Programme for Capital Works to Whitefield Area.

REASON

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

13. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME UPDATE

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

14. PREMISES IMPROVEMENTS GRANTS

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Manager submitted report regarding progress made on the Nelson premises improvement grants scheme in 2017/18 financial year.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the summary of the premises improvement grant scheme be noted.
- (2) That the bid for £20,000 be noted.
- (3) That Councillors Sakib and Mahmood be appointed to the Premises Improvement Grant Panel.

REASONS

- (1) ***To allow members of the Committee to see the outcomes of the premises improvement grants scheme in the 2017/18 financial year.***
- (2) ***That the slippage from 2017/18 be spent before further money is allocated.***
- (3) ***To allow Members to have a greater involvement in the allocation of Premises Improvement grants.***

15. VACANT HOMES

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Manager submitted for information, a report regarding the position on the management of vacant houses within Nelson.

Chairman: _____