

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NELSON COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 2ND JULY 2018**

PRESENT –

Councillor M. Sakib – Chairman (in the chair)

Councillors

*N. Ahmed
M. Ammer
W. Blackburn
T. Cooney
J. Henderson
M. Iqbal
N. McGowan
D. Whalley
S. Wicks
N. Younis*

Co-optees

N. Emery

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>Joanne Eccles</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies were received from Councillors G. Adam, E. Ansar, A. Mahmood and Mrs K. Shore.)



The following people attended the meeting and spoke on the items indicated:

<i>Imran Aslam</i>	<i>Item 5(a) 18/0320/FUL – Full: Retention of canopy to year area (retrospective) at Norfolk Street Garage, 52 Norfolk Street, Nelson</i>	<i>Minute No. 9(a)</i>
<i>Shameem Kazim Egle Paicunaite</i>	<i>Items for Discussion – Back Street Lighting in Whitefield</i>	<i>Minute No. 19</i>



11. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

13. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th June, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14. PROGRESS REPORT

(a) Progress report

A progress report on action arising from the meeting of this Committee held on 4th June, 2018 was submitted for information.

(b) Police Issues

Inspector A. Winter attended the meeting to report on a recent review of police core services in Lancashire. Following a public consultation the policing model for Lancashire would be changing. An additional 50 Control Room officers would be recruited; an additional 45 Response officers and 10 sergeants to improve the response service; the Targeting Team would be doubled so that there would be 6 sergeants, 44 officers and 1 superintendent across 3 divisions. Resources in CID would be increased and there would be a dedicated team to deal with exploitation and modern slavery. The changes were expected to take place in October.

Whilst the number of Community Beat Managers would reduce in Pendle from 14 (13 currently in post) to 6 and sergeants from 3 to 2, he said that they would have more time to effectively police that area. He also explained that the Targeting Team and the Response Team would be doing proactive work in these areas. Every Response officer would be designated a particular area and their default would be to police that area and take ownership of it. He hoped that this would reassure Councillors and residents.

Councillors were very concerned that this decrease in Neighbourhood Policing would have a major impact on crime and affect the public's confidence in the policing of the local area.

RESOLVED

That the Chief Executive be asked to write a strongly worded letter to Lancashire's Chief Constable, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Pendle's MP and the Prime Minister objecting to the Neighbourhood Policing teams in Pendle being cut, with the number of Community Beat Manager posts reduced from 14 to 6, and asking for the investment in neighbourhood policing to be reinstated.

15. 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:-

18/0009/OUT **Outline: Residential development for 2 dwelling houses (access and layout only) at garage site to the south west of Dercliffe Rest Home, Juno Street, Nelson for Mrs Rizwan Chaudrhi**

The Senior Planning Officer reported that this application had been withdrawn at the applicant's request.

18/0209/FUL **Full: Erection of 2 detached dwelling houses with access off Juno Street at garage site to the south west of Dercliffe Rest Home, Juno Street, Nelson for Mrs Rizwan Chaudrhi**

The Senior Planning Officer reported that this application had been withdrawn at the applicant's request.

18/0320/FUL **Full: Retention of canopy to yard area (retrospective) at Norfolk Street Garage, 52 Norfolk Street, Nelson for Mr Mohammed Aslam**

The Senior Planning Officer submitted an update at the meeting on the height of the canopy that was visible over the perimeter wall.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **deferred** to allow time to look at the plans of the original planning application 13/92/0652P to extend the workshop.

(b) Planning Appeals

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

16. ENFORCEMENT / UNAUTHORISED USES

The Head of Legal Services submitted, for information, a report regarding enforcement action. The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager gave an update on the circumstances surrounding the enforcement notice at 4 Ball Street.

17. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - 2018/19

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the balance for the Committee's 2017/18 Capital Programme was £5,958; the balance for 2018/19 was £14,549, providing an overall balance of £20,507. A full report would be submitted to the next meeting.

18. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on environmental blight in Nelson which was noted.

19. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Back Street Lighting in Whitefield

This item was deferred from the last meeting. Residents complained about the lack of street lighting on Buckley Road, particularly in winter. It was acknowledged that the cost of providing street lights was approximately £5,000 per light. Residents had been trimming back as best they could the overgrown shrubbery on a strip of land opposite which was owned by Lancashire County Council.

RESOLVED

- (1) That £5,000 be allocated from the Committee's 2018/19 Capital Programme towards the installation of 3 street lights on Buccleugh Road subject to the Policy and Resources Committee agreeing to a supplementary estimate of £12,000.
- (2) That Liberata Property Services be asked to request County Council to give Pendle Council the small strip of land opposite the houses at the bottom, so that all the shrubs and cuts could be cut back and then the freehold transferred to residents for them to maintain.

REASON

In the interests of public safety and convenience.

(b) Southfield Street Issues

Reference was made to a meeting held the previous week about speeding cars and potential crimes around the Southfield Street area. It was suggested that traffic calming would help to combat this behaviour.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be asked to request that County Council install extra traffic calming at the end of Southfield Street.

REASON

In the interests of public and highway safety.

(c) Funding for Highway Repairs

Reference was made to recent lobbying to secure £300,000 for highway works in Pendle.

RESOLVED

That a letter be sent to the Prime Minister requesting that £300,000 be made available for works on back streets in Pendle.

REASON

In the interests of public and highway safety.

Chairman: _____