MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NELSON COMMITTEE HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL ON 3RD DECEMBER 2018

PRESENT-

Councillor M. Sakib (Chairman – in the Chair)

Councillors

Co-optees

Nick Emery (Nelson Town Team)

G. Adam Nadeem Ahmed T. A. Cooney J. Henderson M. Iqbal D. Whalley S. Wicks N. Younis

Officers in attendance:

Julie WhittakerHousing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager
(Area Co-ordinator)Alex CameronPlanning OfficerSarah WaterworthCommittee Administrator

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Ammer, W. Blackburn, A. Mahmood, N. McGowan and K.E Shore)

The following people attended the meeting and spoke on the following item:

Mr M Mirza 18/0611/FUL Full: Change of use from a dwelling (Use Minute No. 69(a) class C3) to a Physiotherapists and Wellbeing Clinic (Use Class D1) at 47 Queensgate, Nelson

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DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

66. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident from the Cloverhill ward complained about the waste collections in the Sackville Street/ Pilgrim Street area of Nelson. He explained that residents had been asked to take their bins to a collection point as the refuse wagons no longer go down the narrow streets. As a result of this bins were being left on the streets or stolen. The resident explained that his household waste bin was stolen and when he rung the council for a replacement he was informed it would take up to 4 weeks for a new one to be delivered, which he felt was unacceptable. He agreed that parking was an issue in the area which was hindering the waste collections and asked if a meeting could take place with councillors and residents to address the parking issues so that the refuse wagons could return to collecting waste from outside the houses instead of residents taking their bins to collections points.

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He also asked why resident where still paying extra for Community Policing as part of their council tax payments when he felt there was no community policing anymore and that the funding should stop.

Councillor N. Ahmed agreed that with regards the waste collection issues and parking problems in the area a meeting with residents and wards councillors would be beneficial.

Nick Emery, Nelson Town Team reported on the proposal from Lancashire County Council (LCC) to introduce parking meters within Nelson and Colne Town Centres and said the shop keepers in Nelson where opposed to it and were concerned it would have a negative effect on the Town Centre.

Councillor Iqbal reported that LCC had agreed to extend the consultation period for the introduction of parking meter and it would now run till the end February 2019.

67.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

68. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on action arising from the meeting of this Committee held on 5th November, 2018 was submitted for information.

69. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

168/0611/FUL Full: Change of use from a Dwelling (Use Class C3) to a Physiotherapists and Wellbeing Clinic (Use Class D1) at 47 Queengate, Nelson for Mr M. Mirza

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update to the meeting regarding the National Planning Policy Framework and paragraph 86 of the Framework that is relevant to this application.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **deferred** for the applicant to provide more information regarding being unable to relocate in the town centre.

180660/FUL Full: Erection of block of two 2 bed flats with balcony to first floor at Land Adj Number 8 Rakes House Road, Nelson for Mr Mohammed Ansar.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be delegated authority to **grant consent** in consultation with the chairman subject to the receipt of amended plans.

(b) Planning Appeals

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

70.

ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal Services submitted, for information, a report on outstanding enforcement cases in Nelson.

71. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's Capital Programme for 2018/19.

RESOLVED

- (1) That member's note that the only schemes listed in Appendix 1 have agreed funding
- (2) That the following be allocated from the 2018/19 Capital Programme: Walverden Wards Back Street Upgrade £7000
 Migrant Wellbeing Association Office Equipment £1098 (up to the sum of)

REASON

To allocate the Committee's Capital Programme effectively.

72. VACANT HOMES

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

73. PREPARING FOR WINTER

Advice notes from County Council and the Governments Met Office were submitted for information.

74. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

It was reported that at the last meeting of this committee on 5th November, 2018 a request for additional funding of £7,932 was requested from the Committee's Capital Programme. The request was deferred pending the outcome of Match funding from Nelson Town Council.

The Housing, Health and Economic Development manager reported that the decision from Nelson Town Council was still outstanding.

RESOLVED

That £7,389 be allocated from the 2018/19 Capital Programme

REASON

To help to improve business premises within Nelson.

75.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(1) 80-82 Leeds Road, Nelson

Councillor Sakib reported on the poor condition of the property as it was fire damaged and requested the Council Compulsory Purchase the property.

Councillor Iqbal reported that discussion had taken place with the neighbour and the Council had agreed to do the work in default which the neighbour had no objection to.