

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NELSON COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 3rd FEBRUARY, 2020**

PRESENT –

Councillor M. Sakib (Chairman – in the Chair)

Councillors

G. Adam
N. Ahmed
Z. Ali
M. Ammer
E. Ansar
M. Iqbal
M. Sakib
K. E. Shore
Y. Tennant
S. Wicks

Co-optees

N. Emery (Nelson Town Centre Partnership)

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Ammer, T. Cooney, J. Henderson, N. McGowan, A. Mahmood and Nelson Town Councillor S. Sawar).

Officers in attendance:

<i>Julie Whittaker</i>	<i>Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager (Area Co-ordinator)</i>
<i>Alex Cameron</i>	<i>Planning Officer</i>
<i>Jane Watson</i>	<i>Head of Democratic Services</i>



The following persons attended the meeting and spoke on the following items:

<i>Ronnie Smith</i>	<i>19/0791/FUL Full: Installation of an access track and gate at Old Clarion House, Shelfield Lane, Southfield, Nelson</i>	<i>Minute No. 103</i>
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<i>Robert Hodgkiss</i>	<i>19/0820/HHO Full: Erection of three storey extension to rear and single storey extension to side (south) alterations to roof and insertion of two first floor and two second floor windows to sides at Eastfield, Scotland Road, Nelson</i>	<i>Minute No. 103</i>
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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

100. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

101. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

102. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on action arising from the meeting of this Committee held on 6th January, 2020 was submitted for information.

103. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications to be determined

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on planning applications to be determined as follows:

19/0791/FUL Full: Installation of an access track and gate at Old Clarion House, Shelfield Lane, Southfield, Nelson for Mr. R. Smith

The Planning Officer circulated an update at the meeting which provided information regarding the traffic speed survey which had been submitted in support of the application. Comments from the Highways Authority regarding the results and methodology of the survey had not yet been received. Until this information was received it was recommended that the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be granted delegated authority to refuse the application with the highways reason for refusal to be removed or remain subject to the outcome of consultation with LCC Highways.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be granted delegated authority to grant planning permission subject the highways reasons being resolved with the inclusion of any appropriate conditions found to be necessary.

19/0820/HHO Full: Erection of three storey extension to rear and single storey extension to the side (South) alterations to roof and insertion of two first floor and two second floor windows to sides (Amended Scheme) at Eastfield, Scotland Road, Nelson for Mr. Nasser Mahmood

Councillor M. Aslam declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as the applicant was a family member.

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 Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

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

666/1, 666/2A, 666/3, 666/4, 666/5, 666/6, 666/13G and 666/14P.

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

3. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the details of materials indicated on the submitted forms and plans unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development in the interest of visual amenity of the area.

4. All of the additional windows in the first and second floor gable on the north elevation of the development hereby permitted shall at all times be glazed only with obscure glass of level 3 or above degree of obscurity unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to its installation. Any replacement glazing shall be of an equal degree of obscurity to that approved. The windows shall be hung in such a way so as to prevent the effect of obscure glazing being negated by way of opening.

Reason: To protect the privacy of the occupants of the adjoining dwelling.

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 proposed development is acceptable in terms of scale, design and amenity, thereby complying with Local Plan policies. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

104. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's Capital Programme for 2019/20.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

REASON

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

105. 60-92 LONSDALE STREET, NELSON

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported receipt of a petition containing 17 signatures from residents requesting a resident's only parking scheme between numbers 60–92 Lonsdale Street, Nelson.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be requested to conduct a survey for a resident's only parking scheme between numbers 60-92 Lonsdale Street, Nelson and a report on the results of the survey be submitted to a future meeting.

REASON

In response to requests from residents.

106. 46-74 HOLLY STREET, NELSON

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported receipt of a petition containing 15 signatures from residents requesting a resident's only parking scheme between numbers 46–74 Holly Street, Nelson.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be requested to conduct a survey for a resident's only parking scheme between numbers 46-74 Holly Street, Nelson and a report on the results of the survey be submitted to a future meeting.

REASON

In response to requests from residents.

107. AREA COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Governance Working Group asked Members to consider the future structure of area committees following the recently completed ward review. Reducing the number of Councillors from 49 to 33 would mean it would no longer be feasible to have 5 area committees and Members were asked to consider whether they preferred to have 4 or 3 area committees in their place.

RESOLVED

That Council be recommended to have 3 Area Committees.

REASON

It was felt that with the reduction of Councillors from 49 to 33 operating a 4 Area Committee structure would be problematic.

108. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER – ALLEY GATES

The Chief Executive submitted a report requesting a variation to the current Alley Gate Public Spaces Protection Order. Residents on Bradley View, Nelson had requested the installation of alley gates at either end of the footpath to prevent access and through pedestrian traffic. The Neighbourhood Policing Team supported this request and had worked with Nelson Town Councillors for the Bradley Ward to obtain funding for the works. Funding had been secured from Lanpac (£1,000) Nelson Town Council (£1,000) and Bradley Big Local (£500).

RESOLVED

- (1) That an alley gate scheme be introduced to the front of Bradley View, Nelson and included in the current Alley Gate Public Spaces Protection Order.
- (2) That the Pendle Community Safety Partnership Steering Group and relevant officers be asked to consider the possibility of also installing alley gates at the back of Bradley View, Nelson and, if agreed, this also be included in the current Alley Gate Public Spaces Protection Order.

REASON

In response to concerns from residents.

109. VACANT HOUSES

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted, for information, a report on the position regarding vacant houses within Nelson.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the action taken to manage empty houses within Nelson be noted.
- (2) That a further update be submitted in six months' time unless there was a particular issue regarding a property within the Committee's area.

REASONS

- (1) ***To ensure the empty properties in the Borough are managed.***
- (2) ***To ensure the Committee is kept up to date with the position regarding the priority properties within the Nelson area.***

110. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Derelict Property at bottom of Branch Street, Nelson

Concerns were raised that the derelict property at the bottom of Branch Street, Nelson was in a poor state of repair and was unsightly.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be requested to submit a report to a future meeting on options for the site at the bottom of Branch Street, Nelson.

REASON

To address what was becoming an eyesore.

111. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the next item of business on the grounds that if a member of the public and press were present during consideration of the item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

112. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted, for information a report on environmental crime action for the period 1st October, 2019 to 31st December, 2019 (including spend on litter/dog waste bins) along with annual totals for 2019/20.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

REASON

To keep Members informed of any environmental crime action taken.

Chairman _____