

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NELSON COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 2nd MARCH, 2020**

PRESENT –

Councillor M. Sakib (Chairman – in the chair)

Councillors

*G. Adam
Z. Ali
M. Ammer
E. Ansar
M. Aslam
J. Henderson
N. McGowan
K. E. Shore
Y. Tennant
S. Wicks*

Co-optees

N. Emery (Nelson Town Centre Partnership)

Police

*PC Mark Dibb
PC Stewart Shorrock*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N. Ahmed, T. Cooney, M. Iqbal and A. Mahmood).

Also in attendance:

Councillor N. Ashraf

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 person attended the meeting and spoke on the following item:-

<i>M. W. Akram</i>	<i>19/0892/FUL Full: Change of use of ground floor from residential (Use Class C3) to mixed use residential and barbers shop (Use Class C3 and A1) and insertion of shop front and shutters at 148 Railway Street, Nelson</i>	<i>Minute No. 118</i>
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113. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

114. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

115.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That, subject to the inclusion of Councillor M. Aslam as being in attendance, the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

116.

PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on action arising from the meeting of this Committee held on 3rd February, 2020 was submitted for information.

Although not included in the progress report updates were requested in relation to Bus Route No. 95 and condition of the play equipment at Walverden Park, Nelson. It was agreed that updates would be provided at the next meeting.

117.

POLICE ISSUES

PC Mark Dibb and PC Stewart Shorrock attended the meeting and provided an update on the crime statistics over the past month compared to the same period last year.

There had been a reduction in reported burglary, both commercial and residential, which coincided with some key offenders being off the streets. The number of assaults had, however, increased but this was mainly due to some proactive work with a particular licensee who informed the police of a number of incidents.

There had also been a number of thefts from the Wilkinson store, particularly on a Sunday and police had discussed with the manager ways to address this problem.

An update on work of the Task Force was also given. They targeted on particular issues and reference was made to a recent operation which had resulted in a quantity of heroin and a machete being seized from a property in Nelson.

In response to a question about knife crime it was reported that the Government's funding that was available to help address this issue was utilised where needed within the Division.

An update on staffing levels was also given as was 'In The Know', a messaging service that would provide regular updates on what the police were doing in a particular area, along with their partners.

118.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Application to be determined

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

19/0892/FUL Full: Change of use of ground floor from residential (Use Class C3) to mixed use residential and barbers shop (Use Class C3 and A1) and insertion of shop front and shutters at 148 Railway Street, Nelson for Mr. M. W. Akram

Before the vote was taken the Planning Officer advised that should the application be approved this would be a significant departure from policy. 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to **grant** planning permission.

(b) Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that, as at 11th February, 2020 there were no new or outstanding appeals.

119. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Update on Enforcement Matters

The Head of Legal Services submitted, for information, an update on enforcement action in the area.

Updates were requested in relation to 115 Manchester Road, Nelson and land at Vernon Street, Nelson.

With regards 115 Manchester Road, Nelson it was reported that the Enforcement Notice (re: removal of roller shutter doors and the installation of replacement timber doors) was no longer in place because the owners had complied with the Notice to the Council's satisfaction.

Members were concerned that the land on Vernon Street, Nelson was still an eyesore. The site was still full of rubbish and children were seen playing there.

RESOLVED

That a S215 Notice be served to remove any rubbish/debris from the land on Vernon Street, Nelson and an update on the current position with the land be submitted to the next meeting.

REASON

To improve the area and remove any hazards with regards health and safety.

120. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the current balance of the Committee's 2019/20 capital programme was £1.

A further report would be submitted to the next meeting.

121. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the County's Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 12th February, 2020 were submitted for information.

122.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following item had been requested by the Committee. A report would be submitted to a future meeting.

- (a) Derelict property at the bottom of Branch Street, Nelson (03.02.2020)

Chairman _____