

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NELSON COMMITTEE  
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS  
ON 6<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2020**

*PRESENT –*

*Councillor M. Sakib (Chairman – in the chair)*

**Councillors**

*G. Adam  
N. Ahmed  
Z. Ali  
M. Ammer  
M. Aslam  
M. Iqbal  
N. McGowan  
K. Shore  
Y. Tennant  
S. Wicks*

**Co-optees**

*N. Emery (Nelson Town Centre Partnership)*

**Police Representatives**

*PC Stewart Shorrocks  
PCSO Holly-May Pinder*

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E. Ansar, T. Cooney, J. Henderson, and A. Mahmood).*

**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>



**5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**7. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**8. PROGRESS REPORT**

A progress report on actions arising from the last meeting was submitted for information.

**9. POLICE ISSUES**

PC Shorrocks and PCSO Pinder attended the meeting and provided an update on Police activity over the past few months during the Covid-19 pandemic.

As expected Policing had been different recently with not as many face-to-face interactions. Overall, crime had reduced during this period. There had been a number of calls regarding anti-social behaviour but these were mainly related to 'gatherings' during the past few weeks.

Reference was made to the work being undertaken with regards to drugs and anti-social behaviour incidents in various parts of the town. Police presence was to be increased in certain areas to help reduce these activities. A Community Clean Up day was proposed within the next 4 months; visits to individual households were planned with regards to the Lancashire Talking project as well as the Meet the Team initiative which was to be launched via social media.

The Police were also planning a three day operation with VOSA, Community Road Watch and the DVLA regarding quad bike incidents.

Concerns were expressed that paving stones were being lifted from various backstreets in the town. PC Shorrocks said they would follow this up.

It was reported that with the re-opening of the pubs/clubs over the weekend there had been very few problems. The Police would continue to provide a presence in the short term and continue to provide guidance on social distancing.

## **10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **(a) Applications to be determined**

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

**20/0263/HHO Full: Insert dormer to front roof slope at 92 Beaufort Street, Nelson for Mr. Muneeb Sarwar**

### **RESOLVED**

That delegated authority be granted to the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager to **grant** planning permission subject to the receipt of amended plans and a condition or agreement of materials.

**20/0271/PNT Prior Notification: Telecommunications Installation: Erection of MBNL 20.00m slimline lattice tower on reinforced concrete base and associated works at Hodge House Playing Fields, Regent Street, Nelson for EE Ltd., and Hutchison 3G UK Ltd.**

### **RESOLVED**

That the Prior Notification application be **refused** for the following reason:

1. The proposed telecommunications mast would conflict with the residential character of the area and thus result in unacceptable harm to visual amenity. The proposed development is

therefore contrary to Policies ENV1 and ENV2 of the Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy, Policy 38 of the Replacement Pendle Local Plan and Paragraph 130 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

## **11. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES**

### **Update on Enforcement Matters**

The Head of Legal Services submitted an update on enforcement matters.

Reference was made to the untidy land at Vernon Street, Nelson which was next to the Unity Wellbeing Centre. The land had been unsightly for some time and although a Section 215 Notice had been served there had been no improvements made. Reference was also made to a current planning application for the site and the need to take enforcement action to improve the condition of the site.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the untidy land at Vernon Street, Nelson be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee with a view to the site being cleared by the most appropriate means and as soon as possible.

### **REASON**

*To remove this eyesore as soon as possible.*

## **12. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20 AND 2020/21**

A report on the Committee's Capital Programme for 2019/20 and 2020/21 was submitted for consideration.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That it be noted that only the schemes listed in Appendices 1 and 2 attached to the report had been approved funding.
- (2) That the Committee's Capital Programme for 2020/21 be split as follows:

	<b>£</b>
Town Centre Grants	15,000
Bradley Capital Projects	6,000
Cloverhill Capital Projects	6,000
Marsden Capital Projects	5,501
Southfield Capital Projects	6,000
Walverden Capital Projects	6,000
Whitefield Capital Projects	6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,501</b>

- (3) That the £46 overspend for the Acquisition of Athol Street Triangle (Sch. No. 8) be allocated from the Southfield Capital Projects fund.

- (4) That the £499 overspend for Capital Works to the Whitefield Ward (Sch. No. 41) be allocated from the Whitefield Capital Projects fund.
- (5) That the £3,207 underspend for the Walverden Ward Back Street Upgrade (Sch. No. 38) be deallocated into the Walverden Capital Projects fund.
- (6) That the £6,680 underspend for the Elizabeth Street Contribution (Sch. No. 46) be deallocated into the Bradley Capital Projects fund.
- (7) That £4,001 be allocated from the Whitefield Capital Projects fund for highway improvements at the rear of 40-70 Lomeshaye Road, Nelson and Nelson Town Council be asked to contribute the remaining £5,099.
- (8) That £1,500 be allocated from the Whitefield Capital Projects fund for highway improvements at the rear of 211-259 Manchester Road, Nelson.
- (9) That £500 be allocated from the Bradley Capital Projects fund for asset improvements on the gully pots on Every Street, Nelson.
- (10) That £1,000 be allocated from the Bradley Capital Projects fund towards the redevelopment of the former bowling green at Nelson Cricket Club, and Nelson Town Council be asked to contribute the remaining £1,000.
- (11) That £4,000 be allocated from the Reopening of the High Streets fund for Nelson to enhance the town centre canopies, benches and bins from Leeds Road to Manchester Road.
- (12) That £1,767 be allocated from the Bradley Capital Projects fund for works to the gable and rear of Crawford Street, Nelson.

## **REASON**

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

### **13. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update on progress made on the Nelson premises improvement grants scheme for 2019/20.

### **14. RE-OPENING OF NELSON TOWN CENTRE**

Notes of a meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 on how to proceed with the reopening of Nelson Town Centre were submitted for information.

### **15. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that there were no existing Environmental Blight sites within the Nelson area and no new sites had been put forward.

Reference was made to the untidy condition of the layby on Southfield Lane, Nelson. Although this issue had been referred to the County Council by one of the Councillors no progress had been made.

**RESOLVED**

That the Housing and Environmental Health Manager be requested to raise the issue of the untidy condition of the layby on Southfield Lane, Nelson with the County Council and an update be reported to the next meeting.

**REASON**

*To arrange for this eyesore to be removed.*

**16. OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

The following items have been requested by the Committee. Reports will be submitted to a future meeting:

- 60-92 Lonsdale Street, Nelson – Resident’s Only Parking Scheme (02.03.2020)
- 46-74 Holly Street, Nelson – Resident’s Only Parking Scheme (02.03.2020)

**17. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 100 (B)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the Chairman agreed that the following item should be considered as a matter of urgency, the ground being that a decision was required before the Committee’s next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2020.

**18. PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH 70 NELSON  
AT MARSDEN HALL ROAD SOUTH, NELSON**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report requesting authorisation to make an Order to divert part of public footpath 70 in connection with the planning application which had been granted for the construction on 98 houses at Further Clough Head, with access from Marsden Hall Road South, Nelson.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make an Order under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to divert part of public footpath 70 in accordance with the details set out in the report.
- (2) That in the event that there are no objections to the making of the Order and on the completion of works on the new path to a satisfactory standard, the Head of Legal Services be authorised to confirm the Order.
- (3) That in the event of duly made objections being received and not subsequently withdrawn, the Head of Legal Services be authorised to send the Order to the Secretary of State to be determined.

**REASON**

- (1) *There are good grounds for making a diversion order in accordance with the criteria in the legislation, as set out in the report.***
- (2) *The proposed diversion order could only come into effect if it had been confirmed. If there were no objections then the Council was entitled to confirm the order. The recommendation was that this process was delayed until completion of works on the new footpath in order that the advertising of confirmation could include the date on which the diverted footpath would be opened.***
- (3) *If an objection was made within 28 days of the order being advertised, then it could not be confirmed by the Council unless the objector withdrew their objections. In the event of objections which were not subsequently withdrawn, the order would need to be sent to the Secretary of State to decide if the diversion should go ahead.***

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_