

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NELSON COMMITTEE  
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS  
ON 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021**

*PRESENT –*

**Councillors**

*G. Adam  
N. Ahmed  
Z. Ali  
M. Ammer  
E. Ansar  
M. Aslam  
T. Cooney  
M. Iqbal  
N. McGowan  
A. Mahmood  
K. Shore  
Y. Tennant  
S. Wicks*

**Co-optees**

*N. Emery (Nelson Town Centre Partnership)*

**Police**

*PCSO Holly-May Pinder*

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Sakib).*

**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>Marilyn McGinty</i>	<i>20/0796/FUL Full: Erection of a single storey extension to accommodate two additional classrooms, toilet facilities and car parking at Castercliffe Primary Academy, Marsden Hall Road North, Nelson</i>	<i>Minute No. 106(a)</i>
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**100.**

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor M. Iqbal be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

Councillor M. Iqbal (Chairman – in the chair)

**101.**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**102. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**103. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**104. PROGRESS REPORT**

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

**105. POLICE ISSUES**

The crime figures for the month of January, 2021, compared to the same period last year, were circulated prior to the meeting. Overall there were no major concerns with the exception of a marked increase in reports of anti-social behaviour incidents. It was reported that this was due to an increase in the number of reported breaches in relation to Covid regulations.

PCSO Pinder said she was working on a couple of initiatives with colleagues and partners around tackling speeding vehicles in various parts of Nelson and a littering initiative to assist with the cleaning up of local streets. Updates on a couple of incidents referred to at the last meeting was also given.

Councillors raised issues relating to speeding vehicles and the need for traffic calming measures in the Hallam Road/Townhouse Road/Chapelhouse Road and Waidshouse Road areas of the town. It was requested that Waidshouse Road be included on the priority list for traffic calming measures and this be raised with the Traffic Liaison Meeting. Insufficient and unclear road markings was also mentioned. This was a problem in various parts of the town.

Vehicles were also being parked in dangerous positions in the Carr Road/Howard Street/Pendle Street area. PCSO Pinder said she would patrol this area and contact owners of the vehicles if found to be parked causing a danger to pedestrians and other road users.

**RESOLVED**

That a request for traffic calming measures to be introduced on Waidshouse Road, Nelson be referred to the Traffic Liaison Meeting.

**REASON**

*In the interests of highway safety.*

**106. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**(a) Applications to be determined**

**20/0613/FUL Full: Change of use from Use Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) to a mixed use of shop and cash and carry (Use Class E and B8 (Storage and Distribution)) at Springbank Buildings, 226-248 Every Street, Nelson for Mr. A. Kan**

*(Before the vote was taken, the Planning Officer advised that a decision to refuse the application represented a significant risk of costs. The matter would therefore 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 Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to **refuse** planning permission for the following reasons:

- Highway issues, including lack of parking
- Residential amenity
- Failure to demonstrate compliance with the sequential approach to retail development

**20/0796/FUL Full: Erection of a single storey extension to accommodate two additional classrooms, toilet facilities and car parking at Castercliffe Primary Academy, Marsden Hall Road North, Nelson for the Governors of Castercliffe Primary Academy**

**RESOLVED**

That this application be **deferred** pending a meeting with the Chairman, Ward Councillors, representatives from Lancashire County Council, the Principal of Castercliffe Academy and two local residents to discuss issues of concern connected with the proposed application.

**20/0819/HHO Full: Erection of a dormer on the front roof slope at 130 Carr Road, Nelson For Mr. Mohammad Nazar**

**RESOLVED**

That planning permission be **granted** subject to appropriate conditions and reasons.

**(b) Appeals**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted, for information, a report on planning appeals.

**107. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES**

**Update on Enforcement Matters**

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

**108. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's Capital Programme for 2020/21.

It was reported that an underspend of £1,200 from the Walverden Park Interpretation Boards with a request that this amount be deallocated.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the schemes listed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 attached to the report be noted.
- (2) That deallocation of the underspend of £1,200 from the Walverden Park Interpretation Boards be approved.

**REASON**

*To enable the Capital Programme to be allocated efficiently and effectively.*

**109. RE-OPENING OF THE HIGH STREET**

It was reported that the Working Group had met on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 to discuss progress. It was acknowledged that with the current lockdown in place little progress had been made as all but essential shops were closed. The Group were, however, looking ahead and investigations had started on the possible introduction of a 'virtual high street.' An update on progress with this scheme would be submitted to a future meeting.

**110. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**(a) Nelson Cemetery**

It was felt that with the increased number of deaths due to the Covid pandemic there was an issue with capacity at Nelson Cemetery. It was reported that officers were already working on a strategy to address this issue and a report would be submitted to Policy and Resources Committee in due course. It was acknowledged that this was also an issue in other cemeteries in the Borough.

**RESOLVED**

That the position be noted and Nelson Committee be consulted where appropriate.

**REASON**

*To address the issue and to keep the Committee informed and involved in progress.*

**111. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Members agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during the following item of business in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended when it was likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there would be disclosure of exempt information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

**112. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME**

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime action for Quarter 3 (1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020) in the Nelson area (including spend on litter/dog waste bins) along with annual totals for 2020/21.

**RESOLVED**

That the report be noted.

**REASON**

*To keep Committee informed of any environmental crime action taken.*

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_