

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL  
ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

*PRESENT –*

*Councillor M. Adnan (Chair)*

**Councillors**

*F. Ahmad  
S. Ahmed  
M. Aslam  
A. Bell  
Y. Iqbal  
M. Strickland  
A. Sutcliffe  
D. Whipp*

**Officers**

<i>N. Watson</i>	<i>Assistant Director Planning, Building Control &amp; Regulatory Services</i>
<i>L. Rowland</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Cockburn-Price, D. Gallear and Y. Tennant.)*



*The following people attended and spoke on the item indicated –*

<i>Christine Smith</i>	<i>25/0136/FUL Full: Change of use from a</i>	<i>Minute No.4</i>
<i>Sue Senior</i>	<i>dwelling (Use Class C3) to a children's care</i>	
<i>Ann Brown</i>	<i>home (Use Class C2) for 1 no. child at 28 Avon</i>	
<i>Nathan Variyam-Harker</i>	<i>Drive, Barnoldswick</i>	
<i>Caroline Tamworth</i>		

**1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor Faraz Ahmad be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee for the municipal year 2025/26.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

**3. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on the following planning application for determination -

**25/0136/FUL Full: Change of use from a dwelling (Use Class C3) to a children's care home (Use Class C2) for 1 no. child at 28 Avon Drive, Barnoldswick for Murtaza Ahmed Hussain**

*(A site visit was carried out prior to the meeting.)*

At a meeting of West Craven Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 the decision to refuse this application was referred as a recommendation to this Committee as there was a significant risk of costs being awarded against the Council in the event of an appeal.

**RESOLVED**

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reasons –

1. The development would lead to an increase in vehicular movement and parking on the highway in an area that has a narrow highway and which has inadequate off-street parking. The increase in use of the building would lead to on-street parking which would be inimical to highways safety contrary to paragraphs 116 and 117 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
2. The proposed use as a facility for people suffering from mental health issues would create a safety issue in the local community resulting in a perception of harm to members of the public contrary to paragraph 96 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_