

MORECAMBE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes from the Planning, Development and Environment Committee Meeting held at 7.00 pm on Monday 12th June, 2017

Councillors Present: D. Whitaker, J. Bates, John Hanson, P. Heath, M. Pattison and L. Page

Also in Attendance: Councillor L. Davies

Officers in attendance – D. Croxall (Town Clerk)

1. Appointment of Chairman

Resolved:

That Councillor D. Whitaker be appointed Chairman of the Planning Development and Environment Committee until the Annual Council Meeting in May 2018.

1. Appointment of Vice Chairman

Resolved:

That Councillor J. Bates be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Planning Development and Environment Committee until the Annual Council Meeting in May 2018.

2. Apologies for Absence

Councillors G. Dennison and L. Hughes

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Pattison declared a personal interest as a member of the Lancashire County Council Planning Committee and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Committee.

The Clerk advised Councillor Pattison that she would need to indicate during the meeting if any items of business which would cause a conflict of interest in relation to the above declarations.

4. Minutes of Meeting of Planning Development and Environment Committee held on 26th April, 2017

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Planning Development and Environment Committee held on 26th April, 2017 be signed as a correct record.

5. Planning Applications

The Committee considered the Planning Applications set out below which had been notified to the Town Council since the last meeting of the Committee held on 26th April, 2017:

Resolved:

That Council be recommended to agree that:

- (1) Submit an objection (including lobbying of all City Councillors on the Planning Committee) to Application No. 17/00534/FUL re the demolition of existing**

supermarket, bowling alley and retail units and erection of a replacement supermarket with associated car parking and hard and soft landscaping at Marine Road West submitted by Aldi, and that Councillor Bates and the Clerk work together to produce a suggested response for consideration by the Council at its meeting on 20th June.

- (2) Clarification be sought in respect of Application No. 17/00601/CU re change of use of house in multiple occupation into four flats at 4 Marine Road West, that the flats to be created would be self-contained flats.
- (3) Object to Application No. 17/00448/CU re change of use from care home for the elderly into 1 bed dwelling and 10 bed house in multiple occupation at Trethowan Retirement Home, 112 Balmoral Road for the following reasons:
 - No further houses in multiple occupation were required in Morecambe as there had been an over proliferation of such properties in recent years.
 - 1 bedroom developments were not appropriate for the town and in particular for this area of town at this time; and
- (4) No objections to be made in respect of all other applications considered by the Committee as set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

6. Allotment Issues

The Clerk reminded the Committee that the Council had recently reviewed the Service Level Agreement with the Wreth End and Heysham North Allotment Association who managed the site off Osborne Road.

As part of this arrangement the Clerk now attended the Association's Committee meetings and Plot inspections.

At the recent meeting of the Association held on 7th June the following matters were discussed and agreed:

- Appointment of a Welfare Officer
- Provision of First Aid Box and agreed to investigate purchase of a defibrillator
- Fires on the Site – a complaint had been received following a tenant burning roofing felt. The Association admitted this was against current policies and rules and had taken steps to ensure this would not occur again in the future
- Received notification that the Association's application to the National Lottery for funding towards creation of planting beds accessible to people with a disability had been approved

Resolved:

That Council be recommended to agree that:

- (1) **Note the report**

- (2) **Request the Clerk to organise the first of the two agreed open mornings at the Allotment Community room prior to the end of July, 2017.**

7. Community Improvement Fund

The Clerk sought clarification from the Committee on how the Newly created Community Improvement Fund should be administered and decisions made in terms of utilising the budget.

The Committee sought clarification on the aim of the Fund. The Clerk indicated that when the fund had been included in the budget, members had suggested it could be used to tidy up “grot spots” within the town.

Resolved:

That Council be recommended to agree that the Clerk advertises the fund on the Council’s noticeboards, website and social media sites with a view to the public suggesting areas within the town which could be subject to improvement via this fund, and that following this process, the Committee considers the areas of land put forward and determines how to proceed.

8. Morecambe in Bloom

The Clerk updated the Committee on the progress of Morecambe in Bloom 2017.

The closing date for entries was 23rd June, 2017. Staff were continuing to promote the local competition through a variety of channels. Entries from schools and community groups were up although public entries were slightly down to date.

The North West in Bloom judges would be visiting the town on 11th July. Work was ongoing in partnership with the City Council to tidy up as many areas of the town as possible. In addition, the Morecambe Bloomers’ voluntary group were about to undertake two projects on Victoria Street and Morecambe Station.

The Clerk asked the Committee to be notified of areas of the town they thought required additional work to tidy up. This could then be discussed when the Clerk met the City Council on 16th June. Members remained very concerned at the amount of rubbish on some streets e.g. Morecambe Street (Poulton ward) and in the West End and requested that action be taken to rectify these recurring problems.

Resolved:

That Council be recommended to note the report and request the Clerk to discuss with the City Council the recurring problems regrading rubbish being dumped on streets around the town particularly in the West End and Poulton areas.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.)

Appendix A

Application Number	Proposal Details	Site Address	Consultation Expiry Date
Appeal Reference - 17/00010/ENF	Appeal Description: Appeal against	Bay Fit - Irving House, Northgate, White Lund Estate, Morecambe	9/05/2017
17/00474/FUL	Erection of a single storey side and rear extension	15 Lowther Avenue, Morecambe	18/05/2017
17/00334/ADV	Advertisement application for the display of 8 internally illuminated fascia signs, 2 non-illuminated fascia signs, 4 internally illuminated box signs and 1 internally illuminated totem sign	Morrisons, Hilmore Way, Morecambe	18/05/2017
17/00468/FUL	Installation of four LED floodlights and two lanterns	Pier Hotel, 284 - 285 Marine Road Central, Morecambe	18/05/2017
17/00440/CU	Change of use of retail (A1) to gymnasium (D2)	53 - 55 Euston Road, Morecambe	18/05/2017
17/00456/FUL and 17/00457/LB	Installation of bird deterrent netting and spikes to the southern elevation and Listed building application to facilitate the installation of bird deterrent netting and spikes to the southern elevation	Barclays Bank, 17 - 19 Euston Road, Morecambe	18/05/2017
17/00470/CU	Change of use of land into car park	Galloways Society for The Blind, 12 Victoria Street, Morecambe	18/05/2017
17/00410/ADV	Advertisement application for the display of two internally illuminated fascia signs, three non illuminated wall mounted billboard signs, two internally illuminated hoarding signs, one directional sign and one internally illuminated free-standing sign	Lidl, 98 Westgate, Morecambe	18/05/2017

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17/00455/PLD C	Proposed Lawful Development certificate for the construction of a rear dormer extension and a hip to gable roof	65 Wingate Avenue, Morecambe	18/05/2017
17/00448/CU	Change of use from care home for the elderly (C2) into 1-bed dwelling (C3) and 10-bed house in multiple occupation (Sui Generis)	Tregothnan Retirement Home, 112 Balmoral Road, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA3 1ST	26/5/2017
17/00519/FUL	Demolition of detached garage and erection of a 2-storey side extension	21 Hyde Road, Morecambe	30/05/2017
17/00494/FUL	Retrospective application for the installation of a new shop front	264 Marine Road Central, Morecambe	30/05/2017
17/00482/FUL	Retrospective application for the erection of an outbuilding to the rear	23 Seaborn Road, Morecambe	2/06/2017
17/00506/LB	Listed building consent for installation of a hand rail to the front elevation	11 Torrisholme Square, Morecambe	2/06/2017
17/00447/FUL	Construction of dormer extensions to the front and rear elevations	3 Huntley Close, Morecambe	18/05/2017
17/00509/FUL	Construction of a dormer extension to the front elevation and erection of a single storey side extension	14 Hayfell Avenue, Morecambe	31/5/2017

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17/00558/ADV	Advertisement application for the display of 4 internally illuminated fascia signs, 3 non-illuminated fascia signs	53 Euston Road, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA4 5DG	8/6/2017
Appeal 17/00012/CAS	Appeal Description: Advertisement application for the display of 1 internally illuminated aluminium panel to existing totem sign, 2 non-illuminated vinyl panels to existing freestanding signs, 3 internally illuminated fascia sign, 6 non-illuminated aluminium panels and 3 non-illuminated vinyl sign existing totem sign, 2 non-illuminated vinyl panels to existing freestanding signs, 3 internally illuminated fascia sign, 6 non-illuminated aluminium panels and 3 non-illuminated vinyl sign	Sainsbury's, Lancaster Road, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA4 5TJ	
17/00574/ADV	Advertisement application for the display of 1 non illuminated fascia sign	Morecambe Health Centre, Hanover Street, Morecambe	9/6/2017
17/00601/CU	Change of use of house in multiple occupation into four flats (C3)	4 Marine Road West, Morecambe	16/6/2017
17/00624/CU	Change of use of ground floor hairdressers (A1) into 2-bed flat (C3) and new hairdressing salon (A1) to the rear including removal of shop front and replace with new window and door to the front elevation, new shop front to the side elevation and replacement of ground floor windows	2 Seaborn Road, Morecambe	21/6/2017

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17/00605/FUL	Creation of a dropped kerb	60 Bare Lane, Morecambe	23/6/2017
17/00646/FUL	Construction of a hip to gable roof extension	12 Hall Drive, Morecambe	22/6/2017
17/00568/CU	Change of use from office into hairdressers	179 Lancaster Road, Morecambe	21/6/2017
17/00518/CU	Change of use of ground floor shop (A1) to hot and cold sandwich cafe/takeaway (A3/A5)	37A Regent Road, Morecambe	21/6/2017
17/00534/FUL	Demolition of existing supermarket, bowling alley and retail units and erection of a replacement supermarket with associated car parking and hard and soft landscaping	Aldi, Marine Road West, Morecambe	20/6/2017
17/00568/CU	Change of use from office into hairdressers	179 Lancaster Road, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA4 5QR	22/6/2017
17/00636/FUL	Erection of side orangery	12 Kendal Drive, Morecambe	28/6/2017
17/00609/FUL	Retrospective application for the retention of a single storey side and rear extension	3 St Margaret's Road, Morecambe	28/6/2017