

Minutes of a Special Planning Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Cockermouth, on Monday 12th January 2025 at 6.00pm.

Present:

Councillor Howard Beanland

Councillor Marion Bowman

Councillor Isabel Burns

Councillor David Malloy (Mayor)

Councillor Alan Smith

Councillor Catherine Bell

Councillor Chris Bridgman

Councillor Julie Laidlow

Councillor James Samson

Councillor Gillian Telford

Mrs Jane Ollerenshaw – Town Clerk

Mrs Amy Jeffrey – Assistant Town Clerk

Members of the public: 3

6.00pm meeting opened.

219/25 Apologies Cllr Barnes and Cllr Watson had submitted apologies.

220/25 Declaration of interests.

Cllr Malloy explained that he had a personal interest in planning application FUL/2024/0192 and confirmed he would chair the meeting but not speak or vote.

221/25 Public Participation. The applicant for application FUL/2024/0192 sought to clarify some points. Regarding the closure of the gate, the applicant explained that the gate was closed for safety reasons following the collapse of a wall and erosion of land beneath the road. He advised that a wall would be constructed on the south side of the old road into Broomlands to prevent flooding onto Low Road and that this would be detailed within an updated Flood Risk Assessment. He further confirmed he was informed that a swale could no longer be included and in relation to the road, he confirmed that it would be widened. Cllr Telford asked whether the applicant had permission for the wall, to which the applicant clarified that it formed part of the application.

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- **FUL/2024/0192 Resolved** to recommend refusal as the matters of flood risk, biodiversity net gain and affordable housing have not yet been addressed. It was further recommended that the application be placed on hold pending investigation into the wall collapse.
- **HOU/2025/0189 Resolved** to recommend approval but wishes to draw the planning officer's attention to the roofing materials being used within a conservation area, for them to ensure that they are compliant with current policy.
- **HOU/2025/0173 Resolved** to recommend approval.

6.33pm meeting closed.