

Minutes of a Special Planning Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Cockermouth, on Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillor Howard Beanland
Councillor Marion Bowman
Councillor Julie Laidlow
Councillor James Samson
Councillor Gillian Telford

Councillor Catherine Bell
Councillor Isabel Burns
Councillor David Malloy (Mayor)
Councillor Alan Smith

Mrs Jane Ollerenshaw – Town Clerk
Mrs Amy Jeffrey – Assistant Town Clerk
Members of the public: 11

7.00pm meeting opened.

320/25 Apologies. Cllr Barnes, Cllr Bridgman and Cllr Watson had submitted apologies.

321/25 Declaration of interests. Cllr Malloy declared a personal interest in planning application HOU/2026/0063, as his son may potentially be undertaking the works.

322/25 Public Participation. Cllr Malloy proposed that the public participation session be held prior to consideration of each planning application.

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- **HOU/2024/0103**

Public: The applicant spoke in support of the application. Members of the public also attended and made representations, raising both objections to and support for the application.

Council: After some discussion, the garage was considered unneighbourly development. A two-storey structure would be higher than neighbouring garages and would be overlooking other properties. It is out of keeping with the area. Separately to the garage, councillors had concerns about the removal of hedges affecting wildlife. They were also concerned about the removal of the front wall and an extended dropped kerb being installed, which it was thought might increase flood risk due to additional surface water run-off and negatively impact on-street parking in the area. Councillor Beanland stated that the development was in the Cockermouth Conservation Area and should be considered in those terms. Councillor Burns stated that it was not. On the understanding that the property was outside of the CCA, the Council had no objections to the revised plans to the main building, but the Council recommended refusal due to the separate garage which forms a part of this application. **Resolved** to recommend refusal.

- **HOU/2026/0063 Resolved** to recommend approval.

- **VAR/2026/0009.** There is residential accommodation above many of the shops in Station Street, including this property. The Council believes that

extending the permitted opening hours will result in noise disturbance and a loss of amenity for those residents. The Council is not aware of other takeaway food outlets being open beyond the current permitted hours.

Resolved to recommend refusal

7.47pm meeting closed.