

Minutes of a Special Planning Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 6 July 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor J Laidlow (Mayor)
Councillor S Barnes
Councillor C Bell
Councillor I Burns
Councillor C Bridgman
Councillor D Malloy
Councillor GTelford
Councillor H Tucker
Councillor R Watson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Bowman, J Samson & C Beanland.

42 Declaration of Interest

None declared.

43 Public Participation

There was none.

44 Planning Applications

RMA/2023/0003

Reserved matters following outline approval under 2/2018/0537 for the landscaping on plots 2-6 only and layout, scale, appearance on all other plots.

Plots 1 to 27, Low Road, Cockermouth

Councillor Telford expressed the following concerns:-

Only rudimentary reference shown on small diagrams regarding landscaping, the East and West panels are currently at different heights – if the height of the eastern section is to be built up to mitigate flooding where will the earth come from questioning whether it would come from the site of the channel to be built on the Broomlands

A document accompanying the application states that a 'Watching brief' be recommended due to the need for 'made ground' and that work would need to be halted if issues arose

Unable to locate the siting of the flood storage attenuation

Minor errors on the application form

Mini roundabout very near problematic entrance and dissected shared path cycleway

Where will the ponds be placed?

Possible environmental effect of building work on the beck adjacent to the western site which feeds in the Derwent.

Potential impact of this beck rising in times of flood

Important to retain the boundary hedges and trees as agreed

Are residents of the new estate expected to contribute towards the upkeep of the shared use route?

Concern regarding the layout as some houses very near path/cycleway on one side and woodland/ancient settlement site on the other.

On a positive note there would be a reasonable number of designated 'affordable'

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the concerns raised and whilst those present had some sympathy with some of the concerns expressed, no valid reasons were found to recommend refusal of the reserved matters application.

Councillor Malloy moved approval, Councillor Burns seconded the proposal

A vote was taken 5 in favour of approval 3 against, 1 absention

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2023/0117

Proposed first floor side extension over single story garage

21, Harrot Hill, Cockermouth

Recommended – approval

HOU/2023/0118

Installation of rear dormer window to attic room, minor movement of existing velux roof light

7, Victoria Road, Cockermouth

Recommended - approval

45 Application for Tree Works

CAT/2023/0016

T1 – full removal of tree, T2 – pruning of hung up limb and removals of broken branches

Derwent Bridge House, Gote Road, Cockermouth

Recommended – approval

46 WTPO/2023/0016

Ash tree to be felled

31 Strawberry How Road, Cockermouth

Recommended - approval

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm