



Penrith Town Council

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DRAFT Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting of

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held on **Monday 1 August 2021**, at 1.30pm. Board Room, Unit 1, Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 7XR.

PRESENT

Cllr Jackson	North Ward
Cllr Kenyon	North Ward
Cllr Knaggs	West Ward
Cllr M Shepherd	North Ward
Cllr Snell	West Ward

Deputy Town Clerk

The Town Council resolved from 20 May 2019, until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council, that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence.

MINUTES FOR THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

1 AUGUST 2022

PART I

PL22/139 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clark, Lawson and C Shepherd.

PL22/140 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations

Members were asked to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed whether disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interest, and to decide requests for dispensations.

- i. All Councillors in attendance declared that they had been lobbied by Evolve Penrith regarding Planning Application 22/0550.
- ii. Councillor Kenyon declared that he was the Chair of the Castle Park Development Group who, although not active, were still in existence. He declared that it was not a pecuniary interest and would not impact on decision making.
- iii. Councillors Kenyon, Knaggs and Snell declared that they were members of Penrith Futures Partnership who had written a paper on Castle Park. This was not a pecuniary interest and would not impact on decision making.

PL22/141 Public Participation

Members noted that there were no questions or representations that had been received from members of the public prior to the meeting.

PL22/142 EXCLUDED ITEM: Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Members considered whether any items on the agenda should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, and agreed that there were no applications to be considered without the press or public present.

PL22/143 Weight Restriction – Mile Lane

Members considered a proposal by Cumbria County Council that the current restriction on Mile Lane which is for a weight restriction with an 'Except for Access' exemption should not be removed or altered in any way.

RESOLVED THAT:

The proposal be supported but that Cumbria County Council be asked to monitor use and keep the restriction under review and as development comes forward.

PL22/144 Planning Applications

a) Planning Applications Considered

Members considered the following application which had been received and which required a committee decision. Further information could be found on the Eden District Council Website <https://plansearch.eden.gov.uk/fastweb/> by inserting the appropriate planning reference number

Planning application number:	22/0550
Site address:	CASTLE PARK ULLSWATER ROAD PENRITH CA11 7EF
Description:	Extension to pavilion to expand clubhouse and replace the kiosk building to be demolished, creation of new vehicular entrance beside the War Memorial gate, enlargement and resurfacing of tennis courts and addition of new fencing and flood lighting, alterations to paths to include enlargement, installation of ramps and lighting.
Response	<p>Although improvements to Castle Park and the patch are long overdue and to be welcomed, it was</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT:</p> <p>A response be returned to Eden District Council Objecting to the application on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The application would result in the loss of the Kiosk, an art deco, strategically placed, aesthetically pleasing structure from the opening of the park in 1923. The kiosk forms part of the history of the park and should be maintained as a heritage asset as it adds to the ambiance of the park. This structure, along with the bandstand should be listed or at least a non-designated heritage asset.

In the feedback from the HLF Bid the heritage assets within the park, including the kiosk, were picked out as being notable.

2. Given that the Park is a major community asset for Penrith and the health, wellbeing and recreation of residents and visitors, there seems to have been little to no consultation with either the public, interested organisations or groups affiliated to the park to seek their views on the proposals. There is no information on current usage of the tennis courts in the park and proposed usage by the tennis club and the public. Given that this is a planning application by Eden District Council and determined by them, pre-planning consultation is felt to be essential.
3. A new entrance right next to the memorial gate, between disabled parking and parked cars, and opposite a busy station entrance is a major highway safety concern. There is concern about potential damage to the Memorial Gate which should be a listed structure. The proposal will result in the loss of two parking spaces, which itself isn't too excessive however there is no detail about who it is proposed will use the new entrance. With a bowling club and tennis club within the park, there are serious issues about parking as there is limited on street and off street parking nearby.
4. The plans do not include specific details about the flood lighting in particular, plans showing the proximity to houses and the extent of lighting spillage. At the present time the tennis club has no flood lighting and have hours of operation to 8.30pm. There is concern that the proposed lighting until 10.30pm will affect residential properties adjacent to Court 1 and would adversely affect the residential amenity of residents. Should this application be approved by EDC, a condition limiting use until 8.30pm.

PTC22/145 Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 5 September 2022 at 1.30pm, Unit 2, Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 7XR or that the meeting may be convened on this date via video conferencing.

CHAIR:

DATE:

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