

Minutes of a special planning meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 6 December 2018 at 7.00pm

Members

D Malloy (Mayor)

I Burns
A Kennon
A Smith

R Hanson
E Nicholson
A Tyson

Apologies: Councillors S Standage, S Nicholson, K Scales, L Davies & J Laidlow

136 Declaration of Interest

None

137 Public Participation

There was none.

138 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered at the meeting:-

HOU/2018/0223

Single storey extension to rear and renewal of rooflight

11 Skiddaw View

Recommended – Approval

2/2018/0534

Erection of detached dwelling to incorporate the floor space of existing dwelling

87 St Helens Street

Recommended – Approval

2/2018/0538

Prior approval for conversion of former office building to 23 no. one and two bedroom apartments

Former Fire Headquarters, Station Road

This application had been cancelled on the planning portal.

2/2018/0539

Conversion and alteration of taxi garage to one residential unit

Ken Routledge Travel, 1a St Helens Street

Recommended - Approval subject to retention of original roof beams

2/2018/0542

Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with 8 dwellings

74, St Helens Street

Recommended – Refusal for the following reasons:-

1. Overdevelopment of site
2. Cockermouth oversupply contrary Policy S3 of ALP Part 1
3. No housing identified in Part 2 of ALP

HOU/2018/0237

Alteration and extension over garage to form an art studio

9 Dale View

Recommended – Refusal design out of character

2/2018/0529

Hybrid application – erection of retail unit (class A1) with external garden (full application) employment unit (Class B1, B2, B8) (outline application) including access, parking and associated works (resubmission of 2/2018/0070)

Land at Low Road, Cockermouth

Recommended – Refusal for the following reasons:-

1. Town prosperity analysis incorrect. The analysis was carried out before the 2015 floods and does not consider the loss of trade which followed those floods or the impact of subsequent developments. Analysis needs to be robustly challenged. Independent survey requested.
2. The Local Plan has a clear hierarchy of settlements. The B & M store proposed is much larger than the Workington store. It should be in a principle service centre not a key service centre.
3. The loosest application of the sequential test has been applied. Land which is not for sale and potential development opportunities should be properly explored and considered.
4. The land is designated employment land in the Local Plan.

139 Tree Works

Recommended – That the crowning of 3 beech and 1 oak tree by 25%, 2 South Lodge, Simonscales Lane be approved.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm