Minutes of a Special Planning meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the council chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 7th March 2024 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillor Stephen Barnes

Councillor Cath Bell

Councillor Marion Bowman

Councillor Chris Bridgeman

Councillor Isabel Burns

Councillor David Malloy

Councillor Helen Tucker

Councillor Richard Watson (Deputy Mayor)

Mrs Jane Ollerenshaw (Clerk)

Members of the Public - Nil

19:00 Meeting opened.

The Mayor had sent apologies so the meeting was chaired by the Deputy Mayor

263 Apologies Councillors Beanland, Laidlow and Telford had submitted apologies.

264 Declarations of interest Cllr Helen Tucker declared that she is a substitute member of the Cumberland Council Planning Committee.

265 Public participation None

266 Planning applications

It was agreed to hear items a and c together.

CLM/2024/0001 & FUL/2024/0026

Resolved to recommend refusal for the following reasons:

Overdevelopment. Inadequate access. Restriction of emergency vehicle access. Entrance via Waterloo Street rather than Main Street as stated. Residents of Waterloo Street have not been consulted. Insufficient parking provision. Access via a sharp corner, not suitable for increased traffic flow. No restriction against use as holiday lets. Flood defences have trapped flood water on Main Street previously. Ground floor dwellings have no means of escape to a first floor, away from rising water levels.

It was agreed to hear items b and d together.

LBC/2024/0007 & FUL/2024/0028

Resolved to recommend approval.

267 Delegation to a Councillor to represent the Council's views at a Development Panel Committee Meeting.

Resolved To delegate authority to Councillor Beanland, but as he wasn't present to confirm he could attend, the authority was given to the Town Clerk to represent the Council in his place if he declined.

268 Delegation of Authority to the Clerk.

Resolved To approve the proposed scheme of delegation for planning matters received between meetings.

19:34 Meeting closed.