



BARROW TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 2LD

Minutes of the Town Council Planning Committee (**To offer consultation responses to the Westmorland and Furness Planning Authority**) held on Thursday 6th November 2025 in the Law Library, Town Hall, Barrow-in-Furness. LA14 2LD

Cllr J McEwan	Chair - Present	Cllr D Morrison	Present
Cllr A Coles	Deputy - Present	Cllr C Thomson	-
Cllr M Leach	Present	Cllr B Elliot	Apology
Cllr D Petrova	Apology	Cllr J Murphy	-
Cllr N Holmes	Present		

In attendance: Claire Nolan (Deputy Town Clerk) Cllr C Rudd (Observer)

P/188/2025 Apologies

Received and accepted from Cllr Elliot and Cllr Petrova

P/189/2025 Declarations of Interest

Cllr A Coles in respect of his membership on Westmorland and Furness Council.

P/190/2025 Exclusion of the Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues were considered for exclusion.

P/191/2025 Minutes of the last Meeting held on 2nd October 2025.

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes as a correct record and authorise the Chair to sign.

Proposed by Cllr A Coles and seconded by Cllr M Leach. All agreed.

P/192/2025 Minute Action Sheet

Actions from previous meeting were raised with Westmorland & Furness council, however no response.

P/193/2025 Planning Applications

The Committee considered the Planning Applications shown in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

B18/2025/0409 – Footpath adjacent to 171 Dalton Road, Barrow

B18/2025/0408 – Footpath adjacent to 171 Dalton Road, Barrow

B18/2025/0411 – Footpath adjacent to 63-75 Dalton Road, Barrow

B18/2025/0410 – Footpath adjacent to 63-75 Dalton Road, Barrow

B18/2025/0413 – Footpath adjacent to 148-150 Dalton Road, Barrow

B18/2025/0412 – Footpath adjacent to 148-150 Dalton Road, Barrow

Objections were raised in regards to the installation of a BT Street Hub Unit at the three locations, with two digital 75 inch LCD display screen with advertisement consent on either side of each Street Hub Unit;

- The screens are equivalent to an electronic billboard, which would not be acceptable within this pedestrianised shopping area.
- The screens are oversized and there will be two at each of the three locations, which is excessive
- Two of the street hubs are in close proximity to the other, and also in close proximity to McDonalds takeaway/restaurant.
- This area already sees a high proportion of antisocial behaviour, damage to shops, vandalism of property, littering, and abusive language and assaults of staff
- There will be a greater amount of people congregating around these street hubs and screens due to the 5G wifi access they will have installed for people to use.
- There will be a great impact on those people who are visually impaired as they try to navigate an already congested pedestrian area with large planting tubs and seating, but with added impact of street hubs, LCD screens and groups of people congregating in certain areas, that may stop people using these areas and accessing the shops, restaurants and cafes.

Above objections on this planning application to be submitted to the Planning Department at Westmorland & Furness Council.

B07/2025/0420 – Skint, Lawson Street, Barrow. Objections were raised in regards to demolition of the existing building and erecting a six storey apartment block, with 24 x 1 or 2 bedroom apartments;

- The existing building was erected in 1863 and is within the conservation area of Barrow town centre.
- The new construction is out-of-keeping with existing buildings, and in close proximity to Barrow Town Hall and buildings that have heritage or listed status. Its scale, materials, and modern design elements are incongruous with the nearby traditional architecture and would detract from the significance of these heritage assets.
- Building regulations in respect of there only being one stairwell depicted in the plans, however the building is 25 metres in height. If over 18 metres in height there is a requirement for two stairwells.

- Building regulations in respect of the room sizes for the occupancy the plans indicate. They do not meet the required sizes.
- Building regulations in respect of the bin storage underneath the building's apartments. The access to the bin storage is not sufficient to have large dumpsters for the amount of apartments and residents. The height and width is not sufficient.
- There is an area for bicycles, including e-bicycles, that is within the building, not separate or a safe distance away. There is concern that a fire service assessment and report is not included in the application and may have been overlooked, due to the fire hazard that has been highlighted with recent e-bicycles combusting due to battery faults.
- The plans have no parking spaces for the apartment residents. There are some council and private car parks in the area, however considering the ration of residents to required parking spaces, this would mean that approximately 60 spaces would be required. This could cause traffic and parking issues in an already congested area.
- The construction is six storeys high, with balconies at these private apartments overlooking the BAE Systems testing site. There has not been consultation with BAE Systems, or a security assessment and report in regards to this design feature.

Above objections on this planning application to be submitted to the Planning Department at Westmorland & Furness Council.

B20/2025/0433 – 2-4 Cavendish Street, Barrow. Objections were raised in regards to reducing the shop/catering space on the ground floor and remodelling the upper floors into residential use;

- Building regulations in regards to the room size requirements for the occupancy stated within the double rooms. It does not meet the required size standards and there is also a lack of 1.5m of storage space, which at least one room does not have in the plans.
- There is bicycle storage that is within the building. There is concern that a fire service assessment and report is not included in the application and fire regulations may have been overlooked, due to the fire hazard that has been highlighted with recent e-bicycles combusting due to battery faults.
- Building regulations for the required amount of bins that would be needed for six apartments.

P/194/2025 – Apologies for the next Planning meeting

Cllr Morrison gave his apologies that he would not be able to attend the next Planning meeting on Thursday 4th December.

P/195/2025 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 4th December 2025 at 17.30pm in the Law Library, Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness. LA14 2LD

The meeting closed at 18:15 pm.

APPENDIX 1

B21/2025/0423	18 Summerhill Gardens Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA14 4LD	Demolition of existing pvc conservatory and construction of synthetic tiled roof extension
B18/2025/0374	225 Rating Lane Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA13 9LQ	Creation of additional off road parking hardstanding.
B21/2025/0421	48 Middle Hill Barrow- In-Furness Cumbria LA13 9HD	Erection of two storey side extension
B18/2025/0409	Footpath adjacent to 171 Dalton Road Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA14 1PX	Installation of a BT Street Hub Unit.
B22/2025/0408	Footpath adjacent to 171 Dalton Road Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA14 1PX	Advertisement consent to display two digital 75 inch LCD display screen, one on each side of the Street Hub unit.
B18/2025/0411	Footpath adjacent to 63 - 75 Dalton Road Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA14 1HZ	Installation of a BT street hub
B22/2025/0410	Footpath adjacent to 63 - 75 Dalton Road Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA14 1HZ	Advertisement consent to display two digital 75 inch LCD display screen, one on each side of the Street Hub unit.
B18/2025/0413	Footpath adjacent to 148 - 150 Dalton Road Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA14 1PU	Installation of a BT Street Hub Unit
B22/2025/0412	Footpath adjacent to 148 - 150 Dalton Road Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA14 1PU	Advertisement consent to display two digital 75 inch LCD display screen to each side of Street Hub unit.
B21/2025/0371	70 Friars Lane Barrow- In-Furness Cumbria LA13 9NW	Creation of off-road parking hardstanding for one vehicle with a dropped kerb to provide access to the classified road.
B18/2025/0405	Launderette Amphitrite Street Barrow-In-	Application for variation of condition no. 5 (opening hours) of planning permission B20/2023/0216 (Change of use from a laundrette (Sui Generis) to a café/restaurant and hot food takeaway

	Furness Cumbria LA14 3AS	(Sui Generis) including installation of extraction equipment to rear elevation)
B26/2025/0393	10 Miller Close Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA13 0NE	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development (CLOPUD) for the erection of a side extension to create store/wash room.
BLHC/2025/0427	43 Meadowlands Avenue Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA13 0AR	Prior Approval (Larger Homes Extension) for a single storey rear extension with tiled roof & uPVC glazed frames and matching face brick walling. (Length from rear wall of the original house 3.90 metres, height to the eaves 2.40 metres, height to the highest point of the extension 3.13 metres)
B28/2025/0402	(Ferry Pumping Station) James Dunn Park Promenade Barrow-in-Furness Cumbria	Section 211 application for works to Trees within a conservation area _ Removal of trees G01 and hedge H01 as identified on plan. Prune to crown lift groups G02 and G03 to obtain 5 metres ground clearance to enable vehicle access.
BPA4/2025/0190	New Close Farm Stank Lane Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA13 0LR	Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed erection of cattle housing building with slatted floor into slurry collecting tank
B21/2025/0429	18 Thornccliffe Road Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA14 5PZ	Removal of existing garage, erection of side, ground floor extension and erection of rear ground floor extension
B07/2025/0420	Skint Lawson Street Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA14 2NU	The demolition of all buildings and structures on site and the erection of 24 no. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments (C3) in a single block over six floors.
B21/2025/0435	3 Azalea Walk Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA13 0RA	Construction of a ground floor side extension forming bedroom 4 with en-suite
B26/2025/0363	Electrical Sub Station Valley Drive Cumbria	Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development (CLOPUD) to demolish original brick building and replace it with a GRP (Glass Reinforced Plastic) housing to cover the internal apparatus. The substation will be recommissioned as part of these works.
B28/2025/0439	1 Monks Croft Avenue Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA14 1EP	Application for works to trees subject of Tree Preservation Order 1998 No.4 - T1. Sycamore to reduce the tree by 2.5 metres and Group 1 Holly To reduce the group by 2 metres
B28/2025/0440	Land adjacent to Lichfield Close Barrow in Furness Cumbria	Application for approval of details reserved by condition no. 24 (Materials of external elevations) of planning permission 07/2021/0363 Erection of 30 dwellings and associated site works.
B21/2025/0438	26 Andreas Avenue Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA14 3JN	Construction of a first floor dormer side extension
B20/2025/0433	2 - 4 Cavendish Street Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA14 1SB	Change of use to ground floor commercial space from a hot food takeaway (Sui Generis) to part Use Class E/ retail and part Use Class C3/residential. Remodel of upper floor living space and storage for residential. New separate residential access to the front and side of the property. Alterations to existing shop front with new and altered existing windows. New small single storey extension to rear of property.