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Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council Planning Committee held on Monday 7 January 2019 at 6pm in the Town Hall, Workington

M Rollo (Chair)	Present
L Baldry	Present
A Bales (Vice chair)	Present
H Harrington	Present
M Heaslip	Apologies
J Holliday	Apologies
P McHarry	Present
B Reville	Present
M Suddart	Present
J Wright	Apologies

In attendance: Town Clerk.

Also present: Mr R Rimmer (Bear Maximum Ltd), Mr K Kerrigan (Head of Place Development, Allerdale Borough Council)

P18.49 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted as being for approved reasons under the terms of the Local Government Act 1972, s85, from Cllrs MJ Heaslip, J Holliday and J Wright.

P18.50 Declarations of Interest

The Chair drew the Committee's attention to his role at Workington AFC and announced that he would leave the meeting prior to the consideration of the West Cumbria Stadium item

P18.51 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues were raised.

P18.52 Minutes of the last meeting

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting on 3 December 2018 and affirmed them as a true record.

P18.53 Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following planning applications received from Allerdale Borough Council.

1) HOU/2018/0246	Mr & Mrs Glover 7 Hawkshead Avenue Workington	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension	<u>No objections</u>
2) HOU/2018/0251	Mr Liam Tibbs 39 Thorncroft Gardens, Workington	Extension above garage to provide bedroom and bathroom	<u>No objections</u>
3) HOU/2018/0248	Mr Wintrup, 44 Elizabeth Street, Workington	Change the three existing front elevation windows for UPVC sliding sash windows	<u>No objections,</u> providing the windows complied with the recommendations of the Conservation Officer.
4) 2/2018/0569	Mr Eric Biren 2 Steelmen's Walk Workington	Change of use from A1 shop to incorporate A3 and A5 restaurant	<u>No objections</u>

Cllr Rollo left the meeting.

P18.54 West Cumbria Stadium

The Vice Chair assumed the Chair of the meeting. The meeting received a presentation from Mr K Kerrigan and Mr R Rimmer concerning Allerdale Borough Council's proposals to build a new 8,000 capacity stadium on land they own by the River Derwent.

The new stadium would be a home for Workington AFC and Workington Town RLFC and would include office accommodation for at least two major anchor tenants to help defray some of the cost. There would be a hybrid playing surface, of the type used during the FIFA World Cup in Russia in 2018. On the adjacent land, where the old Lonsdale Park Greyhound track was, there will be 3g training pitches for club and community use. Hospitality and conference facilities would aim for around 400 covers. Councillors made queries about the sustainability of the plan, its resilience to flooding, its impact on traffic and its likely cost. Reassuring answers were given to these queries – flood impact assessments, traffic management studies, similar schemes and the aspirational element for both the clubs and the council were cited as being covered in the plan. The cost of the scheme was not a planning matter, but would be considered by Allerdale's Executive in the next week or so. There would be a local procurement strategy similar to that used for the nearby leisure centre. The timescale required planning consent to be sought by the end of January, with spades in the ground by the end of the year. The intention would be to open in May 2021. In the meantime alternative arrangements would have to be sought for the Reds home games. There would be around 300 parking spaces. No current plans were being brought forward for Derwent Park. The plans had not progressed so far as to consider responsibilities for matters like footway lighting or other public realm issues. The stadium would be designed to host a variety of different uses, including music concerts, conferences and other public events. Feedback from the Community Consultation had been very positive for scheme of this nature.

The chair thanked Mr Rimmer and Mr Kerrigan for their presentation.

The meeting closed at 19.12