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Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council Planning Committee held on Monday 4 November 2013 at 6.00 pm in the Mayor's Reception Rooms, Town Hall, Workington.

L Baldry	Present
A Bales	Apologies
J Bechelli	Absent
J Bracken	Present
N Hardy	Present
M Heaslip	Present
F Johnston	Absent
A Lawson	Absent
J Osborn Chair	Present
M Rae	Present
W Reville	Present
M Rollo Vice chair	Present
N Schofield	Apologies
K Hansen (Mayor)	Not present
M Bainbridge (Deputy Mayor)	Not present

P13.22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Bales. Cllr N Schofield's apologies were not received in time for the meeting.

P13.23 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs J Osborn and M Rae brought the committee's attention to their previously declared interests in item 7, 8). Cllr L Baldry drew the committee's attention to her interest in item 7, 2).

P13.24 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 7 October 2013 were received and affirmed as a true record.

P13.25. Managing Radioactive Waste Safely

a) The committee considered how the council should respond to the government's consultation on the Siting Process for a Geological Disposal Facility.

It was noted that the Planning Committee did not feel competent to deal with the issue on behalf of the council, but that the decision was sufficiently important for it to recommend that Full Council meets specifically to discuss its response.

Resolved: That a special committee of Planning and Policy and Resources is convened, to make a recommendation to a specially convened meeting of Full Council.

b) The committee considered the town council's response to the CALC response to the Consultation.

It was noted that CALC would be debating this point at their agm on Saturday 9 November, and therefore any response from Workington would have to come from this committee. It was noted that since the response was to CALC, rather than to government, the Planning Committee could consider itself sufficiently competent to respond.

Cllr Heaslip had circulated some observations on the CALC response and these were considered by the committee as a potential basis for its own observations.

Focussing on the specific requirements of the response the committee proposed the following observations.

1) That the CALC document is incorrect when it suggests the government has dismissed all other methods of disposal. Para 1.24 makes clear that 'horizon scanning' is an ongoing process but observes that no viable alternative to GDF has yet been forthcoming.

2) CALC had previously criticised the MRWS Partnership for its lack of independence. The government's new proposal is for an independent body to overview the process, separately from the implementation body that is developing it.

3) CALC fails to make the point that if the subsidiarity principals are as important as the document claims, then developing capacity at the parish level should be a priority, not leapfrogging them to a district level.

4) The CALC response doesn't address the point which arose in the previous consultation on who precisely is the 'host community'. How far does the description spread? Who would get a vote in a referendum?

5) There is unnecessary consideration on the precise identification of the responsible authority, whilst the final decision would be by referendum. The previous process was actually quite transparent in so far as any decision in cabinet would have been made in the context of a Council policy on the matter - if Council had previously adopted one. Government can only make regulations specifying whether any decision is for Council or Cabinet if that decision is taken under statute. For the sake of clarity, we feel CALC should be arguing for the whole MRWS process to be made the subject of statute law.

Resolved: To make these points to CALC prior in time for their agm.

P13.26. Road naming in Stainburn

The committee considered the street naming proposals for the Storey Homes development in Stainburn.

The committee were disappointed with the lack of originality shown by the developer, but accepted that the names proposed: Oak Drive, Cherry Tree Drive, Elder Drive and Juniper Drive were not sufficiently offensive to warrant the council making an objection.

Resolved: To inform the Borough Council that the committee had no objections to the proposed street names.

P13.27 Planning Applications

The committee considered the following planning applications received from Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council and resolved to make the corresponding recommendations.

1) 2/2013/0714	Mr and Mrs Ian Mitchell Toll Bar House Calva Brow Workington	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of dwelling house.	<u>No objection</u>
2) 2/2013/0717	Impact Housing Association The Oval Centre Salterbeck Drive Workington	Adaptations and improvements to Centre's main entrance to provide DDA compliant entrance.	<u>No objection</u>
3) 2/2013/0722	Mr Kevin Norman T&N Cumbria Ltd 1 Wilson Street Workington	Change of use from office to a restaurant.	<u>No objection</u>
4) 2/2013/0699	Mr Roger MacBeth 8 Fisher Street Workington	Change of use of existing warehouse and storage to new showroom and 4 no. apartments	<u>No objection</u>
5) JP 2/13/9012	Thomas Armstrong (Aggregates) Ltd Derwent Howe Slag Bank Princes Way Derwent Howe	Continuation of Slag Extraction, inert Landfill and Recycling until 31 October 2016. Section 73 Application to amend Planning Condition no.1	<u>Recommend Refusal</u> The applicant should be required to meet their

	Workington		obligations under previous planning consent and deliver a comprehensive plan for the site's regeneration, rather than be given another three year's operating time, during which time the site will continue to deteriorate and the issue of coastal erosion will worsen.
6) 2/2013/0728	Next Retail Ltd Next, 19 Risman Place, Workington	Proposed roof mounted skylight over Next sales floor and internal retail refit	<u>No objection</u>
7)	Julie Mary Wilmot Area outside 51 Pow Street Workington	Application for Street Trading consent 20/22/23/24/27/29/30/31 Dec 2013 and 2/3/5 January 2014 (9am-5pm daily, Sundays 10am-4pm)	<u>No objection</u>
8) 2/13/9011	Cumbria County Council Workington Fire Station King Street Workington	Re-consultation Conservation Area Consent for demolition of former Workington Fire Station and 4 no. associated derelict buildings / grubbing up and removal of existing hardstandings etc. Provision of new 1.8m high black paladin perimeter fencing; formation of 4 no. new off street parking bays, widening of an existing private pedestrian footpath and installation of 3 no. 5m high street lighting columns.	<u>Recommend Refusal</u> The committee considered this at its meeting in October and did not feel the alterations made any difference to its initial objections about a development in the sensitive conservation area.

9) 2/2013/0748	Samantha Birkett-Leigh 10 Wilson Street Workington	Replacement windows.	<u>Recommend</u> <u>Refusal</u> Street front windows in the conservation area should be made of traditional materials.
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The meeting closed at 7.34pm.