

**P011/13/1: Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillors K Nisbet, R Parker (Mayor), G Thompson and A Turnbull.

**P012/13/2: Disclosure of Interests & the grant of any Dispensations**

None.

**P013/13/3: Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013**

Councillor J R Potts moved these Minutes as a true record. This was agreed by the Committee and the Minutes were signed by the Chair.

**P0014/13/4: Matters Arising**

<b>Date and Minute reference</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By &amp; Target Time</b>
16 Aug – P125/12.6.1	Arrange a meeting with ARCH and NCC Heritage & Conservation officers	SER – on-going.
18 Oct – P150/8.2	Community Right to Bid	It was agreed to keep this under review following an update from the Town Clerk (Democratic Services).
20 Dec – P169/9	Street Names	Ongoing - All Town Councillors to consider names for future use.

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) provided an update regarding the planning application 13/01371/CCD concerning Horton Grange Primary School. Following on from conversation with the County Council, the

response that had been received was that the modular building was to be placed on until the end of January 2014. Councillor J R Potts commented on the experience of a distinct lack of information from Northumberland County Council. Councillor A Gibbs-Barton commented that he agreed with the points made and noted that he doesn't object to the prominence of the building providing that it is on a temporary basis.

Councillor B W Elliott commented that his position still stands to object in light of the lack of clarity and issues surrounding the enforcement.

Councillor G T Knox reiterated the comments of Councillor J R Potts regarding the clarity of the process.

**RESOLVE:** The Committee resolved to authorise the Town Clerk (Democratic Services) to inform Northumberland County Council's planning department that they are to reluctantly object, and on the basis that any extension would require further consultation. Action:SER

## **P0015/13/5 Planning Applications**

### **28th May 2013**

13/01219/FUL                      Change of use from former cinema to public house and external alterations including formation of an external drinking area, kitchen extract, ducts and condensers – Former Wallaw Cinema Ltd, Union Street Blyth, Northumberland NE24 2DX – *No comments.*

13/01351/FUL                      Erection of an office building (Use Class B1) with associated access, car parking and landscaping – Land North of Bath Lane, Quay Road, Blyth, Northumberland. (Considered at last Planning and Development Committee) – *No comments.*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013**

13/00006/LIC                      License application to cover recorded music in youth club, general entertainment for the elderly, music and dancers for events no more than 4 per year, indoor and outdoor entertainment – Briardale Community Centre, Briardale Road, Blyth, Northumberland NE24 5JJ – *No comments.*

13/00002/LIC Application for grant of premises license – McDonalds, Cowpen Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5TR – *No comments.*

### **10<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

13/01266/LBC Listed Building Consent: Refurbishment of 2no WC's to include removal of wall for disabled access, removal of existing slab urinal and replacement with 2no single bowl urinals, replacement of existing washbasins, new doors and frames, disabled handrail to staircase, pine cladding to foyer and repair/replace gutters, hoppers, sigpots, and downpipes to building exterior – United Reformed Church, Waterloo Road, Blyth, Northumberland NE24 1BY – *No comments.*

13/01444/FUL Extension over existing garage to form bedroom/ensuite and to the rear, extend to form a ground floor playroom – 39 Solingen Estate, Blyth, Northumberland NE24 3ER – *No comments.*

13/01529/FUL Construction of ground floor single storey extension to rear of property to provide an open-plan kitchen/dining/living area. Existing dwelling to be re-roofed using salvaged slate and windows and doors to be double glazed – 20 Cypress Gardens, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2LP – *No comments.*

13/01548/ADE Advert consent for LED display sign with basic welcome information to premises, freestanding on concrete plinth – Land South East of Unit 4 Ullswater Close Riverside Business Park Blyth Northumberland – *No comments.*

13/01560/FUL Construction of conservatory to rear – 6 Dunkeld Close Blyth Northumberland NE24 3SP – *No comments.*

13/01583/FUL Proposed first floor extension to rear of semi detached property – 10 Cowpen Hall Road, Blyth, Northumberland NE24 5LE – *No comments.*

It was noted that the Town Clerk (Democratic Services) was to ask the Planning Department regarding the presence of some licensing applications within the weekly planning list. **Action SER/LF**

### **P016/13/6: Gypsy/Roma/Travellers Transit Site**

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that an updated report was expected in the next few weeks. **Action: SER to keep the chair informed.**

### **P017/13/7 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) provided an update to the Committee concerning potential use of some of the new powers in the Localism Act to assist in the regeneration of the Town Centre. He wished to seek the ability to report on the possibilities. It was outlined that this would allow for planning restrictions to be clarified. This process would involve exploring potential avenues with a view to obtaining government funding. Councillor J R Potts commented that he was keen for the Committee to pursue items concerning the development side of the Committee. Councillor G T Knox noted that this would surely be of interest to the County Council if we as the Town Council could be a better job. He also noted that continuing generation of ideas was key to any potential development. Councillor A Gibbs-Barton echoed previous calls and noted that this would allow Blyth Town Councillors to become facilitators for development for the Town. **This was agreed by the Committee.**

### **P018/13/8: Central Link Road**

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that he had noted an announcement by the Government concerning the Central Link Road that the project had not received pinch point funding in this round.

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) reiterated his belief that the Town Council need to be prepared and engaged for any forthcoming developments with this project.

### **P0019/13/9 Items for Information and Urgent Matters**

None.

**P020/13/10 Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 13th June 2013 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chair.....

Date.....