Development Control Committee

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development Control Committee held at the National Park Office, Wayfaring House, Murley Moss Business Park, Kendal at 10.00 am on 7 October 2026.

Present

Mr M Kidd (Chair)	Mr A Pratt
Ms J Boak	Mr D F Rathbone
Mr P Dixon	Mr C J Southward
Mrs J Lancaster	Mr P Walter
Mr R Outhwaite	1 vacancy

108/26 Apologies

No apologies were received and all Members attended the meeting.

109/26 Minutes

Decided: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2026 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

110/26 Chair's announcements

The Chair announced to the Committee and members of the public that the meeting was being livestreamed and that a digital recording of the meeting would be made.

111/26 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of a registrable interest or disclosable pecuniary interest relating to any of the business of the Committee.

112/26 Questions

There were no questions relating to the business of the Committee.

113/26 Public participation

There were no questions, petitions or deputations of a general nature relating to the business of the Committee.

114/26 Site inspections

The Head of Development Management informed Members that there were no proposals for site inspections.

115/26 Planning applications with public speaking

In accordance with the Authority's Policy for Public Attendance and Speaking at Committee Meetings, the public participated at this stage in the meeting. Details of those attending in respect of specific applications are set out in Annex 1 to these minutes.

116/26 Schedule of planning applications

The Committee considered planning applications and reached decisions as listed in the schedule.

7/2025/5293

St Annes Elleray School, Windermere, Cumbria
Erection of 7 no dwellings (5 local occupancy and 2 affordable) with associated infrastructure and ancillary facilities

Mr Pratt joined the meeting at 10:06 and so abstained from the vote on planning application 7/2025/5293.

Motion to approve the application with conditions.
Proposed by Mrs Lancaster
Seconded by Mr Rathbone
Members in favour of motion: 8

Abstentions: 1

Decided: Approved with conditions

7/2026/5327

Levens Reach, Cartmel in Staveley, Ulverston
Modification of summerhouse approved under planning application 7/2023/5146 and submission of proposed landscape scheme

Prior to discussion of Planning Application 7/2026/5327, Ms Boak provided information that the site was in her ward but that she had no personal interest in the application.

Motion to approve the application with conditions
Proposed by Mr Dixon
Seconded by Mr Southward
Members in favour of motion: 8
Abstentions: 1

Decided: Approved with conditions

7/2026/2045

Whinfell Caravan Park, Low Lorton, Cockermouth
Proposed Extension of Holiday Park Including 21 Holiday Static Units & Associated Infrastructure

Motion to approve the application with conditions.
Proposed by Mr Walter
Seconded by Mr Pratt
Members in favour of motion: 8
Members against the motion: 1

Decided: Approved with conditions

The meeting was adjourned for a 10-minute break at 11:12 and reconvened at 11:22.

7/2026/2115

Beckstones, Thornthwaite, Keswick
Detached garage and studio room

Motion to defer consideration of the application until clarifying information has been received concerning: the precise nature of the “studio” use as described in the application; any first floor to the building (none being shown on the submitted plans); and drawings showing the proposed building’s size in comparison with the neighbouring shed.

Proposed by Mrs Lancaster
Seconded by Mr Walter
Members in favour of motion: 8
Members against the motion: 1

Decided: Deferral of the application was approved

7/2024/5053

Former Backbarrow Ironworks, Backbarrow
The conversion of the former Pug Mill and Laboratory Building into a new single dwelling and associated changes to the fenestration and landscaping

Motion to approve the application with conditions.
Proposed by Mr Walter
Seconded by Mr Rathbone
Members were unanimously in favour of the motion

Decided: Approved with conditions

117/26 Delegated planning applications

Decided: to accept the report of the Head of Development Management.

118/26 Delegated compliance matters

Decided: to accept the report of the Head of Development Management.

119/26 Consultation responses

Responses to neighbouring authorities

Decided: to note the following external consultations:

7/2026/E0148 Cumberland Council
Development: Variation of conditions 2 (drawing numbers), 3 (temporary classroom removal), 8 (existing sports facilities), 11 (landscaping), 13 (reinstatement of ground), 16 (lighting), 17 materials), 19 (remediation) and 22 (noise) on approved application FUL/2026/0037
Site: Cockermouth School, Cockermouth
Response: No Comments

7/2026/E0137 Westmorland & Furness Council
Development: Two replacement bridges
Site: Underbarrow & Brigsteer Bridges
Response: Not Environment Impact Assessment, planning permission is not required

120/26 Appeals lodged

Decided: to note that the following appeals had been lodged:

7/2026/5117 Development: Construction of new boathouse with first floor storeroom, wc, and dayroom, associated timber jetty, localised dredging, and associated site works
Site: High Cunsey Farm, Cunsey, Ambleside

121/26 Appeals decided

Decided: to note that the following appeals had been decided:

7/2026/2052 Development: Erection of two storey porch
Site: Coach House, Uldale, Wigton
WITHDRAWN

122/26 Tree Preservation Orders made

Decided: to note that the following Tree Preservation Orders have been made:

TPO No 497
Land at Wansfell Holme, Waterhead

(The meeting concluded at 12:13)

Annex 1:

Public participation: Development Control Committee – 7 October 2026

Planning ref. number	**Planning application site**	**Name of person speaking**
7/2025/5293 5	St Annes Elleray School, Windermere, Cumbria	
		Ms Alice Chadwick (Agent)
7/2026/5327 6	Levens Reach, Cartmel in Staveley, Ulverston	
		Mr Andrew Postlethwaite (Contractor)) – Questions from Members only **Mrs Alison Read** (Agent) – Questions from Members only