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**Minutes of a Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting  
held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

**Members Present:**

Councillor T Leech (Chairman)

Councillor M Ireland (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor R Colman

Councillor T Cummings

Councillor M Richards

Councillor J Yelland

Councillor L Bird (Chairman, Property)

Councillor B Tolley (Chairman, Parks)

**In Attendance:**

Mrs E James (Clerk)

Cllr M Ricketts

**670. Apologies for Absence**

None

**671. Declarations of Interest**

None

**672. Public Participation**

None.

**673. Members' Questions**

Following the closure of the Lloyds bank in Okehampton cash machine at Waitrose and Co-op had run out of money. The Clerk would feed this information back to LINK.

**674. Minutes**

On the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded by Cllr Cummings, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> January and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**675. Planning Applications**

[0382/26/HHO](#) Householder application for proposed rear balcony. 12 Brandize Park, Okehampton

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded by Cllr Colman, it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

[0359/26/HHO](#) Householder application for two storey side extension. 11 Moyses Lane, Okehampton

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded by Cllr Colman, it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

[0397/26/VAR](#) Application for variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 2433/25/HHO to amend rear dormer materials to anthracite grey cedar cladding. 25 Leeze Park, Okehampton

On the proposition of Cllr Colman, seconded by Cllr Cummings, it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

[3122/25/FUL](#) Change of use of a residential care home (Use Class C2) to form 4no dwellings (Use Class C3). Ranelagh House, Ranelagh Road, Okehampton  
Note – this is a re-consultation as an additional document has been received by the Planning Authority – Lambeth Parking Survey received on 18.03.26

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded by Cllr Yelland (1 abstention), it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

[0707/26/ADV](#) One non illuminated fascia sign (retrospective). Church Court, St James Street

On the proposition of Cllr Colman, seconded by Cllr Cummings, it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

#### **676. Appeals**

[2120/25/FUL](#) – Appeal dismissed. Retrospective application for the formation of an independent basement flat. 30 Station Road, Okehampton

#### **677. Planning Authority Decisions**

The Committee reviewed the list of decisions made by WDBC.

#### **678. National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

Cllr Leech provided an update on the NPPF changes noting that housing requirement levels had been increased by the government.

#### **679. Committee Terms of Reference**

On the proposition of Cllr Richards, seconded by Cllr Ireland, it was **RESOLVED** to recommend the ToR for the 2026/27 Mayoral Year to Full Council for consideration at the next appropriate meeting.

#### **680. Payment of Invoices**

On the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded by Cllr Colman, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment of invoices as listed on the schedule, BACS payments totalling £3,556.11 exclusive of VAT.

#### **681. Members' Reports and Requests for Agenda Items**

##### **681.1 Dartmoor Railway Association (DRA)**

Cllr Ireland reported that the next meeting was in early April.

##### **681.2 OkeRail Forum**

Cllr Ireland advised that the next meeting was on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 when it was hoped there would be a presentation from Connect Bude in relation to improving bus networks. There was no firm date for the opening of the Interchange Station.

##### **681.3 Citizens Advice**

Cllr Leech had met with the Chief Executive Officer. The impact of the creation of Unitary Councils may change the area that branches cover. The Trussel trust was no longer providing funding for the CA.

#### **681.4 Ockment Centre**

The foodbank was continuing to use the facility which relied mainly on room hire and grants for income.

#### **681.5 Okehampton & Area Health & Wellbeing Alliance (CVS)**

Cllr Leech had been unable to attend the most recent meeting, and a report had been circulated. Cllr Richards would be attending the next meeting.

#### **681.6 Okehampton & District Community Transport Group**

The recent Coffee Morning had been successful raising £757.20.

#### **681.7 Rural Market Town Group**

The minutes of the most recent meeting had been circulated. Concern about the fairness of rural area funding had been raised.

### **PART TWO – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**682.** On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Bird it was **RESOLVED** that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items which are CONFIDENTIAL by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council.

Cllr Ricketts was permitted to remain.

#### **683. Enforcement Issues**

Current cases and one that had been recently closed one were noted.

On the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded Cllr Ireland the meeting moved back into Part 1 and was closed at 8.15pm.

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Cllr Leech, Committee Chairman