

City of Larkhaven

Planning Committee: minutes

Wednesday 14 October 2026, 10:00 to 13:05

Council Chamber, City Hall, 1 Quay Square, Larkhaven LK1 1AA

Present: Councillors Stephen Cartwright (Chair), Isla MacPherson (Vice-Chair), Ruth Abernethy, Aisha Bello, Owen Fairbairn, Sinéad Gallagher, Bogdan Ionescu, Samir Mansour, Bernadette Quinn, Helga Sørensen, Amelia Thorne (substitute for Councillor Yusuf Osman) and Anneliese Vogt.

Officers: Kathryn Lowe (Head of Planning), Duncan Fry (Principal Planning Officer), Amira Saleh (Senior Planning Officer), Gwen Talbot (Planning Solicitor), Leah Morton (Democratic Services Officer).

1. Apologies for absence and substitutions

Apologies were received from Councillor Yusuf Osman. Councillor Amelia Thorne attended as his substitute.

2. Declarations of interest

Councillor Bogdan Ionescu, a councillor for Fennick ward, said that he had attended a residents' meeting about item 5.3 but had not made up his mind on the application. He took part in the item.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2026 are confirmed as a correct record.

Agreed unanimously.

4. Procedure for public speaking

The Chair explained how public speaking would work.

5. Planning applications

5.1 26/02984/FUL: Former Harbour Garage, 14–18 Eastcliff Road

The Principal Planning Officer presented the report and an update about a revised bin store. Mr Graham Tolley, a neighbour, spoke against the application, raising loss of light and pressure on parking. Ms Lucy Arden, agent for the applicant, spoke in support.

Resolved: to grant planning permission, subject to the conditions in the report and a legal agreement securing five affordable homes and £36,000 towards play space.

Agreed (8 for, 3 against, 1 abstention).

5.2 26/03310/FUL: Saltmarsh Leisure Centre

Resolved: to grant planning permission, subject to conditions.

Agreed (12 for, 0 against).

5.3 26/03562/FUL: Land at Fennick Road

The Senior Planning Officer presented the report. Mr Victor Ames, the applicant, spoke in support. Mrs Patricia Gill spoke against on behalf of residents of Fennick Road.

Resolved: to refuse planning permission because the site is at high risk of flooding, and because the layout is poorly designed and does not respect the character of the area.

Agreed (10 for, 2 against).

5.4 26/03791/LBC: Quayside Chapel

Resolved: to grant listed building consent, subject to conditions.

Agreed (11 for, 0 against, 1 abstention).

6. Appeal decisions

The committee noted two appeal decisions. An appeal against the refusal of permission at 3 Gull Terrace, Eastcliff, was dismissed. An appeal against the refusal of permission at 112 Hollins Park Road was allowed.

7. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 9 December 2026 at 10:00.

The meeting closed at 13:05.

Chair: _____ Date: _____

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