

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of special meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 9 July 2009

Chair:

Councillor Graham Scott

Councillors Present:

Alex Allison, Eileen Baxendale, Archie Buchanan, Gordon Clark, Gerry Convery, Hugh Dunsmuir, Tommy Gilligan, Ian Gray, Bill Holman, Archie Manson, Edward McAvoy, Michael McCann, Alex McInnes, Denis McKenna, Mary McNeill, Patrick Ross-Taylor (Depute), Jim Wardhaugh

Councillors' Apologies:

Pam Clearie, Jim Docherty, Clare McColl, Lesley McDonald, Hamish Stewart, Chris Thompson

Attending:

Corporate Resources

K Bartie, Administration Assistant; P MacRae, Administration Officer

Enterprise Resources

D Ackerman, Divisional Engineer; G Campbell, Planning Officer; T Finn, Area Manager, Planning and Building Standards Services (Clydesdale); M Little, Operations and Area Manager, Planning and Building Standards Services (Hamilton); C McDowall, Head of Planning and Building Standards Services; M McGlynn, Headquarters Manager, Planning and Building Standards Services

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Application HM/09/0182 - Partial Demolition of Education Resource Centre, Erection of New Primary School (St Joseph's), Formation of New Vehicular Access, Provision of Off Street Parking, Retention of Pedestrian Accesses, Formation of Non Illuminated Muga Pitch and Installation of CCTV Cameras on 6 Metre High Poles at Park Lane/Station Road, Blantyre

A report dated 30 June 2009 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/09/0182 by South Lanarkshire Council for partial demolition of an education resource centre, erection of a new primary school (St Joseph's), formation of a new vehicular access, provision of off street parking, retention of pedestrian accesses, formation of a non illuminated muga pitch and installation of CCTV cameras on 6 metre high poles at Park Lane/Station Road, Blantyre.

The Operations and Area Manager advised that, since the preparation of the report, further representations had been received in respect of the proposal. Those comprised 2 further letters of representation from the same household and 2 petitions containing 65 and 108 signatures respectively.

In view of the level of public interest in the proposal, the opportunity of a hearing had been offered to the objectors to the proposal and the applicant.

The Committee heard:-

- ◆ I Atkinson, N Faulkner and G Turnbull, on behalf of the applicant
- ◆ J Boyle, M McGlynn and J McQuade, on behalf of the objectors to the proposal

The application had been assessed against the relevant policies and criteria contained in the Adopted South Lanarkshire Local Plan. Details of the assessment were provided in the report. It was considered that the proposal complied with the relevant policies contained in the Adopted South Lanarkshire Local Plan.

The Committee decided:

that planning application HM/09/0182 by South Lanarkshire Council for partial demolition of an education resource centre, erection of a new primary school (St Joseph's), formation of a new vehicular access, provision of off street parking, retention of pedestrian accesses, formation of non illuminated muga pitch and installation of CCTV cameras on 6 metre high poles at Park Lane/Station Road, Blantyre be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

3 Application CL/09/0182 - Erection of Extension to Community Hall to Form New Primary School Together with Associated Car Parking, Formation of Play Facility and Muga Pitch and Change of Use/Extension of Public Toilets to Form Kitchen Facility at Kirkfieldbank Community Hall, Riverside Road, Kirkfieldbank

A report dated 30 June 2009 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application CL/09/0182 by South Lanarkshire Council for the extension of a community hall to form a new primary school together with associated car parking, formation of play facility and muga pitch and change of use/extension of public toilets to form a kitchen facility at Kirkfieldbank Community Hall, Riverside Road, Kirkfieldbank.

Points raised in a further, late letter of representation by J Reid were referred to at the meeting and addressed by officers.

The Committee decided:

that planning application CL/09/0182 by South Lanarkshire Council for the extension of a community hall to form a new primary school together with associated car parking, formation of play facility and muga pitch and change of use/extension of public toilets to form a kitchen facility at Kirkfieldbank Community Hall, Riverside Road, Kirkfieldbank be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

Councillor McAvoy left the meeting during consideration of this item

4 Tree Preservation Order at 22 Cleghorn Road, Lanark

A report dated 19 June 2009 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on a Provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on trees located within the grounds of 22 Cleghorn Road, Lanark.

The Provisional TPO was required to ensure that adequate protection was given to the woodland which was considered to have a high amenity value and could be threatened by current and future residential development on the site.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that a Provisional TPO be promoted under the terms of Section 163 (Provisional Tree Preservation Order) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 on trees located within the grounds of 22 Cleghorn Road, Lanark as indicated on the plan attached to the report; and
- (2) that, should there be no objections to the Provisional TPO, the Order be confirmed within 6 months of the date of its promotion.

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair, on behalf of members, congratulated Michael McGlynn on his appointment to the post of Head of Planning and Building Standards Services. The Chair also advised that this would be the last meeting that Colin McDowall would be attending in his capacity as Head of Planning and Building Standards Services. On behalf of the Committee, he thanked Mr McDowall for his hard work and commitment to the Service over the years and wished him every success in his new post as Executive Director (Enterprise Resources).