

PLANNING COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)

Minutes of special meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 22 August 2005

Chair:

Councillor Graham Scott

Councillors Present:

David Baillie, Archie Buchanan, Tony Carlin, Sam Casserly, Pam Clearie, Cathie Condie, Gerry Convery, Gerry Docherty, Jim Docherty, Allan Falconer, Tommy Gilligan, James Handibode, Carol Hughes, Hector Macdonald, James Malloy, Tom McAlpine, Billy McCaig, Michael McCann, John McGuinness, Alex McInnes, Ian McInnes, Denis McKenna (Depute), Mary McNeill, Brian Reilly, Bob Rooney, Chris Thompson, Jim Wardhaugh

Councillors Also Present:

Stewart Crawford, Maureen Devlin, Bill McNab, Alice Marie Mitchell

Councillors' Apologies:

Jim Daisley, Alan Dick, Ian Gray, Edward McAvoy

Attending:

Corporate Resources

L Carstairs, Public Relations Officer; P MacRae, Administration Officer; A Norris, Administration Assistant

Enterprise Resources

L Campbell, Planning Officer; S Ferrie, Area Manager, Planning and Building Control (Clydesdale); M Little, Operations and Area Manager, Planning and Building Control (Hamilton); C McDowall, Head of Planning and Building Control; G McKillop, Planning Officer; T Meikle, Area Manager, Planning and Building Control (East Kilbride); L Murphy, Legal Manager; C Park, Assistant Transportation Officer

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Application EK/05/0267 – Erection of Replacement Secondary School at Strathaven Academy, Crawford Street, Strathaven

A report dated 15 August 2005 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application EK/05/0267 by InspirED for the erection of a replacement secondary school at Strathaven Academy, Crawford Street, Strathaven.

Because of the substantial body of public interest in the proposed development, the opportunity of a hearing had been offered to the objectors to the proposal and the applicant. The Committee heard:-

- ◆ T Bradie, InspirED, applicant, R Blair, Aedas Architects, agent on behalf of the applicant, P White, WSP, Consultants
- ◆ A Chalmers, on behalf of Strathaven Bowling Club, objectors
- ◆ D Kirkwood, A Mills and L Filshie, on behalf of Strathaven Academy Action Group and objectors to the proposal

Points raised in a late letter of representation from Andy Kerr MSP were referred to at the meeting and addressed by officers.

As part of the Council's investment programme in secondary schools, it was proposed that the existing Strathaven Academy be demolished and a replacement school erected on the site. The application had been assessed against the relevant policies contained in the Adopted East Kilbride and District Local Plan. The site lay within a designated residential area and Policy RES 5 (Residential Amenity) applied. This Policy stated that the Council would oppose the loss of houses to other uses and resist any development which was detrimental to the amenity of those areas. It was considered that the proposal to demolish the school and erect a replacement school on the same site complied with Policy RES 5. The use of the site for a secondary school was long established and offered the opportunity to replace the existing buildings which had been erected on an ad hoc and temporary basis with a new, improved facility.

The Committee decided: that planning application EK/05/0267 by InspirED for the erection of a replacement secondary school at Strathaven Academy, Crawford Street, Strathaven be granted subject to:-

- ◆ the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report
- ◆ referral of the application to the Scottish Ministers as the application had been the subject of a substantial body of objection and the Council had an interest in the land

3 Application EK/05/0162 – Erection of Secondary School and Associated Works at Duncanrig Secondary School, Alberta Avenue, East Kilbride

It was proposed that consideration of planning application EK/05/0162 by InspirED for erection of a secondary school and associated works at Duncanrig Secondary School, Alberta Avenue, East Kilbride be continued to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Committee decided: that consideration of this application be continued to a future meeting.

4 Application HM/05/0158 – Erection of Secondary School and Associated Works (Approval of Reserved Matters) at Land at Bothwell Park, New Park Street, Hamilton

A report dated 12 August 2005 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/05/0158 by InspirED for the erection of a secondary school and associated works (approval of reserved matters) at land at Bothwell Park, New Park Street, Hamilton.

Because of the substantial body of public interest in the proposed development, the opportunity of a hearing had been offered to the objectors to the proposal and the applicant. The objectors were not present at the meeting, therefore, there was no requirement to hear the applicant.

The Committee heard Councillor Devlin, the local member.

As part of the Council's investment programme in secondary schools, it was proposed that a new secondary school at land at Bothwell Park, New Park Street, Hamilton be erected to replace the existing Holy Cross High School, Muir Street, Hamilton.

The application had been assessed against the relevant policies and criteria contained in government guidance and the Adopted Hamilton District Local Plan. Details of the assessment were provided in the report.

The Committee decided:

that planning application HM/05/0158 by InspirED for the erection of a secondary school and associated works (approval of reserved matters) at land at Bothwell Park, New Park Street, Hamilton be granted subject to:-

- ◆ the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report
- ◆ referral of the application to the Scottish Ministers as the Council had a financial interest in the development and a substantial number of objections had been received

[Reference: Minutes of 23 November 2004 (Paragraph 5)]

5 Application HM/05/0260 – Erection of New Secondary School and Associated Works at John Ogilvie High School, Farm Road, Hamilton

A report dated 12 August 2005 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application HM/05/0260 by InspirED for the erection of a new secondary school and associated works at John Ogilvie High School, Farm Road, Hamilton.

The Committee decided:

that planning application HM/05/0260 by InspirED for the erection of a new secondary school and associated works at John Ogilvie High School, Farm Road, Hamilton be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

6 Application CL/05/0449 - Erection of New School and Associated Works at Carluke High School, Carnwath Road, Carluke

A report dated 12 August 2005 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application CL/05/0449 by InspirED for the erection of a new school and associated works at Carluke High School, Carnwath Road, Carluke.

The Committee decided:

that planning application CL/05/0449 by InspirED for the erection of a new school and associated works at Carluke High School, Carnwath Road, Carluke be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

7 Application CL/05/0445 – Erection of New Secondary School and All Weather Surface Sports Pitch with Associated Car Parking and Landscaping at Lesmahagow High School, School Road, Lesmahagow

A report dated 12 August 2005 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on planning application CL/05/0445 by InspirED for the erection of a new secondary school and all weather surface sports pitch with associated car parking and landscaping at Lesmahagow High School, School Road, Lesmahagow.

The Committee decided:

that planning application CL/05/0445 by InspirED for the erection of a new secondary school and all weather surface sports pitch with associated car parking and landscaping at Lesmahagow High School, School Road, Lesmahagow be granted subject to the conditions specified in the Executive Director's report.

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.