

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held ON SITE on MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2013 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

COUNCILLORS:

Baillie William Buchanan (Convener)
Steven Carleschi (for item 5 (minute P100))
Colin Chalmers
Adrian Mahoney
Cecil Meiklejohn
Malcolm Nicol
John McLuckie
Sandy Turner

OFFICERS:

Ian Dryden, Development Manager
Stuart Henderson, Environmental Health Officer (for application P/13/0419/FUL (minute P99))
Craig Russell, Roads Development Officer
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer
Russell Steedman, Network Co-ordinator
Brent Vivian, Senior Planning Officer (for application P/13/0419/FUL (minute P99))
Karen Quin, Solicitor

P97. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Baillie Paterson and Councillors Alexander, C Martin and Nimmo.

P98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

P99. FORMATION OF A MULTI USE GAMES AREA COURT (MUGA COURT) AT DUNCAN STEWART PARK, HIGH STREET, BONNYBRIDGE FOR FALKIRK COUNCIL - P/13/0419/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 30 October 2013 (Paragraph P96 refers), Committee gave further consideration to a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the formation of a multi use games area court (MUGA Court) at Duncan Stewart Park, High Street, Bonnybridge.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener advised the Committee that apologies had been received from the representative of the applicant who was unable to attend due to him having taken ill.

The Senior Planning Officer (B Vivian) outlined the nature of the application.

Mr Irwin, on behalf of his wife, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Moffat, on behalf of Bonnybridge Youth Football Club, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Welsh, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr McGrellis, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

The objections included the following issues:-

- That additional people would be attracted to the park resulting in more stress for residents;
- The exacerbation of the existing littering and anti-social behaviour problems;
- The need for the erection of a more secure boundary fence around neighbouring properties;
- The road safety and parking issues;
- The current regular use of the park for youth football; and
- The effect on the neighbouring astroturf facility.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advising that the matter would be determined by the Planning Committee on 27 November 2013.

P100. THE FALKIRK COUNCIL (ELPHINSTONE CRESCENT, MAIN STREET AND MILLER PLACE, AIRTH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2013

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 30 October 2013 (Paragraph P93 refers), Committee gave further consideration to a report by the Director of Development Services seeking a decision on the Falkirk Council (Elphinstone Crescent, Main Street and Miller Place, Airth) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2013.

Objector(s) were not invited to attend the site visit. Equally, while local members may attend the site visit, they should not make any representations to the Committee. The reason for this is that the governing legislation for roads procedures of this nature, the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999, sets out strict procedural requirements and timescales for objections to Orders to be made and in relation to hearings. The Regulations require that, where a hearing is called for, it be conducted by an independent reporter appointed by the authority from a list of persons compiled by the Scottish Ministers and in accordance with procedures determined by the

reporter. Accordingly, to hear objectors or interested parties at a site visit of this nature would not be in compliance with the procedures set down in the Regulations. Members of the Planning Committee were, however, fully apprised of the written objections received during the statutory objection period ending on 18 July 2013.

The Network Co-ordinator (R Steedman) outlined the nature of the order.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advising that the matter would be determined by the Planning Committee on 27 November 2013.