

Baillie Buchanan resumed the Convenership of the meeting following consideration of the foregoing item of business.

P64. ERECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSE WITH INTEGRAL GARAGE AT AONACH-MOR, GLEN ROAD, TORWOOD, LARBERT FK 5 4SN FOR MR AND MRS COMRIE - P/13/0265/FUL (CONTINUATION)

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25 June 2013 (Paragraph P45 refers), Committee gave (a) further consideration to a report by the Director of Development Services, and (b) considered an additional report by the said Director on an application for full planning permission for the erection of one detached one a half storey dwellinghouse with an internal garage at Aonach-Mor, Glen Road, Torwood, Larbert.

Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved that that the application be approved on the ground that a previous application at the site which had been approved was also outwith the village boundary.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Carleschi, seconded by Councillor Mahoney moved that Committee refuse the application in accordance with the recommendations in the report.

On a division, 4 Members voted for the motion and 7 for the amendment.

Decision

The Committee agreed to refuse planning permission for the following reasons:-

- (1) The proposal is considered contrary to Falkirk Council Structure Plan Policy ENV.1 'Countryside and Protected Areas' - as the site is in a rural location and no essential justification for a dwellinghouse has been demonstrated.**
- (2) The proposal is considered contrary to Falkirk Council Local Plan Policy SC3 - 'Housing Development in The Countryside' and Policy EQ19 - 'Countryside' - as the site is in a rural location and no essential justification for a dwellinghouse has been demonstrated.**
- (3) The proposal is considered contrary to Falkirk Council Local Plan Policy SC8 - 'Infill Development and Subdivision of Plots' - as it would result in backland development, not respecting the townscape character of the area and, if approved, the application would represent an unwarranted precedent which could not be fairly resisted in similar application sites.**