

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 2014 at 12 noon.

COUNCILLORS:

Baillie William Buchanan (Convener)
Craig Martin
John McLuckie
Baillie Joan Paterson
Sandy Turner

OFFICERS:

Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer
Iain Henderson, Legal Services Manager
Stuart Henderson, Environmental Health Officer
Julie Seidel, Planning Officer
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer
Russell Steedman, Network Co-ordinator
Bernard Whittle, Development Management
Co-ordinator

P104. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Chalmers, Meiklejohn and Nicol.

P105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

P106. ERECTION OF A SINGLE 500KW WIND TURBINE WITH A MAXIMUM TIP HEIGHT OF 77 METRES, WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS TRACK AND INFRASTRUCTURE AT SITE TO THE SOUTH WEST OF POLMONT GOLF CLUB, SIMPSON DRIVE, MADDISTON FOR MR ROBBIE TAYLOR - P/14/0318/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 November 2014 (Paragraph P100 refers), Committee gave further consideration to a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the erection of a single 500kw wind turbine, measuring 77 metres to blade tip, with associated access track and infrastructure at a site within open countryside to the south west of Polmont Golf Club, Simpson Drive, Maddiston.

Decision

The Committee agreed to refuse planning permission on the basis that:-

- (1) The wind turbine would have an unacceptable visual impact on the neighbouring settlement of Maddiston and surrounding rural properties, in terms of the proposed scale, design and aviation lighting being contrary to Policy ST21 'Wind Energy' of the Falkirk Council Local Plan (December 2010), Policy RW01 'Renewable Energy' of the Falkirk Local Development Plan (Proposed Plan April 2013) and the Falkirk Council Supplementary Planning Guidance Note (May 2013) 'Spatial Framework and Guidance for Wind Energy Developments'; and**
- (2) The applicant had failed to demonstrate that the wind turbine would not significantly affect surrounding residential properties by virtue of noise nuisance, being contrary to Policy ST21 'Wind Energy', of the Falkirk Council Local Plan (December 2010), Policy RW01 'Renewable Energy' of the Falkirk Local Development Plan (Proposed Plan April 2013) and the Falkirk Council Supplementary Planning Guidance Note (May 2013) 'Spatial Framework and Guidance for Wind Energy Developments'.**