

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held ON SITE on MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

COUNCILLORS:

Baillie William Buchanan (Convener)
John McLuckie
Malcolm Nicol
Martin Oliver
Baillie Joan Paterson

OFFICERS:

John Angell, Head of Planning and Transportation (for application P/15/0136/FUL)
Stephen Beales, Roads Design Co-ordinator (for application P/15/0136/FUL)
Kevin Collins, Transport Planning Co-ordinator
Ian Dryden, Development Manager
Kevin Brown, Planning (for application P/15/0136/FUL)
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer
Russell Steedman, Network Co-ordinator
Karen Quin, Solicitor
Brent Vivian, Senior Planning Officer (for applications - P/11/0142/PPP and P/14/0483/PPP)

P83. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillor Mahoney.

P84. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

P85. PROPOSED CYCLEWAY BETWEEN DENNY AND FALKIRK AT SITE TO THE SOUTH EAST OF DENNY CEMETERY FOR FALKIRK COUNCIL - P/15/0136/PPP

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 28 October 2015 (Paragraph P75 refers), Committee gave further consideration to a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for planning permission in principle for the construction of a 3 metre wide cycleway/footpath between the Three Bridges Roundabout on the A883 at Falkirk to land to the south of Denny Cemetery including a spur from the cycleway and passing Roughmure Refuse Centre and tying into the path network on land to the south of Bonnybridge Primary School, Bonnybridge.

The location for the meeting was the car park of Bonnybridge Golf Club.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Planning Officer (K Brown) outlined the nature of the application.

Mr Collins, the applicant's representative, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Cowan, on behalf of Bonnybridge Golf Club, an objector, arrived at 9.40 a.m. and was then heard in relation to the application.

The objections included the following issues:-

- The proposed road realignment works for the A8004 would adversely affect drainage in that area;
- The loss of land associated with road realignment works would have an adverse impact on business operations and on the viability of a long established 9 hole golf club; and
- The potential for stray balls from the golf course to strike walkers and cyclists.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance. The matter would be determined by the Planning Committee on 25 November 2015.

Members thereafter walked along part of the route of the proposed cycle track and viewed aspects of the route from the bus.

In relation to undernoted items, only members of the Planning Committee visited the sites. The visits were solely to allow members of the Committee to view the physical characteristics of the sites. The visits were not subject to the procedures noted at minute P85 above and were not formal meetings of the Planning Committee.

P86. DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AT MILNQUARTER FARM, ROMAN ROAD, BONNYBRIDGE FK4 2DE FOR STEWART HOMES - P/11/0142/PPP

P87. DISTRIBUTOR ROAD AND ASSOCIATED EARTH WORKS ON LAND TO THE NORTH OF SHAMISTLE, MADDISTON, FALKIRK FOR MANOR FORREST LTD & LAND OPTIONS WEST LTD - P/14/0483/PPP