

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held ON SITE on MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2015 commencing at 9.20 a.m.

COUNCILLORS:

Baillie William Buchanan (Convener)
Steven Carleschi
Colin Chalmers
John McLuckie
Malcolm Nicol

OFFICERS:

Douglas Blyth, Team Leader, Legal Services
Ian Dryden, Development Manager
Alan Finlayson, Senior Planning Officer
Michael Walker, Trainee Civil Engineering Technician
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer
Russell Steedman, Network Co-ordinator

P99. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Baillie Paterson; Councillor Mahoney and Oliver.

P100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

P101. CHANGE OF USE FROM VACANT LAND TO RETAIL CAR SALES AREA (PART RETROSPECTIVE) ON LAND TO THE SOUTH OF 2 HIGH STATION ROAD, HIGH STATION ROAD, FALKIRK FOR MS CLAIRE STEVENSON – P/15/0475/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25 November 2015 (Paragraph P98 refers), Committee gave further consideration to a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for a change of use from vacant land to retail car sales area (part retrospective) at a site formerly vacant ground on land to the south of 2 High Station Road, Falkirk.

The location for the meeting was the area in front of 15 Woodside Court facing the car storage area.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Senior Planning Officer (A Finlayson) outlined the nature of the application.

Mr McEachern, the applicant's agent, was heard in relation to the application.

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

Mr Sinclair, the Director of the applicant company, was heard in relation to the application.

Captain Clark, on behalf of the Salvation Army, an objector, and was heard in relation to the application.

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

The objections included the following issues:-

- The overspill parking from site in surrounding area particularly Comely Park School and Salvation Army;
- The impact on visual amenity from car storage;
- The impact on privacy from customers viewing cars and CCTV cameras;
- The road safety impacts on the busy High Station Road;
- The access to the sub-station being restricted;
- The potential fire risk arising from petrol; and
- That the one letter of support was submitted on no grounds.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance. The matter would be determined by a Special meeting of the Planning Committee later that morning.

Members thereafter viewed the proposed public access and parking area at High Station Road.