

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Minute of meeting of the Planning Committee held On Site on Monday 3 April 2017 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Councillors:

Baillie William Buchanan (convener)
Baillie Joan Coombes
John McLuckie
Adrian Mahoney
Malcolm Nicol
Martin Oliver
Sandy Turner

Officers:

Iain Henderson, Legal Services Manager
John Milne, Senior Planning Officer (for application P/16/0530/FUL)
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer
Russell Steedman, Network Co-ordinator
Brent Vivian, Senior Planning Officer (for application P16/0762/FUL)
Bernard Whittle, Development Management Co-ordinator

P1. Apologies

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Blackwood, Chalmers and C Martin.

P2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

P3. Change of Use of Vacant Land to Form Private Permanent Gypsy/Traveller Pitch (1 Static Caravan and 1 Touring Caravan), Erection of Boundary Wall and Formation of Hardstanding (Partly Retrospective) at Wesleymount, Church Road, California, Falkirk for Mr Alister Fowler - P/16/0530/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 March 2017 (Paragraph P146 refers), Committee gave further consideration to a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the change of use of vacant land to form a private Gypsy/Traveller Site for 1 static caravan and 1 touring caravan at Wesleymount, Church Road, California, Falkirk

The Senior Planning Officer (J Milne) outlined the nature of the application.

Mr Fowler, the applicant, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Coyne, a representative for Russel + Aitken was heard in relation to their representation to the application.

Ms Robertson, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

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

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

The objections included the following issues:-

- That the application does not accord with the Development Plan;
- That the views from Burnside woodland walk are marred by caravans and sheds;
- That the appearance is detrimental to the allocation of house types being permitted within the new Development Plan;
- That access to the site is strictly private;
- That the proposals is at odds with the planning brief for the adjacent housing site;
- That any housing requirement should be directed towards the adjoining allocated site;
- That as a consequence of this application, the existing access road should have to be upgraded to an adoptable standard. This is in line with the requirements for housing in the area;
- That there will be an increase in traffic and speed of traffic on Church Road, and
- That fly tipping and security of property is a concern.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Councillor Hughes, a local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance. The matter would be determined by the Special Planning Committee on 3 April 2017.

P4. Erection of Dwellinghouse and Associated Ground Works at Land to the West of 153 Stirling Street, Denny for Mr Peter Moffat – P16/0762/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 March 2017 (Paragraph P152 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 dwellinghouse and associated ground works at land to the west of 153 Stirling Street, Denny.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

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

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

Mr Moffat, the applicant, was heard in relation to the application.

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

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Councillor McCabe, a local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance. The matter would be determined by the Special Planning Committee on 3 April 2017.