

DRAFT AGENDA ITEM 1(b)

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held ON SITE on THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2010 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Buchanan, Constable, Lemetti, Mahoney, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol and Thomson.

CONVENER: Councillor Buchanan.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Carleschi, A MacDonald, C Martin and Oliver.

ATTENDING: Development Manager; Transport Planning Co-ordinator (K Collins) (for application P/10/0196/PPP); Planning Officer (K Brown) (for application P/10/0588/FUL); Roads Development Officer (B Raeburn); Legal Services Manager (I Henderson), and Committee Services Officer (S Barton).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

P112. DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR MIXED USE PURPOSES (RESIDENTIAL, EQUESTRIAN CENTRE & ASSOCIATED PARKING) AT FORRESTER QUARTER, BONNYBRIDGE, FK4 2HA FOR MR GEORGE LAWRENCE – P/10/0196/PPP

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 September 2010 (Paragraph P103 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 15 September 2010, by the Director of Development Services on an application for planning permission in principle for the development of land for mixed use purposes (residential, equestrian centre & associated parking) at Forrester Quarter, Bonnybridge, FK4 2HA for Mr George Lawrence.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Development Manager outlined the nature of the application and advised the Committee that a late letter of support had been received from Anne Montgomery of the Archibald Russell Centre in Dennyloanhead.

Mr Douglas, the agent for the applicant, was heard in support of the application.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr Aitken speaking on behalf of an objector Ms Lucey, was heard in relation to the application.

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

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

The objectors highlighted the following issues:-

- the development would change the outlook for neighbouring properties
- the increase in traffic on an already busy road on which horse riding also takes place
- the lack of visibility on the road at the site
- the increased likelihood of flooding of the Skiperton burn
- the lack of grass and grazing for the development
- the increase in the number of horse boxes using the road

Ms Montgomery, a supporter, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Douglas, the agent for the applicant was then heard in response to the concerns raised.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advising that the matter would be determined by the Planning Committee at a Special Meeting to be held later in the afternoon at 2.00 p.m. in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk.

P113. ALTERATIONS AT REAR OF PREMISES TO REMOVE EXISTING GARAGE, FORM NEW ACCESS WITH STEPS AND FORM LOADING BAY AT 3 PRETORIA PLACE, STATION ROAD, BRIGHTONS, FALKIRK FOR GIANNI CROLLA – P/10/0558/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 September 2010 (Paragraph P99 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 15 September 2010, by the Director of Development Services on an application for planning permission for alterations at rear of premises to remove existing garage, form new access with steps and form loading bay at 3 Pretoria Place, Station Road, Brightons, Falkirk for Gianni Crolla.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

Mr Brown, Planning Officer, outlined the nature of the application.

Mr Crolla, the applicant, was heard in support of the application.

Mr Poodle, an objector, was heard in relation to the application and expressed concerns over access to the car park and possible segregation of the property.

The Convener read out an email from Councillor Nimmo, as local Member for the area, in relation to the application.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advising that the matter would be determined by the Planning Committee at a Special Meeting to be held later in the afternoon commencing at 2.00 p.m. in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk.

P114. PART CHANGE OF USE FROM AGRICULTURAL LAND TO OPERATE A FORESTRY/TREE SURGEON BUSINESS AND PROCESSING TIMBER AT 8 CAULDCOATS HOLDINGS, LINLITHGOW EH49 7LX FOR MR SANDY CROOK - P/10/0130/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 September 2010 (Paragraph P99 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 15 September 2010, by the Director of Development Services on an application for planning permission for the part change of use from agricultural land to operate a forestry/tree surgeon business and processing timber at 8 Cauldcoats Holdings, Linlithgow EH49 7LX for Mr Sandy Crook.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Development Manager outlined the nature of the application, advising that Blackness and Area Community Council had raised a number of concerns about the application.

Mr Crook and Ms Davidson, the applicants, were heard in support of the application.

The Convener read an e-mail out from Mr Strachan, an objector to the application, who had asked that the machinery be put into operation during the site visit to allow Members to hear the noise from it.

Mr and Mrs Coulman, objectors, were heard in relation to the application and specifically in relation to the noise emitted from the machinery.

Mr Archibald, representing Blackness and Area Community Council was heard in relation to the application. He advised that the Community Council were broadly in favour of the application providing that there were conditions put in place regarding the noise.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee, particularly with regard to being afforded the opportunity to hear the machinery in operation.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advising that the matter would be determined by the Planning Committee at a Special Meeting to be held later in the afternoon commencing at 2.00 p.m. in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk.