

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held ON SITE on THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2010 commencing at 1 .00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Buchanan, Mahoney, A MacDonald, McLuckie and Oliver.

CONVENER: Councillor Buchanan.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Constable, McNeill and Thomson.

ATTENDING: Development Manager; Planning Officer (K Brown); Roads Development Co-ordinator; Solicitor (K Quin), and Committee Officer (A Sobieraj).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

P135. ERECTION OF FOUR DWELLINGHOUSES ON LAND TO THE SOUTH OF 58 ANNET ROAD, ANNET ROAD, HEAD OF MUIR FOR MR MICHAEL O'NEILL - P/09/0872/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 3 November 2010 (Paragraph P127 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 26 October 2010, by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the erection of four dwellinghouses on land to the south of 58 Annet Road, Annet Road, Head of Muir.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

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

Mr O'Neill, the applicant, was heard in support of the application.

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

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

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

The objectors highlighted the following issues:-

- Concerns in relation to road safety;
- Construction traffic and noise;
- The impact on wildlife and disruption of view; and
- Concerns in relation to lack of information submitted with the application in relation to levels details and finishing materials.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Councillor Blackwood, as local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

Councillor Waddell, as local Member for the area, was heard 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 on 1 December 2010.

Members thereafter visited the building plot and the site boundary.

P136. ERECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSE ON LAND TO THE WEST OF 1 SOUILLAC DRIVE, SCLANDERSBURN ROAD, DENNY FOR BETT HOMES - P/10/0141/PPP

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 3 November 2010 (Paragraph P129 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 26 October 2010 by the Director of Development Services on an application for planning permission in principle for the erection of a dwellinghouse on land to the west of 1 Souillac Drive, Sclandersburn Road, Denny.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Development Manager outlined the nature of the application.

Mr Watson, the applicant's representative, was heard in support of the application.

The representatives from Denny and District Community Council advised that the objections were submitted were on behalf of the Community Council and not individuals. The Development Manager undertook to take this into account in the Committee report from the site visit.

Mr Delaney, on behalf of Denny and District Community Council, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Bell, on behalf of Denny and District Community Council, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

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

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

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

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Mr Tocher, an objector, was heard in relation to the application

Mr Wojkowski, an objector, was heard in relation to the application

The objectors highlighted the following issues:-

- The loss of public amenity open/green space, trees and the recreational/play area;
- The adverse impact on natural environment;
- The concerns on future maintenance of the remaining area;
- The land as been used as a right of way the historic status as a drovers loan;
- The loss of privacy loss of natural light including sunlight;
- The problem of overlooking;
- The range of construction related problems for example access restrictions, noise, pedestrian safety and damage to cars;
- The road safety issues due to Sclandersburn Road being single lane;
- The insufficient parking and turning;
- The unsuitability of the existing road for example the lack of pavement, blocked drainage and the poor surface;
- The lack of need for the development;
- The refusal of the neighbours' earlier applications to extend their gardens onto the site;
- The future precedent;
- The loss of community spirit;
- The exacerbation of the existing drainage problem on the area of the site; and
- That the application did not conform to the Structure Plan in terms of economic prosperity, sustaining communities and environmental quality.

Councillor Blackwood, as local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

Councillor Waddell, as local Member for the area, was heard 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 on 1 December 2010.

P137. ERECTION OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS DWELLINGHOUSE AT WESTER MAILING, DENNY, FK6 5HH FOR MR R MOWATT - P/10/0262/PPP

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 3 November 2010 (Paragraph P130 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 26 October 2010 by the Director of Development Services on an application for planning permission in principle for the erection of an agricultural workers dwellinghouse at Wester Mailing, Denny.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Development Manager outlined the nature of the application.

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

Mr Mowatt, the applicant, was heard in relation to the application and provided a letter of support signed by farmers on neighbouring farms.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Councillor Waddell, as local Member for the area, was heard 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 on 1 December 2010.