

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held ON SITE on THURSDAY 12 MAY 2011 commencing at 1.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Buchanan, Carleschi, A MacDonald, McLuckie, McNeill, and Nicol.

**CONVENER:** Councillor Buchanan.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Thomson, Mahoney and Oliver.

**ATTENDING:** Development Manager; Roads Development Co-ordinator; Senior Planning Officer (B Vivian) (for application P/10/0761/PPP); Environmental Health Officer (S Henderson) (for application P/10/0423/FUL); Planning Officer (J Seidel) (for application P/10/0423/FUL); Assistant Planning Officer (K Hope) (for application P/11/0019/FUL); Assistant Planning Officer (G Clark) (for application P/11/0087/FUL); Solicitor (K Quin); and Committee Officer (A Sobieraj).

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Councillor MacDonald declared a non financial interest in agenda item (P) and would contribute to the meeting as a local member in relation to the application and stated that he would take no part in consideration of this item of business.

Councillor McNeill declared a non financial interest in agenda item (P) and would contribute to the meeting as a local member in relation to the application and stated that he would take no part in consideration of this item of business.

**P25. OPERATIONS YARD/WASTE RECYCLING/TRANSFER FACILITY AT SABIC INNOVATIVE PLASTICS, BO'NESS ROAD, GRANGEMOUTH FK3 9XF FOR MASTERTON – P/10/0423/FUL**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 April 2011 (Paragraph P10 refers), Committee gave consideration to Report (circulated) dated 12 April 2011 by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the development of an operations yard/waste recycling/transfer facility involving the processing, recycling and storage of inert material arising from the demolition, construction and excavation operations on a site bounded by industrial and petrochemical development extending to approximately 6.2 metres at Sabic Innovative Plastics, Bo'ness Road, Grangemouth.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

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

Ms Frost and Mr Matheson, the applicant's representatives, were heard in relation to the application.

Ms McIntosh, on behalf of Grangemouth Community Council, an objector, was heard in relation to the applications.

Mr Higgins, on behalf of Grangemouth Community Council, an objector, was heard in relation to the applications.

The objections included the following issues:-

- The visual impact on the surrounding area from open storage of materials and the problem of stacking;
- The dust arising from open storage, processing and a lack of robust appropriate mitigation measures and odours;
- The effects on health and that the World Health Organisation guidelines for proximity to residential areas would be exceeded;
- The noise nuisance including cumulative noise from alarms, excavator and increased traffic movements;
- The local pollution and increase in traffic volumes including HGV's on an already busy road;
- The increased vehicle movements would be detrimental to the objectives of the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA);
- The contamination of surrounding roads and the surrounding area;
- The unauthorised operation of the site at Bonnybridge site over many years and the problems of dust;
- That waste was brought from a wide area with Grangemouth being a dumping ground;
- The inappropriateness of the location;
- The lack of Best Practical Environmental Option (BPEO) or sustainable for the community of Grangemouth; and
- The danger of fire or explosion.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

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

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

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

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advised that the matter would be determined by the Planning Committee on 18 May 2011.

**P26. EXTENSION TO DWELLINGHOUSE (DORMERS) AT 6 HAINING PLACE, GRANGEMOUTH FK3 9 DR FOR MR AND MRS FOTHERINGHAM – P/11/0012/FUL**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 April 2011 (Paragraph P12 refers), Committee gave consideration to Report (circulated) dated 12 April 2011 by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the extension to an existing detached one and a half storey dwellinghouse roof by the addition of two blank dormers at 6 Haining Place, Grangemouth.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

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

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

Ms Hutcheon, an objector was heard in relation to the application and indicated that following clarification on the proposals at the site meeting now withdrew the objection.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advised that the matter would be determined by the Planning Committee on 18 May 2011.

**P27. ERECTION OF 6 DWELLINGHOUSES (RENEWAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION 05/1166/FUL AT LAND TO THE NORTH OF 34 SEAFORTH ROAD, SEAFORTH ROAD, FALKIRK FOR MR GEORGE NEELY – P/11/0087/FUL**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 April 2011 (Paragraph P13 refers), Committee gave consideration to Report (circulated) dated 12 April 2011 by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the erection of six terraced dwellinghouses (renewal of planning permission 05/1166/FUL) on a site located next to an existing shop unit surrounded by dwellinghouses on all sides and on land to the north of 34 Seaforth Road, Seaforth Road, Falkirk.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Assistant Planning Officer (G Clark) outlined the nature of the application.

The Committee Officer advised Members that the applicant had submitted his apologies for the meeting but would be happy to provide any further information resulting from the site meeting.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

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

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

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advised that the matter would be determined by the Planning Committee on 18 May 2011.