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**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held ON SITE on MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2015 commencing at 9.30 a.m.**

**COUNCILLORS:**

Baillie William Buchanan (Convener)  
Steven Carleschi  
Colin Chalmers  
Adrian Mahoney  
John McLuckie  
Alan Nimmo  
Baillie Joan Paterson  
Sandy Turner

**OFFICERS:**

Bernard Whittle, Development Management Co-ordinator  
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer  
Karen Quin, Solicitor

**P68. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillor Nicol.

**P69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Nimmo declared a non financial interest in item 4 (minute P70) by virtue of him being an objector to the application, in consequence of which he recused himself from consideration of the item, having regard to the objective test in the Code of Conduct.

Baillie Joan Paterson entered the meeting during discussion of the following item of business.

**P70. ERECTION OF PERGOLA AND SECTION OF LATTICE FENCING (RETROSPECTIVE) AT 26 GRANGEBURN ROAD, GRANGEMOUTH FK3 9AA FOR MR THOMAS PATERSON - P/15/0370/FUL**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 15 September 2015 (Paragraph P65 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 a single storey pergola and a section of wooden lattice fencing (retrospective) at 26 Grangeburn Road, Grangemouth.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Development Management Co-ordinator (B Whittle) outlined the nature of the application.

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

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

The objections included the following issues:-

- The applicant's undermining of the legal planning process and acting to save money by not submitting the application or the required fee;
- The building of the structure without permission;
- The towering of the development above the existing mutual fence;
- That the development was not in keeping with the area;
- The blocking of sunlight from the neighbouring property;
- The erection of a lattice to the top of the fence with climbing ivy also blocking out sunlight;
- The non fair actions of the applicant and not being reasonable or proportionate; and
- The importance of refusing the application and enforcement action to remove the structure.

Prior to Members commencing their questions on the application, the Committee meeting adjourned and members entered the applicant's back garden to view the pergola and lattice fencing in situ. Members then entered the neighbouring garden of the objector at 27 Grangeburn Road.

The meeting thereafter reconvened on the pavement directly adjacent to the applicant's property.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Councillor Balfour, 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 Planning Committee on 28 October 2015.