



Agenda Item 3

Minutes

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Wednesday 20 November 2019 at 9.30a.m.

COUNCILLORS: David Alexander (Convener)
Robert Bissett
Allyson Black
Jim Blackwood
Gary Bouse
Provost William Buchanan
Joan Coombes
David Grant
Gordon Hughes
Lynn Munro
Laura Murtagh

OFFICERS: Donald Campbell, Development Management Co-Ordinator
Karen Chambers, Committee Services Officer
Ian Dryden, Development & Buildings Standards Manager
Iain Henderson, Legal Services Manager
Russell Steedman, Roads Co-ordinator
Brent Vivian, Senior Planning Officer

P74. Apologies

An apology was intimated on behalf of Councillor McCue.

P75. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

P76. Minutes

Decision

- (a) Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 23 October 2019 was approved, and**
- (b) Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee – On-site held on 4 November 2019 was approved.**

P77. Erection of Dwellinghouse at Land to North of Wester Bankhead Farm, Annet Road, Head of Muir for Mr Robert Denholm – P/19/0432/FUL

The committee considered a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for planning permission to erect a four bedroom dwellinghouse with an attached double garage at Land to North of Wester Bankhead Farm, Annet Road, Head of Muir – P/19/0432/FUL.

With reference to Standing Order 33.5 the convener referred to a deputation request received from the applicant's agent, Anne Cunningham, to be heard in relation to this item.

The committee agreed to hear the deputation.

Decision

The committee agreed to grant planning permission subject to conditions as determined by the Director of Development Services on the basis that it noted the applicant runs a long established farming business in the area and that, exercising its planning judgement, it was satisfied:

- (1) that there is an operational need for a dwellinghouse on the grounds of animal husbandry, animal welfare and security and;**
- (2) in relation to the visual amenity of the proposed dwellinghouse and its relationship to the surrounding area.**

Informative(s):-

- 1. For the avoidance of doubt, the plan(s) to which this decision refer(s) bear our online reference number(s) 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09 and 10.**

P78. Change of Use to Gymnastics Club Class 11 (Assembly and Leisure) at Unit D1 Delta Workshops, Lochlands Industrial Estate, Larbert, FK5 3NS for Ms Jacqui Inglis – P/19/0458/FUL

The committee considered a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for planning permission for the change of use to Gymnastics Club Class 11 at Unit D1 Delta Workshops, Lochlands Industrial Estate, Larbert – P/19/0458/FUL.

With reference to standing order 38.1 (x) the Convener referred to a request to be heard from Councillor Coleman in respect of this item. The Convener, having given his consent, then invited Councillor Coleman to address the committee.

With reference to Standing Order 33.5 the convener referred to a deputation request received from the applicant's agent, Anne Cunningham, to be heard in relation to this item.

The committee agreed to hear the deputation.

Decision

The committee agreed to grant planning permission subject to conditions as determined by the Director of Development Services on the basis that it was satisfied:

- (1) that the proposed use would be compatible with surrounding uses and the surrounding area;**
- (2) that there is adequate parking available; and**
- (3) on matters of road and traffic safety.**

Informative(s):-

- 1. For the avoidance of doubt, the plan(s) to which this decision refer(s) bear our online reference number(s) 01A and 02.**

P79. Change of Use of Land to Private Garden Ground (Retrospective), Demolish Existing Dwelling and Outbuilding and Erection of Dwellinghouse and Domestic Garage at Hillroy, 18 Mannerston Holdings, Blackness, Linlithgow, EH49 7ND for Peter and Karen Mushet – P/19/0375/FUL – Continuation.

The committee considered an update report by the Director of Development Services on an application for planning permission for a change of use of land to private garden ground (retrospective), demolish existing dwelling and outbuilding and erection of dwellinghouse and domestic garage at Hillroy, 18 Mannerston Holdings, Blackness, Linlithgow – P/19/0375/FUL.

This application was originally considered by the Planning Committee on 23 October 2019 when it was agreed to continue the application for a site visit. This site visit took place on Monday 4 November 2019. The site visit was unaccompanied.

Councillor Black declared a non financial interest in the item and indicated that she considered she had prejudged the application before the committee meeting, in consequence of which she recused herself from consideration of the item, having regard to the objective test in the Code of Conduct.

Provost Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Grant moved that the committee being satisfied in relation to matters of scale, visual amenity and impact on and relationship to the surrounding area of the proposed development,

agreed to grant planning permission subject to conditions as determined by the Director of Development Services.

As an amendment, Councillor Bouse, seconded by Councillor Coombes moved to refuse the application for planning permission in accordance with the recommendations in the officer's report.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1 a vote was taken by roll call, there being 10 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the Motion (6) - Provost Buchanan, Councillors Alexander, Blackwood, Grant, Hughes and Munro.

For the Amendment (4) - Councillors Bissett, Bouse, Coombes and Murtagh.

Decision

The committee agreed the motion to grant planning permission subject to conditions as determined by the Director of Development Services on the basis that it was satisfied in relation to matters of scale, visual amenity and impact on and relationship to the surrounding area of the proposed development.

Informative(s):-

- 1. For the avoidance of doubt, the plan(s) to which this decision refer(s) bear our online reference number(s) 01, 02A, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07 and 08.**

P80. Erection of 4 Residential Units with On-Site Care Provision (Class 8 – Residential Institution) at Land to the East of 18 Union Road, Union Road, Falkirk for Mr Barry Saville – P19/0465/FUL

The committee considered a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for planning permission for the erection of a two storey building comprising 4 x 1 residential units with on-site care provision (Class 8 – Residential Institution) at Land to the East of 18 Union Road, Union Road, Falkirk – P19/0465/FUL.

With reference to standing order 38.1 (x) the Convener referred to a request to be heard from Councillor Meiklejohn in respect of this item.

With reference to Standing Order 33.5 the convener referred to a deputation request received from the applicant, Barry Saville, to be heard in relation to this item.

The committee then considered a site visit and hearing would be appropriate and the requests from Councillor Meiklejohn and Mr Saville to be heard were continued to the hearing following on the site visit.

Decision

The committee agreed to continue consideration of the application in order to allow an unaccompanied inspection of the application site and thereafter that the matter be submitted for consideration to a special meeting of the Committee on 2 December 2019 at 1.30pm at which meeting a hearing session would be conducted.

P81. Extension to Dwellinghouse at 32 Broomside Place, Larbert, FK5 3EG for Mr Stuart and Laura Cordiner – P/19/0527/FUL

The committee considered a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for planning permission for the extension to dwellinghouse at 32 Broomside Place, Larbert – P/19/0527/FUL.

Decision

The committee agreed to continue consideration of the application in order to allow an unaccompanied inspection of the application site and thereafter that the matter be submitted for consideration to a special meeting of the Committee on 2 December 2019 at 1.30pm at which meeting a hearing session would be conducted.