P23. Erection of Church with Associated Community Facilities (Class 10 - Non Residential Institution), at Land To The North East Of Unit 1 Kinnaird Village Centre, McIntyre Avenue, Larbert for Grace Church Larbert - P/19/0407/FUL

The committee considered a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for the erection of church with associated community facilities (class 10 – non-residential institution) at land to the north east of unit 1 Kinnaird Village Centre, McIntyre Avenue, Larbert.

With reference to Standing Order 33.5 the convener referred to six deputation requests received; one from the applicant's agent and five from objectors.

The committee were asked to consider whether to accept the deputation requests.

Provost Buchanan seconded by Councillor Blackwood moved that the committee agrees to continue the matter for the purposes of holding a hearing on the application after the point at which COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted sufficiently to allow a hearing to take place. Officers are requested to speak to the applicant in relation to potential extension of the determination period. If there is no clarity on the timing of a hearing by the August planning committee, the matter will be brought back to committee to consider alternative approaches consistent with any decisions of Council.

As an amendment, Councillor Bissett seconded by Councillor Alexander moved that the committee agrees to receive the written deputations submitted to this meeting and proceed to determine the application.

Councillor Murtagh gave notice of a further amendment.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1 a vote was taken by roll call, there being 9 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (4) – Provost Buchanan and Councillors Blackwood, Hughes, and Kerr.

For the amendment (5) – Councillors Alexander, Bissett, Bouse, McCue and Murtagh.

Decision

The committee agreed to receive the written deputations submitted to this meeting and proceed to determine the application.

Notice of a further amendment having previously been given by Councillor Murtagh, the amendment agreed as above then became the substantive motion against which the further amendment was considered. In terms of the further amendment, Councillor Murtagh seconded by Provost Buchanan

moved that the committee agrees, subject to a decision of Council allowing for it to take place, to continue the matter to the August committee to allow the parties who submitted the deputation requests to be heard in a remote video conference meeting. If further deputation requests are made then the committee would decide whether to hear them. If Council does not agree that to be possible then the matter will be brought back to the August committee to decide how to take matters forward.

Councillor Kerr left the meeting.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1 a vote was taken by roll call, there being 8 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (2) – Councillors Alexander and Bissett.

For the amendment (6) – Provost Buchanan and Councillors Blackwood, Bouse, Hughes, McCue and Murtagh.

Decision

The committee agreed, subject to a decision of Council allowing for it to take place, to continue the matter to the August committee to allow the parties who submitted the deputation requests to be heard in a remote video conference meeting. If further deputation requests are made then the committee would decide whether to hear them. If Council does not agree that to be possible then the matter will be brought back to the August committee to decide how to take matters forward.