

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held ON SITE on MONDAY 8 MARCH 2010 commencing at 9. 30 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Buchanan, Constable, Carleschi (for applications P/08/0938/OUT and P/09/0879/FUL); Lemetti, A MacDonald (for applications P/09/0826/FUL and P/09/0536/FUL), Mahoney, C Martin (for application P/08/0938/OUT), McLuckie, McNeill and Oliver.

CONVENER: Councillor Buchanan.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Nicol and Thomson.

ATTENDING: Development Manager; Planning Officer (D Paterson) (for applications P/09/0826/FUL, P/09/0536/FUL and P/08/0938/OUT); Roads Development Officer (B Raeburn); Solicitor (K Quin); and Committee Officer (A Sobieraj).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

P188. EXTENSION TO DWELLINGHOUSE (FRONT EXTENSION) AT 42 TWEED STREET, GRANGEMOUTH FK3 8HA FOR MR BUCHANAN - P/09/0826/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 February 2010 (Paragraph P186 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 16 February 2010 by the Director of Development Services on an application for detailed planning permission for a single storey extension to a two storey semi detached dwellinghouse, comprising a bay window to the front of the property to accommodate additional living space, measuring 3.2 metres in width and 1.5 metres in depth, at 42 Tweed Street, Grangemouth.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Development Manager outlined the nature of the application.

Mr Buchanan, the applicant was heard in support of the application.

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

The objector highlighted the following issues:-

- That the proposal for a 'porch to front' was inaccurate and was a significant extension to the existing sitting room; and

- The loss of privacy, the reduction of sunlight and the existing view being obscured for the neighbouring property.

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 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 advising that the matter would be determined by the Planning Committee on 24 March 2010.

P189. ERECTION OF 12 FLATTED DWELLINGS ON LAND TO THE SOUTH OF 48 WOOD STREET, CHISHOLM PLACE, GRANGEMOUTH FOR FALKIRK COUNCIL - P/09/0536/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 February 2010 (Paragraph P184 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Reports (circulated) dated 16 February 2010 by the Director of Development Services on an application for detailed planning permission for the erection of 12 flatted dwellings comprising three blocks of four flats of two storeys with pitched roofs on a site comprising 0.3 hectares at the corner of Wood Street and Chisholm Place, Grangemouth.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Planning Officer (D Paterson) outlined the nature of the application.

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

Mr McGowan, the applicant's agent, was heard in support of the application.

Mr and Mrs Dodds, objectors, were heard in relation to the application.

The objectors highlighted the following issues:-

- The increase in the present excessive traffic noise, congestion and disturbance;
- That the trees at the site should be retained;
- That the footway at the southern boundary of the site should be closed to protect privacy of adjacent residents;
- That the development would reduce the availability of on street and visitor parking at Chisholm Place; and
- The concerns at the layout of the turning area outside the objector's driveway.

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 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 advising that the matter would be determined by the Planning Committee on 24 March 2010.

P190. RELOCATION OF EXISTING TIMBER PRODUCT BUSINESS, RESTORATION FOR GRAZING PURPOSES AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR HOUSING PURPOSES ON LAND AT FORMER SITE OF DUNMORE MILL, FALKIRK FOR MARGARET FERNS - P/08/0938/OUT

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 February 2010 (Paragraph P183 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 16 February 2010 by the Director of Development Services on an application for outline planning permission for the relocation of an existing timber product business, which occupies an area of 0.78 hectares within the site, to new premises to be developed on an area measuring 0.7 hectares to the west of the existing business site, within the application boundary, together with the restoration of the current site for grazing purposes and the development of land at Dunmore Mill, Falkirk, to the east side of the application site, for housing purposes.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Planning Officer (D Paterson) outlined the nature of the application.

Ms Lynch, the applicant's agent, was heard in support of the application.

The Committee was advised that the objector was not in attendance.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advising that the matter would be determined by the Planning Committee on 24 March 2010.

P191. DEMOLITION AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING DWELLINGHOUSE (RETROSPECTIVE) AT TIPPETCRAIG, BONNYBRIDGE FK4 2EU FOR MR AND MRS G BURNS - P/09/0879/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 February 2010 (Paragraph P187 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 16 February 2010 by the Director of Development Services on an application for detailed planning permission, in retrospect, for the demolition, in part, and the replacement of, an existing dwellinghouse at Tippetcraig, Bonnybridge.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Development Manager outlined the nature of the application.

Mr Burns, the applicant was heard in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advising that the matter would be determined by the Planning Committee on 24 March 2010.