

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held ON SITE on TUESDAY 30 MARCH 2010 commencing at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Buchanan, A MacDonald (for application P/10/0038 only), McLuckie, McNeill and Thomson.

CONVENER: Councillor Buchanan.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Carleschi, Constable, Lemetti, Mahoney, Martin, Nicol and Oliver.

ATTENDING: Development Manager; Planning Officer (A Finlayson) (for application P/10/0038 only); Roads Development Officer (B Raeburn); Solicitor (K Quin), and Committee Officer (S Barton).

DECLARATIONS None.
OF INTEREST:

P209. ERECTION OF 20 FLATTED DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED ROADS, FOOTWAYS AND PARKING AREAS AT LAND TO THE SOUTH WEST OF 11 SHIEL GARDENS, FALKIRK FOR FALKIRK COUNCIL - P/10/0038/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 March 2010 (Paragraph P201 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 16 March 2010 by the Director of Development Services on an application for detailed planning permission for the erection of 20 flatted dwellings and associated roads, footways and parking areas on land to the south west of 11 Shiel Gardens, Falkirk.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

Mr Finlayson, Planning Officer, outlined the nature of the application.

Mrs Hunter, Ms McLeod, Mrs Rodgers and Ms Heenan, objectors to the application, were heard in relation to the application.

The objectors highlighted the following issues:-

- The proximity of the development to neighbouring properties
- The type of housing proposed not being in keeping with the area
- Loss of open space and a designated play area
- The site being too small for housing and parking

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Provost Reid and Councillors Alexander and Meiklejohn, as local Members for the area, were 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 which would be meeting later in the day of 30 March 2010.

P210. ERECTION OF 16 FLATTED DWELLINGS WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING AND LANDSCAPING AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, PARK TERRACE, BRIGHTONS, FALKIRK FK2 0HY FOR LINK GROUP - P/09/0866/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 March 2010 (Paragraph P204 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 16 March 2010 by the Director of Development Services on an application for detailed planning permission for the erection of 16 flatted dwellings with associated parking and landscaping at the Royal British Legion, Park Terrace, Brightons, Falkirk.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Development Manager outlined the nature of the application.

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

Mr Morrison, Mr Dalrymple, Mr Tait, Mr Haddington, Ms Bennie, Ms Higgins and Mr Hamilton, objectors, were heard in relation to the application.

Letters of objection were also read out on behalf of Mr Dalrymple, Ms McGregor and Ms Marshall.

The objectors highlighted the following issues:-

- The height of the proposed development
- Privacy issues
- The style of the development
- Parking issues and road safety concerns
- Overshadowing of neighbouring properties
- Drainage issues in the area
- Refuse collection facilities
- Anti social behaviour in the area

Councillor Hughes, 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 which would be meeting later in the day of 30 March 2010.

P211. ERECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSE AND DOMESTIC GARAGE AT LAND TO THE SOUTH WEST OF FORTHVIEW, STANDRIGG ROAD, FALKIRK FOR MR DEREK SCRYMGEOUR - P/09/0749/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 March 2010 (Paragraph P198 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 16 March 2010 by the Director of Development Services on an application for detailed planning permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse and a domestic garage on land to the south west of Forthview, Standrigg Road, Falkirk.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Development Manager outlined the nature of the application.

Mr Scrymgeour, 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 which would be meeting later in the day of 30 March 2010.