

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held ON SITE on MONDAY 10 JUNE 2013 commencing at 10.10 a.m.

PRESENT: Baillie Paterson; Councillors Chalmers, Mahoney (except application P/13/0163/FUL), McLuckie and Turner.

CONVENER: Councillor McLuckie.

ATTENDING: Development Manager (I Dryden) (for applications P/12/380/FUL and 12/00729/FUL (North Lanarkshire Council reference); Development Management Co-ordinator (B Whittle) (for application P/13/0163/FUL); Planning Officers (J Seidel (for application P/13/0163/FUL) & K Brown (for applications P/12/380/FUL and 12/00729/FUL); Environmental Health Officer (S Henderson), Network Co-ordinator (R Steedman) (for application P/13/0163/FUL), Transport Planning Co-ordinator (K Collins) (for applications P/12/380/FUL and 12/00729/FUL), Roads Development Officer (C Russell) (for applications P/12/380/FUL and 12/00729/FUL); Senior Solicitor (K Quin), Committee Assistant (S McGhee) (for applications P/12/380/FUL and 12/00729/FUL); Clerical Assistant (E Duffy) (for application P/13/0163/FUL), and Committee Services Officer (A Fraser).

P23. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Baillie Buchanan; Councillors Alexander, Black, Martin, Meiklejohn and Nicol.

P24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

P25. CHANGE OF USE FROM OPEN SPACE/LANDSCAPE AREA TO FORM VEHICULAR ACCESS AND PARKING AREA IN ASSOCIATION WITH COMMERCIAL GARAGE/TAXI BUSINESS INCLUDING DROPPED KERB AT LAND TO THE WEST OF 6 MILLER CRESCENT, LITTLE CARRIDEN, BO'NESS FOR MR AND MRS G MCBAIN – P/13/0163/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29 May 2013 (Paragraph P20 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 21 May 2013 by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the change of use from open space/landscaped area to form vehicular access and parking area at 6 Miller Crescent, Little Carriden, Bo'ness.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Planning Officer (J Seidel) outlined the nature of the application.

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

Mr Anderson, the applicant's agent, was heard in relation to the application.

Ms Hendry, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

Ms Niven, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

The objections included the following issues:-

- the proposed access would lead to a road safety hazard
- the increase in noise and the loss of privacy, views, peace and tranquillity in the area
- the appearance of the area would be unacceptably affected as mini buses could be seen from the main road
- the applicant is already using the site to park mini buses
- the possibility of an alternative access to the proposed site
- local residents had paid for a monument and plants on land adjacent to the application site to enhance the entrance to Bo'ness

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Councillor Ritchie, as local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

Members thereafter viewed the open space proposed to form the vehicular access.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advising that the matter would be determined by the Planning Committee on 25 June 2013.

P26. LANDSCAPE RESTORATION OF QUARRY VOID, COMPRISING PLANTING AND EARTHWORKS RESTORATION AND UPGRADING OF SOUTHERN SECTION OF SITE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE A803 AT COWDENHILL QUARRY, CONEYPARK CRESCENT, BANKNOCK, BONNYBRIDGE FK4 1TX FOR AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES UK LTD – P/12/0380/FUL

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29 May 2013 (Paragraph P17 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 21 May 2013 by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the landscape restoration of a quarry void, comprising planting and earthworks restoration and upgrading of the southern access road leading to the A803 at Cowdenill Quarry, Coneypark Crescent, Banknock.

Prior to the meeting, the Committee were provided with a supplementary report from B.R.A.C.E.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Planning Officer (K Brown) outlined the nature of the application.

Mr Jones, applicant's representative, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Penman, a supporter, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Henderson, on behalf of the Banknock, Haggs and Longcroft Community Council, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

Ms Murphy, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

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

Mrs O'Donnell, on behalf of the Banknock, Haggs and Longcroft Community Council, an objector was heard in relation to the application.

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

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

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

Ms Sherry, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

Ms Brewen, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

Ms Tierney, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

The objections included the following issues:-

- the previous poor working habits of the previous mining company
- the problems associated with dust/vibration and noise nuisance related to transport movement
- the proposed working hours and impact this has on people's lives
- the congestion to the local road network
- the increase in volume of vehicles through the village of Banknock
- the damage to roads caused by vehicle movement
- the visual impact
- the ecological impact
- the problems associated with water and drainage
- the security and safety of the site

Councillor Blackwood, as local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

Councillor Oliver, as local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

Councillor McCabe, 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 25 June 2013.

P27. CONSULTATION IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION 12/00729/FUL (NORTH LANARKSHIRE REFERENCE NUMBER) - EXTRACTION OF 350,000 TONNES PER ANNUM OF HARD ROCK OVER A 21 YEAR PERIOD AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE, EARTHWORKS AND ACCESS ROAD UPDGRADE AT TOMFYNE FARM, BANTON, NORTH LANARKSHIRE G65 0RJ FOR AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES UK LTD

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29 May 2013 (Paragraph P18 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 21 May 2013 by the Director of Development Services on a cross-boundary development between North Lanarkshire Council and Falkirk Council. The application to North Lanarkshire Council by Aggregate Industries Ltd is in respect of extraction of 350,000 tonnes per annum of hard rock over a 21 year period and associated landscape, earthworks and access road upgrade at Tomfyne Farm, Banton. North Lanarkshire Council have written to Falkirk Council seeking comments on the proposed development.

Mr Jones, applicant's representative, outlined the application.

Thereafter, members viewed the site of the proposed development.