

PLANNING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Planning Committee held in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 31 January 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Gail Casey, Karen Conaghan, Diane Docherty, Jim Finn, Marie McNair, John Mooney and Lawrence O'Neill.

Attending: Peter Hessem, Strategic Lead – Regulatory; Pamela Clifford, Planning & Building Standards Manager; Antony McGuinness, Team Leader – Forward Planning, Nigel Ettles, Section Head – Litigation and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jim Brown and Douglas McAllister.

Councillor Jim Finn in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 December 2017 were submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to a correction in the street name referred to in Planning Application (c) DC17/231, which should read 'Alisa Road' and not 'Ailsa Road'.

NOTE OF VISITATIONS

A Note of Visitations carried out on 18 December 2017, a copy of which forms Appendix 1 hereto, was submitted and noted.

OPEN FORUM

The Committee noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

PLANNING PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK 2016-17

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory informing of the recent comments received from the Scottish Government and the peer review regarding the Planning Performance Framework submitted by this Council for 2016-17.

After discussion and having heard the Planning & Building Standards Manager and Strategic Lead – Regulatory in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to continue this item in order that officers could consider the suggestion from Members that further information should be incorporated into the report, giving a fuller and more detailed explanation as to the reasons why the Local Development Plan had not been adopted by the Council.

PLANNING (SCOTLAND) BILL - CALL FOR EVIDENCE

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory seeking approval of the Council's response to the Scottish Government's Local Government and Communities Committee Call for Evidence in relation to the Planning (Scotland) Bill.

The Planning and Building Standards Manager advised that the Strategic Lead for Finance had asked that comments should be added to Question 12 that the savings identified in the Financial Memorandum are questionable and are likely to be absorbed by the other requirements of the Planning Bill resulting in no or minimal savings and certainly not on the level identified within the memorandum. Furthermore, any potential reduction in our financial settlement should be strongly resisted. After discussion and having heard the Planning & Building Standards Manager in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to approve the response to the Call for Evidence from the Local Government and Communities Committee as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, subject to an amendment reflecting the Committee's view that Strategic Development Plans should continue given the successful operation of the Plan for the Glasgow and Clyde Valley area and the comments on the financial settlement.

PLANNING APPEAL DECISION: ERECTION OF 2.5 STOREY DWELLINGHOUSE AND INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATED DRIVEWAY (WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH CONDITIONS 3 AND 9 OF PERMISSION DC14/096 REQUIRING LANDSCAPING WORKS AND THE UPGRADING OF ROAD TO ADOPTABLE STANDARD), AT LAND ADJACENT TO STIRLING ROAD, GLENPATH, DUMBARTON (DC17/205)

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory informing on the outcome of the above planning appeal.

The Committee agreed to note the outcome of the appeal.

The meeting closed at 10.39 a.m.

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NOTE OF VISITATIONS – 18 DECEMBER 2017

Present: Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillor John Mooney.

(The above lists all Councillors who attended at least one site visit).

Attending: Pamela Clifford, Planning & Building Standards Manager.

SITE VISITS

Site visits were undertaken in connection with the undernoted planning applications:-

(1) Queens Quay, Ailsa Road, Clydebank

DC17/231 – Erection of energy centre with associated flues, plant equipment, car parking, new access and relocation of substation including reconfiguration of road and associated works by Clydeside Regeneration Ltd. c/o Dawn Development.

(2) Dunira House, 18 Overtoun Road, Clydebank

DC17/242 – Erection of a 1.5 Storey Dwellinghouse by Mr M. Rafter.

(3) Cherry Tree Court, Hill Street, Alexandria

DC17/198 – Removal of Condition 8 of Planning Permission VL.3801-1, to remove age restriction on occupancy of flats by Volbis Limited.