

PLANNING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Planning Committee held in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 24 September 2014 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Provost Douglas McAllister and Councillors Denis Agnew, Gail Casey, Jim Finn, Jonathan McColl, John Mooney, Lawrence O'Neill and Tommy Rainey*.

*Arrived later in the meeting.

Attending: Jim McAloon, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development; Pamela Clifford, Planning & Building Standards Manager; Keith Bathgate, Team Leader (Development Management); Alan Williamson, Team Leader (Forward Planning); Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor and Nuala Quinn-Ross, Committee Officer, Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services.

Also attending: Chris Little, Forestry Commission Scotland.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Patrick McGlinchey and Hazel Sorrell.

Councillor Lawrence O'Neill 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 at this point in the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 August 2014 were submitted and approved as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-

- (1) the sederunt being amended to include an apology for absence from Councillor Finn; and
- (2) 'Chair's Remarks', first paragraph be amended to read:-

“The Chair, Councillor O'Neill advised that Scottish Ministers had allowed Renfrewshire Council to adopt their Local Development Plan, with Braehead included as a town centre, despite the recommendation from the Reporter that Braehead should not be given town centre status.”

KILPATRICK HILLS FOREST DESIGN PLAN 2014 - 2024

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration:-

- (1) advising of a draft Forest Design Plan prepared by the Forestry Commission Scotland for the Kilpatrick Hills; and
- (2) seeking approval of the Council's formal response to the consultation on the Draft Forest Design Plan, as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report.

The Team Leader (Forward Planning) was heard in further explanation of the report.

The Chair invited Chris Little from the Forestry Commission Scotland to give a presentation. Mr Little provided further details on the forest design plan for the future management of existing, and creation of new, woodland for the Kilpatrick Hills. Mr Little was heard in further explanation of the Forestry Commission Scotland proposals and in answer to Members' questions.

Having heard the Team Leader (Forward Planning) in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the Forestry Commission Scotland's proposals for the Kilpatrick Hills as set out in the draft Forest Design Plan; and
- (2) that Appendix 1 to the report be submitted to the Forestry Commission Scotland as this Council's response to the Draft Forest Design Plan.

Note:- Councillor Tommy Rainey arrived during discussion of the above item of business.

RENFREWSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration advising of the adoption of the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan including Braehead as a town centre.

Having heard the Team Leader (Forward Planning) in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that officers seek a meeting with the Scottish Government – Chief Planner and that Elected Members seek a meeting with the Minister for Local

Government and Planning, to discuss the adoption of the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan including Braehead as a town centre; and

- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting closed at 10.40 a.m.