

PLANNING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Planning Committee held in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 26 March 2014 at 10.03 a.m.

Present: Councillors Denis Agnew, Gail Casey, Jim Finn, Patrick McGlinchey, John Mooney*, Lawrence O'Neill, Tommy Rainey and Hazel Sorrell

*Arrived later in the meeting.

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

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost Douglas McAllister and Councillor Jonathan McColl.

Councillor 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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26 February 2014 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

IMPLEMENTATION OF HIGH HEDGES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2013

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration informing of the implications of the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013.

Having heard officers in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) that a proposed change to the scheme of delegation under which the Planning and Building Standards Manager would have delegated authority to consider and determine applications and exercise enforcement powers under the Act, is appropriate for referral to Council;

- (b) the fee for a high hedge application shall be £384 and shall be reviewed after 1 year; and
- (c) that the Planning and Building Standards Manager be authorised to prepare guidance notes and application forms for high hedges applications.

Note: Councillor John Mooney arrived while Councillor O'Neill was introducing the above item.

**RECEIPT OF AN APPEAL IN RELATION TO THE REFUSAL OF APPLICATION
TPO13/016 FOR THE FELLING OR POLLARDING OF TREES AT
37 OXHILL ROAD, DUMBARTON**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration advising of the submission of a Tree Works Consent appeal lodged with Scottish Ministers for application TPO13/016.

Having heard the Planning and Building Standards Manager in further explanation of the report, the Committee agreed to note the receipt of this appeal.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Having heard the Chair, Councillor O'Neill, the Committee agreed that the next ordinary meeting of the Committee, which is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 23 April 2014 be rescheduled to Wednesday, 30 April 2014, provided that the Council Leader and the Leader of the Opposition are in agreement with the rescheduling.

The meeting closed at 10.30 a.m.