

PLANNING COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Monday, 26 February 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Attending: Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment & Growth; Peter Hessett, Strategic Lead – Regulatory; Pamela Clifford, Planning & Building Standards Manager; Raymond Walsh, Interim Manager – Roads and Transportation; Antony McGuinness, Team Leader – Forward Planning; Erin Goldie, Team Leader – Development; Keith Bathgate, Lead Planner – Development Management and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Douglas McAllister and John Mooney.

Councillor Jim Finn in the Chair

ONE MINUTE SILENCE

After hearing Councillor Finn, the Committee was upstanding to observe a one minute silence in remembrance of Council Officer Stuart Gallie, who passed away suddenly at the weekend.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

PLANNING APPLICATION DC17/177: ERECTION OF BRIDGE OVER RIVER CLYDE, WITH NEW ACCESS ROAD, UPGRADING AND WIDENING OF DOCK STREET, JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS ON GLASGOW ROAD AND FORMATION OF NEW SHARED FOOTWAY/CYCLE WAY TO YOKER RAILWAY STATION, BY RENFREWSHIRE CITY DEAL TEAM

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory on the above application which has been referred to the Scottish Ministers for determination.

After discussion and having heard the Planning & Building Standards Manager and relevant officers in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Casey, moved:-

That notwithstanding concerns regarding the obscene haste of the Scottish Government Reporter in applying deadlines for the Council's response to the application, without regard to the requirements of having a full economic assessment and a full transport assessment, the Committee should not reject the proposal out of hand, as a bridge between Renfrew and Clydebank could bring huge benefits to Clydebank and West Dunbartonshire as a whole, and would also help towards the future regeneration of the Queens Quay site.

As an amendment, Bailie Agnew, seconded by Councillor Docherty, moved:-

That the Committee agree the recommendation in the report and to object to the proposal for the reasons set out in the report, and such further reasons as may arise from the completion of the review of the transportation assessment, which was reported to the Committee verbally.

At the request of Councillor O'Neill, the Committee agreed to proceed by way of a roll call vote.

On a vote being taken 6 Members, namely Bailie Agnew and Councillors Brown, Conaghan, Docherty, Finn and McNair voted for the amendment and 2 Members voted for the motion, namely Councillors Casey and O'Neill.

The meeting closed at 11.10 a.m.