

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE BARRHILL CENTRE, BANK AVENUE, CUMNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew Filson, Neil McGhee, William Crawford, Barney Menzies, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Moira Pirie.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Finlay and Hugh Melvin, Principal Planning Officers; Craig Young, Team Leader - Litigation; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jimmy Kelly, Jim Roberts, David Shaw and Kathy Morrice.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew Filson, Chair.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS****1. APPLICATION NO 09/0537/PP: SHIREBROOKE INVESTMENTS LIMITED: FACTORY SHOP, CRAIGENS ROAD, NETHERTHIRD, CUMNOCK**

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 17 November 2010 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development on an application for change of use of part of unused offices, workshops and toilets to coffee shop and change of use of unused factory space to new sales area at Factory Shop, Craigens Road, Netherthird, Cumnock.

On a point raised, Hugh Melvin, Principal Planning Officer, reported that there was an error in the report which should show that Cumnock Landward Community Council was consulted on the application and not Cumnock Community Council; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Economic Development: Approval, subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

The Committee took into account the specific facts and circumstances presented to it in relation to the application and determined that the economic benefit derived from the job creation proposed by the application; the fact that there was an existing business being run from the application site; and that the application proposed four smaller self-contained industrial units, were all material considerations that carried sufficient weight to justify and support departure from planning policy. The Committee also noted the proposed conditions attached to the approval ((1) and (2)) which related to the permission only being for the benefit of the applicant, and that permission was limited for a period of 10 years, provided some protection for the future use of the site in that if the company folded or was sold, the site could revert to industrial use. The Committee therefore agreed to approve the application subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

**2. APPLICATION NO 10/0680/LB: EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL: NEW BRIDGE, SORN**

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 16 November 2010 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development on a listed building application for repair of bridge at New Bridge, Sorn.

Fiona Finlay, Principal Planning Officer summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Economic Development: Approval of the listed building application subject to the condition and for the reason detailed in the report but that the issue of the Decision Notice be withheld until the application has been notified to, and formally cleared by Historic Scotland.

It was agreed to grant the application subject to the condition and for the reason detailed in the report and that the issue of the Decision Notice be withheld until the application had been notified to, and formally cleared by Historic Scotland.

The meeting terminated at 1040 hours.