

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 2010 AT 1000 HOURS
IN THE BARRHILL CENTRE, BANK AVENUE, CUMNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Jim Roberts, David Shaw, Kathy Morrice and Moira Pirie.

ATTENDING: Hugh Melvin, Principal Planning Officer; Melanie Barbour, Solicitor; and Lynn Young, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew Filson, William Crawford, Barney Menzies, Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie.

CHAIR: Councillor Kathy Morrice, Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

1. The Administrative Officer invited nominations for Chair and Councillor Kathy Morrice was unanimously appointed to, and took, the Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

2. The Chair advised that Agenda Item 2, Application No 09/0526/PP: Aardvark TMC Ltd: Skares Road Opencast Coal Site had been withdrawn from the Agenda; and at her discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business and consider Agenda Item 3, East Ayrshire Council: Greenbraes Drive, New Cumnock; and Agenda Item 4: East Ayrshire Council, Playingfields, Craigens Road, Netherthird, Cumnock, as the first two items on the Agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3. **APPLICATION NO 09/0786/PP: EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES): GREENBRAES DRIVE, NEW CUMNOCK**

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 12 January 2010 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development which presented for determination an application for planning permission for the demolition of 14 dwellinghouses which were now unoccupied and surplus to Council requirements at 1-7, 10-16, 53-59 and 85-87 Greenbraes Drive, New Cumnock.

The Principal Planning Officer advised that no letters of objection had been received; 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.

It was agreed to approve the application, subject to the conditions, and for the reasons detailed in the report.

4. **APPLICATION NO 09/0782/FL: EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES): PLAYINGFIELDS, CRAIGENS ROAD, NETHERTHIRD, CUMNOCK**

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 6 January 2010 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development which

presented for determination an application for planning permission for the erection of a replacement sports changing pavilion following the demolition of the existing pavilion at the Playingfields, Craigens Road, Netherthird, Cumnock.

The Principal Planning Officer advised that no letters of objection had been received; 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.

It was agreed to approve the application, subject to the conditions, and for the reasons detailed in the report.

5. APPLICATION NO 09/0371/FL: SCOTTISH COAL COMPANY LIMITED: HOUSE OF WATER OPENCAST COAL SITE, NEW CUMNOCK

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated January 2010 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development which presented for determination an application for planning permission for a limited extension to the existing House of Water surface mine to enable the extraction of an additional 560,000 tonnes of coal by surface mining methods over a three year period (two year coaling followed by one year restoration) from 45.8 hectares of rough grazing land (a mix of improved and unimproved grass lands) at Burnston Field, New Cumnock.

The Principal Planning Officer advised that no letters of objection had been received; 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 detailed in the report and that the issue of the Decision Notice be withheld until the Solicitor to the Council had satisfactorily concluded a formal agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 with the applicants in respect of the matters detailed in Paragraph 8.5 of the report.

It was agreed to approve the application subject to the conditions, and for the reasons detailed in the report; and that the issue of the Decision Notice be withheld until the Solicitor to the Council had satisfactorily concluded a formal agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 with the applicants in respect of the matters detailed in Paragraph 8.5 of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1015 hours.