

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - SITTING AS A PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2007 AT 1030
HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Maureen McKay, Jim O'Neill, Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Ray Murray, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith and Elaine Dinwoodie.

ATTENDING: Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Economic Development; Craig Young, Solicitor; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors John McGhee, Stephanie Young, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Jimmy Kelly and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

**1. APPLICATION NO 07/0073/LA: CHANGE OF USE OF VACANT FORMER
COMMUNITY CENTRE TO FORM YOUTH STRATEGY BASE AT FORMER
ALTONHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE, ALTONHILL AVENUE, KILMARNOCK BY
EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

There was submitted an executive summary and report dated 30 March 2007 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development on a Local Authority application for the change of use of vacant former Community Centre to form Youth Strategy Base at Former Altonhill Community Centre, Altonhill Avenue, Kilmarnock.

The Head of Planning and Economic Development reported that one letter of objection had been received in respect of this application, details of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation: Approval, subject to (i) that the Notice of Intention to Develop be submitted to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the Development by Planning Authority Regulations 1981-1984.

It was confirmed that the objector was not present nor represented and that there was no requirement to hold a Hearing.

Councillor McKay, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved that the application be approved in accordance with the recommendations of the Head of Planning and Economic Development.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Reid, moved as an amendment that the application be refused as the proposal would have an adverse impact on the community.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 10 votes to 2.

2. DECISION OF THE SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 MARCH 2007 RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATION NO 06/1141/FL: PROPOSED ERECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES AND RENOVATION OF EXISTING FACTORY UNITS AT NEWTON TERRACE, CATRINE BY DTR HOLDINGS (Item 7, Page 2809, 03/07)

There was submitted a report dated 29 March 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which informed the Committee of the decision of the Southern Local Planning Committee held on 23 March 2007 which related to the above planning application, together with an executive summary sheet and report dated 23 March 2007 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development on a full planning application for mixed use, erection of dwellinghouses and renovation of existing factory units at Newton Terrace, Catrine.

The Head of Planning and Economic Development reported that no letters of objection had been received; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation: Refusal, for the reasons detailed within the report.

It was agreed to approve the application on the grounds that the proposed development would not unduly compromise opportunities for industrial development in the area, would significantly enhance the general amenity of the location and result in the renovation and bringing back into use of three existing industrial units which were currently derelict; and, therefore, that the proposed development would represent an acceptable departure from the Development Plan and subject to the condition that prior to development of the last dwelling, the three industrial units shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Head of Planning and Economic Development. REASON: To ensure that the development is achieved according to the intended development for the area; and that the Head of Planning and Economic Development attach appropriate conditions and reasons to the Decision Notice.

3. DECISION OF THE SPECIAL SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 APRIL 2007 RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATION NO 06/0517/OL: PROPOSED ERECTION OF FAMILY DWELLING ON FORMER SMALL HOLDING SITE AT VACANT LAND ADJACENT TO GLAISNOCK MOOR, CUMNOCK BY MR K SIMMONDS (Item 1, Page 2858, 03/07)

There was submitted a report dated 13 April 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which informed the Committee of the decision of the Special Southern Local Planning Committee held on 13 April 2007 regarding the above planning application and executive summary sheet and report dated 3 April 2007 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning and Economic Development on an outline planning permission for the proposed erection of a family dwelling on former small holding site at vacant land adjacent to Glaisnock Moor, Cumnock.

The Head of Planning and Economic Development reported that no letters of objection had been received; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation: Refusal, for the reasons detailed within the report.

Councillor McKay, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, moved that the application be refused in accordance with the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Economic Development.

Councillor Dinwoodie, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved as an amendment that the application be approved on the grounds that the proposed development would represent an acceptable departure from the Development Plan, in view of the former use of the proposed development site which had previously been occupied by a small holding including a residential dwellinghouse and, therefore, represented a brownfield site which was not being used for agricultural purposes; and to remit to the Head of Planning and Economic Development to attach appropriate conditions and reasons to the Decision Notice.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 8 votes to 3.

The meeting terminated at 1050 hours.