

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER 2005 AT 1002 HOURS IN RANKINSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, LITTMILL PLACE, RANKINSTON**

PRESENT: Councillors Neil McGhee, William Menzies, William Crawford, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: Hugh Melvin, Principal Planning Officer; Craig Young, Solicitor; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie.

CHAIR: Councillor Neil McGhee, Chair.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**1. APPLICATION NO 05/0583/FL: KIER CONSTRUCTION LIMITED: GREENBURN OPENCAST COAL SITE, NEW CUMNOCK**

The Chair reported, and it was noted, that Application No 05/0583/FL: Kier Construction Limited: Greenburn Opencast Coal Site, New Cumnock, had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

HEARING PROCEDURE

2. The Administrative Officer established that the Hearing Procedure was understood by all participants.

3. APPLICATION NO 05/0851/FL: GEORGE WIMPEY WEST SCOTLAND LIMITED: HOLMHEAD ROAD, CUMNOCK

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 26 September 2005 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards on a full planning application for the proposed erection of 34 detached dwellinghouses and associated works at Holmhead Road, Cumnock.

3.1 Consideration of Item

The Principal Planning Officer reported that, in addition to an objection from Scottish Water, seven letters of objection with 10 signatories had been received, details of all of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation of the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards: Approval, subject to the conditions, and for the reasons, detailed in the report.

3.2 Planning Hearing

The Committee heard Mr Derek McMurdo, objector, in support of his objection. The Committee agreed to accede to a request by Mr McMurdo to submit two photographs in support of his objection, for perusal by the Members, and these were duly circulated.

The Committee then heard Mr Neil Parry, representing the applicant, in support of the application. Members asked questions of the applicant's representative, who responded to the issues raised, all in accordance with the Hearing Procedure.

The Chair closed the Hearing.

3.3 Determination of Application

It was agreed to approve the application with the conditions, and for the reasons, detailed in the report, subject to amendment to Condition 15 to ensure that adequate screening is provided between the proposed development and the property at 55 Holmhead Road, Cumnock, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, the landscaping details to be the subject of prior consultation with the resident of 55 Holmhead Road.

4. APPLICATION NO 05/0364/OL: MR DAVID BONE: LAND AT AUCHENCLOIGH FARM, AUCHENCLOIGH, GALSTON

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 28 September 2005 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards on an outline planning application for five proposed low impact lowland crofting units within 20.1 hectares, provision of servicing, and associated woodland and habitat improvement at Auchencloigh Farm, Auchencloigh, by Galston.

The Principal Planning Officer reported that two letters of objection with three signatories, had been received, details of all of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation of the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards: Approval, subject to the conditions, and for the reasons, detailed in the report; but 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 Act 1997 with the applicant, in respect of the matters detailed in Section 8.4 of the report.

No Hearing took place as the objectors were neither present nor represented.

It was agreed to approve the application, subject to the conditions, and for the reasons, detailed in the report; but 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 Act 1997 with the applicant, in respect of the matters detailed in Section 8.4 of the report.

5. APPLICATION NO 05/0876/OL: MR ANDREW McLEAN: LAND AT MUIRKIRK ROAD, LUGAR

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 25 September 2005 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards on an outline planning application for the proposed change of use of vacant ground to a contractor's yard and the erection of a dwellinghouse on land at Muirkirk Road, Lugar.

The Principal Planning Officer reported that one objection, from Lugar and Logan Community Council, had been received, details of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and

gave the recommendation of the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards: Refusal, for the reasons detailed in the report.

No Hearing took place as the objector was neither present nor represented.

It was agreed that this application be referred to the Development Services Committee with a recommendation for approval on the basis that the proposed development would represent an acceptable departure from the Development Plan (i) in view of the previous uses of the proposed development site, as detailed in Paragraph 6.7 of the report by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards; and (ii) the Committee being of the view that the proposed development would not be unduly detrimental to the visual amenity of the rural area and the prominent situation within which it is located.

6. APPLICATION NO 05/0169/FL: MR WILLIAMSON: LAND AT NEWFIELD, CUMNOCK

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 27 September 2005 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards on a full planning application for the proposed erection of a farmhouse at Newfield, Cumnock.

The Principal Planning Officer reported that one objection had been received, details of which were contained within the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation of the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards: Refusal, for the reasons detailed in the report.

No Hearing took place as the objector was neither present nor represented.

It was agreed to refuse the application for the reasons detailed in the report.

The meeting terminated at 1037 hours.