

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2006 AT 1400
HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Jim O'Neill, John McGhee, Isabella Macrae, John Campbell, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Elaine Dinwoodie and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Alan Neish, Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards; Hugh Melvin, Principal Planning Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Maureen McKay, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Douglas Reid, Drew McIntyre, Iain Linton, Ray Murray and Eric Jackson.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair, at his discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business to that shown below.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

2. **PROPOSED ERECTION OF 95 WIND TURBINES AND ASSOCIATED WORKS COMPRISING PERMANENT MONITORING MASTS, BORROW PITS, TEMPORARY SITE COMPOUNDS, CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT, ELECTRICAL SUB-STATIONS, FORMATION OF INTERNAL ACCESS ROADS AND NEW SITE ACCESS, UPGRADING OF EXISTING ROADS AND CONSTRUCTION OF CONTROL BUILDING AT KYLE FOREST, NEAR DALMELLINGTON BY AMEC PROJECT INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

Having heard the Head of Administrative and Legal Services recommend that consideration of the application be continued to enable the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards to fully respond to additional matters raised by the applicant, as contained in a letter received on 8 February 2006, Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Campbell, moved that the item be considered at this meeting.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved as an amendment consideration of the application be continued to the Development Services Committee - Sitting as a Planning Committee on 8 March 2006 or such later date as may be necessary to enable the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards to fully respond to additional matters raised by the applicant as contained in a letter received on 8 February 2006.

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

3. HEARING PROCEDURE

The Administrative Officer established that the Hearing Procedure was understood by all participants (circulated).

4. DECISION OF THE SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2006 RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATION NO 05/1022/OL: PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUNGALOW AT GLENMUIR ROAD, LOGAN BY MR D PRENDERGAST (Item 3, Page 1934, 03/07)

There was submitted a report dated 31 January 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which informed of the decision of the Southern Local Planning Committee held on 27 January 2006 on the above planning application and executive summary sheet and report dated 18 November 2005 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards which presented for determination an application for outline planning permission for the erection of a single bungalow on the site, fronting on to Glenmuir Road.

4.1 Consideration of Item

The Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards reported that four letters of objection with six signatories 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.

4.2 Planning Hearing

The Committee then heard Angela McCann, Christine Paterson, John McGinley and Jean McMurdo, in support of their objections. Members of the Committee asked questions of the objectors, all in accordance with the agreed Hearing Procedure.

The Committee then heard Robert Esquierdo, representing the applicant, in support of the application.

The Chair closed the Hearing.

4.3 Determination of Application

Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Carmichael, moved that the application be approved, as in their view the proposed development was a minor encroachment on the settlement boundary, and the proposal could be considered an acceptable departure from the Development Plan, and to delegate to the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards to attach appropriate conditions to the planning consent.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor J McGhee, moved as an amendment that the application be refused for the reasons as detailed in the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 9 votes to 3.

5. DECISION OF THE SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2006 RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATION NO 05/1192/FL: PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE FROM INDUSTRIAL UNIT TO RECREATIONAL FACILITY FOR PUBLIC USE AT UNIT 3, THISTLE BUSINESS PARK, AYR ROAD, CUMNOCK BY 'OOT SIDE IN' (Item 6, Page 1936, 03/07)

There was submitted a report dated 31 January 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which informed of the decision of the Southern Local Planning Committee held on 27 January 2006 on the above planning application and executive summary sheet and report dated 11 January 2006 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards which presented for determination a full planning application for change of use of existing industrial unit to use as a recreational facility for public use.

The Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards reported that one letter of 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 within the report.

The objector was neither present nor represented at the Southern Local Planning Committee meeting and, therefore, there was no requirement for a Hearing at this meeting.

It was agreed that the application be approved as it was the Committee's view that the proposal represented a much needed youth recreational facility for the area which was in accordance with the Community Plan, would make use of an otherwise vacant industrial unit, and was considered to be an acceptable departure from the Development Plan, and to delegate to the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards for appropriate conditions to be attached to the planning consent.

The meeting terminated at 1448 hours.