

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2004 AT 1000 HRS
IN THE MORTON HALL, MAIN STREET, NEWMILNS**

PRESENT: Councillors Stuart Finlayson, Jim O'Neill, John McGhee, Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson and Robert McDill.

ATTENDING: David Mitchell, Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support; Ian Walker, Acting Principal Planning Officer; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Maureen McKay (Chair), Stephanie Young and Jim Raymond.

CHAIR: Councillor Stuart Finlayson, Vice-Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair agreed in terms of Standing Order 19 to alter the order of business on the Agenda to that as detailed hereafter.

HEARING PROCEDURE

2. The Administrative Officer established that the Hearing procedure was understood by all participants.
3. **APPLICATION NO 04/0546/FL: LORD AND LADY ROWALLAN: MEIKLE MOSSIDE FARM, FENWICK**

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 26 August 2004 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards on a full planning application for proposed redevelopment and extension of existing facility to include new arena, gymnasium and pool, lecture area, bar, restaurant, café, lounge, function suite, retail area, hostel, managers' houses, external activity areas, car parking, fishing ponds, stabling, horse box parking, outdoor arenas, lodge and judges' box at Meikle Mosside Farm, Fenwick.

3.1 Consideration of Item

The Acting Principal Planning Officer reported that two letters of objection had been received, details of which were contained within the report; reported the terms of the response now received from the Architectural Heritage Society; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application and gave the recommendation of the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards, viz:- Approval subject to the appropriate referral of the application to the Scottish Ministers under the Notification of Applications Direction 1997 and subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report, whilst noting that under the referral procedures, the Scottish Ministers have the power to call in the application if they consider the matter to be of sufficient concern in respect of its impact on heritage resources.

3.2 Planning Hearing

The Committee then heard Robert Evans and Niall Campbell, the objector Duffield Morgan's representatives in support of their objection.

The Committee then heard Lady Rowallan, the applicant, in support of the application. Members of the Committee asked questions of the applicant in accordance with the Hearing procedure.

The Chair closed the Hearing.

3.3 Determination of Application

The Acting Principal Planning Officer responded to various planning issues raised during the Hearing and then reported the terms of further information received from SEPA and a proposed amendment thereon to Condition 10 to include the swimming pool and gymnasium facility, in addition to the building housing the overnight accommodation already included within Condition 10.

At this stage and following advice from the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support, the Chair agreed to allow both the objector and the applicant to comment on this new information which had emerged and Members of the Committee were then able to ask questions of both parties on the points made.

Thereafter, Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor McDill, moved that the application be refused on the grounds of the detrimental visual impact of the development on the environment, this view informed in part by the information provided by Historic Scotland in their objection.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Finlayson, moved as an amendment that the application be approved subject to the appropriate referral of the application to the Scottish Ministers and subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report; subject also to the amended condition (10) as reported by the Acting Principal Planning Officer, and the following amendments to Conditions (1) and (3), viz:- (1) "the said scheme shall include the provision of areas of structural tree planting of mixed species evergreens to the northern, western and southern boundaries of the application site and be designed specifically to provide screening of the main arena facility from outwith the site"; Reason - as detailed in the report; and (3) "The said scheme shall provide for the formation of grey tonal finish or cladding to the upper levels of the main arena complex in order to blend with the surrounding countryside so far as this was feasible"; Reason - as detailed in the report.

On a division by a show of hands the amendment was carried by four votes to two.

4. APPLICATION NO 04/0393/FL: NTL: BORLAND BANK COTTAGE, GLASGOW ROAD, KILMARNOCK

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 24 August 2004 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards on a full planning application for the proposed installation of two dipole antennae at 6.8 to 9.4m, two 0.6m dishes at 15.8m and one cabin at NTL Transmitting Station, Borland Bank Cottage, Glasgow Road, Kilmarnock.

The Acting Principal Planning Officer 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, viz:- Approval subject to the condition and for the reason detailed in the report.

No Hearing took place as the objector was not present or represented.

It was agreed to grant the application subject to the condition and for the reason detailed in the report.

The meeting terminated at 1058 hrs.