

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 1400
HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Maureen McKay, John McGhee, Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Ray Murray, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, George Smith, Tommy Farrell, Elaine Dinwoodie and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: Alan Neish, Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards; Peter Hessett, Team Leader, Legal Services; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jim O'Neill, Stephanie Young, Isabella Macrae, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Eric Jackson and Jimmy Kelly.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

HEARING PROCEDURE

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

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

2. **APPLICATION NO 06/0547/LA: ERECTION OF LOCAL OFFICE AT THE EXISTING GAP SITE, AVENUE STREET, STEWARTON BY THE HEAD OF LEISURE SERVICES, NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

There was submitted an executive summary sheet and report dated 11 September 2006 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards on a planning application under the Notice of Intention to Develop procedures for the erection of local office at existing gap site, Avenue Street, Stewarton.

2.1 Consideration of Item

The Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards reported that 8 letters 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, viz:- Approval, subject to the conditions, and for the reasons as detailed in the report; and subject to notification of the application to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the Development by Planning Authority Regulations 1981-1984.

2.2 Planning Hearing

The Committee heard Karla Graham in support of her objections and on behalf of Kildonan Graham and George and Maureen Rodgers, objectors and Ian McIlwraith representing Finlay Ross Properties Limited in support of their objection.

Members of the Committee asked questions of the objectors, all in accordance with the agreed Hearing Procedure.

The Committee then heard John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services and Iain Barker, Principal Architect, representing the applicant, in support of the application.

Members of the Committee asked questions of the applicant all in accordance with the agreed Hearing Procedure.

The Chair closed the Hearing.

Councillor Dinwoodie left the meeting during the above Hearing.

2.3 Determination of Application

It was agreed to approve the application, subject to the conditions, and for the reasons, as detailed in the report; subject to an additional condition 6 that prior to the commencement of the development, details shall be provided to and approved by the Planning Authority clarifying the treatment of the junction of Avenue Street and Brown Street, Stewarton, to dissuade indiscriminate off-street parking; REASON: In the interest of residential amenity; and subject to Notification of the Application to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the Development by Planning Authority Regulations 1981-1984.

3. DECISION OF THE SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2006 RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATION NO 05/0959/OL: PROPOSED ERECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSE ON LAND ADJACENT TO 31 CARSPHAIN ROAD, DALMELLINGTON BY MR DEREK TWEEDIE (Item 3, Page 2389, 03/07)

There was submitted a report dated 12 September 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 8 September 2006 relating to the above planning application and executive summary sheet and report dated 30 August 2006 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards.

The Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards reported that one letter of objection was received in respect of this application, however, the objector was neither present nor represented at the meeting of the Southern Local Planning Committee held on 8 September 2006 and, therefore, there was no requirement for a Hearing; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation, viz:-: Refusal, for the reasons as detailed in the report.

It was agreed to approve the application on the grounds that the proposed development would represent an acceptable departure from the Development Plan since it would constitute only a minor encroachment beyond the settlement boundary into the countryside, and in view of the contribution which the proposed development would make to the sustainability of the local community. It was also agreed to remit authority to the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards to attach appropriate conditions to the consent.

4. DECISION OF THE SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2006 RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATION NO 06/0522/OL: PROPOSED ERECTION OF ONE DWELLINGHOUSE AND DOUBLE GARAGE ON LAND AT KNOCKSHINNOCH, KNOCKSHINNOCH ROAD, NEW CUMNOCK BY MR AND MRS PETER WARK (Item 4, Page 2390, 03/07)

There was submitted a report dated 12 September 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 8 September 2006 regarding the above planning application and executive summary sheet and report dated 30 August 2006 (both circulated) by the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards.

The Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards reported that no objections had been submitted in respect of the application and that there was no requirement for a Hearing; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application; and gave the recommendation, viz:- Refusal, for the reasons as detailed in the report.

Councillor Carmichael, seconded by Councillor Farrell, moved that the application be approved in view of the planning history of the site which had previously been identified as a potential residential site for travelling people in view of the previous use of this brownfield site for industrial purposes; and to remit authority to the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards to attach appropriate conditions to the consent.

Councillor J McGhee, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, 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 7 votes to 5.

The meeting terminated at 1514 hours.