

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 8 MAY 1998 AT 1030 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon Cree, Irene Reeves, John Knapp and Daniel Coffey.

ATTENDING: Jim Worley, Principal Planning Officer; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Colin McKee, Planning Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Jane Darnbrough and Alan Campbell.

CHAIR: Councillor Gordon Cree, Chair.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**1.1 PROCEDURE**

The Administrative Officer advised of the procedure for Hearings at Local Planning Committees.

1.2 APPLICATION NO 98/0105/FL: MRS MARY WILLIAMS (Item 1.9, Page 3321)

There was re-submitted a report dated 30 April 1998 (circulated) by the Head of Planning and Building Control on a full planning application for a proposed extension to main buildings and conversion of outbuildings to form new residential areas at Graceland Nursing Home, 82 Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock.

It was noted that Members of the Committee had attended a site visit prior to the meeting.

The Principal Planning Officer reported that 4 letters of objection had been received, details of which were contained in the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application and gave the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Building Control: Approval, subject to the following conditions, viz:- (1) The development to which this permission relates must be begun within five years from the date of this permission; (2) The proposed development shall be carried out in accordance with the application form and plans submitted on 23 February 1998 as revised by the various plans received by the Planning Authority on 19 and 30 March 1998; (3) Notwithstanding the plans hereby approved the pitched roofs within the proposed development shall be covered in natural slates; (4) Notwithstanding the plans hereby approved, the external surface of the walls shall be smooth rendered in a colour to match the colour of the existing building to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority; (5) Notwithstanding the approved plans, the developer shall use rooflights not projecting beyond the plane of the roof details of which shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development; (6) Prior to the first use of the relocated laundry, the noise attenuating duct shall be erected and operational; and (7) Notwithstanding the approved plans, the use of UPVC windows and doors on those openings fronting onto the rear lane at 82 Dundonald Road, are not hereby approved, these doors and

windows shall be of timber construction; Condition (1) being imposed to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; Condition (2) to ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved details; Conditions (3), (5) and (7) in the interests of visual amenity and to ensure the development preserves the character of the Conservation Area; Condition (4) in the interests of visual amenity; and Condition (6) to ensure the noise from the laundry does not adversely affect the residential amenity of the neighbouring properties.

The Committee then heard Mr Kirkland in support of his objection and Mr Williams, applicant, in support of the application. Members asked questions of the objector and the applicant. The applicant and the objector responded to the issues raised, all in accordance with the Hearing procedure.

Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Knapp, moved that the application be refused on the grounds that the application would have a detrimental impact on the amenity and character of the Conservation Area.

Councillor Cree, seconded by Councillor Reeves, moved as an amendment, that the application be granted subject to the conditions and for the reasons detailed.

On a division by a show of hands, there were 2 votes for the amendment and 2 votes for the motion. There being an equality of votes, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment.

1.3 APPLICATION NO 98/0065/FL: MERCURY PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS (Item 1.2, Page 3318)

There was submitted a report dated 15 April 1998 (circulated) by the Head of Planning and Building Control on the proposed installation of a 22.5m telecommunications tower supporting six sector antenna and four microwave dishes and associated cabin and access to site from Glasgow Road at Boreland Bank Cottage, Glasgow Road, Kilmarnock.

It was noted that Members of the Committee had attended a site visit prior to the meeting.

The Principal Planning Officer reported that one letter of objection had been received, details of which were contained in the report; summarised the planning considerations in respect of the application and gave the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Building Control: Refusal for the following reason, viz:- that the proposed development would constitute an unduly prominent and conspicuous feature by virtue of its height and its location in an area with only a limited number of other tall and prominent structures, its location in close proximity to predominantly residential surroundings and its being adjacent to a busy road which acts as an arterial route into Kilmarnock.

The Committee then heard Mr R Walkinshaw representing Rowallan Creamery in support of their objection and Mr R Tracey, representing the applicant in support of the application. Members asked questions of the objector and the applicant. The applicant and the representative of the objector responded to the issues raised, all in accordance with the Hearing procedure.

It was agreed to refuse the application for the reason detailed.

The meeting terminated at 1100 hours.