

MINUTES

‘A’ & ‘B’

Planning Committee

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick

Tuesday 6 March 2012 at 10.00am

Present:

F A Robertson	J Budge
W H Manson	C H J Miller
G Robinson	C L Smith

Apologies:

L F Baisley	D A Sandison
J G Simpson	

In Attendance (Officers):

S Cooper, Executive Manager - Waste and Energy
I McDiarmid, Executive Manager - Planning
J Holden, Team Leader - Development Management
F Bell, Solicitor
C Gair, Traffic Engineer
J Wiseman, Planning Officer
L Adamson, Committee Officer

Chair

Mr F Robertson, Chair of the Planning Committee, presided.

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

The Chair advised that since the last Planning Committee, 24 Planning Applications had been approved under delegated authority, 26 Building Warrants had been completed and 15 Completion Certificates issued.

Declarations of Interest

None.

09/12 Minutes

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2012, on the motion of Mrs Miller, seconded by Mr Budge.

10/12 2011/206/PPF – To extend cemetery, improve access and provide additional parking; Voe Cemetery by Shetland Islands Council, Environment and Building Services

The Committee considered a report by the Planning Officer [RECORD Appendix 1 (PL-08-12-F)].

The Planning Officer advised that the application had been presented to the January meeting of the Planning Committee, where Members agreed that the application be deferred pending investigations of other suitable sites for the burial ground.

The Planning Officer reminded Members that the application had been presented to Committee as the Delting Community Council had objected to the proposals, and two letters of objection including a 34-signature petition had been received.

The Planning Officer advised that the Council's Environment and Transport Service have confirmed that an alternative site has been put forward from a member of the community, however work still has to be undertaken to assess whether the site would be suitable. No further application has been submitted to the Planning Service for consideration. The Committee is asked to decide whether the original application is put on hold pending assessment of the alternative site, or to make a decision on the original application.

The Chair advised that in accordance with the procedures for hearings, the objectors and the applicant are given the opportunity to address the Committee.

(There was no representative of the objectors at the meeting).

Mr S Cooper, SIC Executive Manager - Waste and Energy, reported that following the decision to defer the application at the Committee in January, a representation has been received from the community with proposals for an alternative site for the cemetery. An assessment of the practicalities and cost of developing the site has yet to be undertaken, however the intention would be to report details of the alternative site and comparisons with the original proposals to the Environment and Transport Committee. He said that the Planning Committee can either agree that the decision on the original proposals are put on hold until the information is available on the alternative site, or refer back to the original proposals.

In response to a question, the Executive Manager – Planning said that he acknowledged that there could be some confusion with the Council's involvement in this application as both Planning Authority and developer of the proposed cemetery, however the Committee is to make any decision on the planning merits of the application.

Mr Manson moved that the Committee agree to the applicant's request that the application be put on hold. He said he understood the logic to develop the new cemetery next to the existing cemetery, however it would not be an easy or cheap site to develop, and the lay-down area would be a steep slope into a drain, which were good reasons why the alternative site should be assessed. Mrs Miller seconded.

Mr Robinson said that to assist the process, he moved that the original application be approved, which would still leave options open to explore alternative sites.

This did not receive a seconder.

The Chair summarised the decision of the Committee, that the original application be put on hold to allow for a full investigation of the alternative site for the cemetery, to accommodate requirements for 50 years and with suitable parking.

11/12 **Applications for Planning Permission for Local Developments where Determination cannot be taken by Appointed Person under Approved Scheme of Delegation:**

The Committee considered a report by the Planning Officer [RECORD Appendix 2].

2011/367/PPF - Erect hotel with 100 bedrooms, restaurant, bar, meeting rooms, fitness room and associated car parking; Land to east of B9076 and immediately north of Moorfield Ring Road, Brae by BDL Management Ltd

In introducing the report, the Team Leader – Development Management advised that the necessary consultations and procedures had been carried out, the application had received no representations, and with the controlling conditions the application was recommended for approval.

The Committee approved the application on the motion of Mrs Miller, seconded by Mr Robinson.

2011/370/PPF - To form bus turning area, Sullom Voe Terminal, Callackness, Mossbank by Total E&P UK Ltd.

The Committee approved the application on the motion of Mrs Miller, seconded by Mr Robinson.

2011/386/PPF - To construct building for boarding kennels and associated car parking and access; Brunthamarsland, Girsta by Mr Andrew J Hughson.

The Committee approved the application on the motion of Mrs Miller, seconded by Mr Robinson.

2012/013/PPF - To site 2 containers to be used as a bait freezer and store; North Collafirth Pier, Collafirth by Karl Dalziel.

The Committee approved the application on the motion of Mrs Miller, seconded by Mr Robinson.

2012/030/PPF - Erect garage, 7 Braefield, Lerwick by Mairi Burgess.

The Committee approved the application on the motion of Mrs Miller, seconded by Mr Robinson.

The Chair said that as this was the last meeting of the Planning Committee before the Council elections, unless there was any need for a special meeting to be called, he thanked Members and officers for their support. On behalf of the Committee, Mrs Miller thanked Mr Robertson for his leadership and assistance over the 5 years.

The meeting concluded at 10.20am.

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Chair