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Planning Committee
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick
Tuesday 18 December 2012 at 10am

Present:

F Robertson	A Manson
M Bell	P Campbell
S Coutts	B Fox
D Ratter	G Robinson
D Sandison	

Apologies:

None

In Attendance (Officers):

I McDiarmid, Executive Manager – Planning
M Taylor, 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 Executive Manager – Planning reported that since the last Planning Committee on 20 November, 28 Planning Applications had been determined under delegated authority and 29 Building Warrants had been completed.

The Executive Manager – Planning advised that the Planning Service was continuing to perform well in relation to processing applications, however he anticipated that the recruitment and training requirements to address the current staffing issues within Business Support would impact on the performance figures during the next 6 month period.

In referring to the recent approval of a particular application, a request was made for improved reporting to the public on delegated decisions. During the discussion, assurance was given that details of all planning applications are published on the Council's website, and reported through the local radio and in the local press. A system is also in place, whereby upon request, any interested party can receive updates on the progress of any application.

Declarations of Interest

None

32/12 **Minutes**

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2012 on the motion of Mr Campbell, seconded by Mr Robertson.

33/12 **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 Team Leader – Development Management [RECORD Appendix 1].

- **2012/081/PPF - Site steel container for agricultural purposes, Hill Park, Trondra by Mrs Thelma Pottinger.**

The Planning Officer explained that whilst agricultural uses benefit from extensive permitted development rights, in order to qualify for permitted development, buildings or structures must be purpose built for agriculture. In this case a transport container is being used. In order to qualify for a Prior Notification then developments must be notified in advance of being undertaken. In this instance a steel container is already on site.

The Chair further expanded on some of the agricultural permitted development allowances available.

Mr Robinson moved that the Committee approve the application. Mr Campbell seconded.

- **2012/368/PPF - Erection of bus stop and shelter ancillary to park and ride service between Sella Ness Industrial Estate and Sullom Voe Terminal, Sullom Voe Terminal, Mossbank, Shetland, ZE2 9TU by Total E&P UK Ltd.**

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

34/12 **Application for Listed Building Consent where determination cannot be taken by Appointed Person under Approved Scheme of Delegations:**

The Committee considered a report by the Team Leader – Development Management [RECORD Appendix 2].

- **2007/290/LBC - Install air conditioning units at high level at rear of building, Clydesdale Bank, 106 Commercial Street, Lerwick, ZE1 0EX by National Australia Group.**

The Executive Manager - Planning summarised the background to the application, which dated from 2007. He advised that work was being carried out to review and remove historical applications from the planning system, and in order to remove this application from the system a decision of the Committee was required to refuse the application.

Mr Ratter moved that the Committee refuse the application. Mr Sandison seconded.

In reporting from a recent meeting, Mr Robinson advised that Derek Mackay, Minister for Local Government and Planning, had conceded a 20% increase in planning fees to start from next year. Mr Mackay had also reported that a short-term working group would be set up with representation from Local Authorities and Government to discuss full cost recovery and planning fees, and that funding has been earmarked for Local Authorities dealing with renewable proposals. Mr Robinson went on to say that e-planning is being acclaimed as a great success throughout Scotland, with Shetland held up as an example of a Local Authority where significant progress has been made.

The Chair thanked Mr Robinson for the update.

The meeting concluded at 10.15am.

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Chair