

THE FIFE COUNCIL - CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE - DUNFERMLINE.

22nd October, 2007

9.30 a.m. - 10.50 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Joe Rosiejak (Chair), Jim Burke, Brian Goodall, Bill McCulloch, David Mogg, Lizz Mogg, Mike Rumney, Willie Sullivan and Dave Walker.

ATTENDING: Graeme McRoberts, Head of Local Services (Lead Officer, City of Dunfermline Area Committee); Iain Whitelaw, Senior Manager, Cultural Services, Community Services; Stuart Knowles, Senior Manager, and Ian Jones, Lead Officer, Asset Management (West), both Transportation Services; David Robertson, Team Manager (Investment & Development), Local Community & Housing Services; Stuart Wilson, Interim Team Leader, Development Services; Mary McLean, Solicitor, David Henderson, Team Leader (Democratic Services) and Thomas Garrett, Committee Administrator, all Law & Administration Service.

APOLOGIES

FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Tony Martin and Jackie McKenna.

Prior to the start of the business, the Chair congratulated Councillor Walker on the birth of his third child, Luke.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that, while Councillors Lizz Mogg and Rosiejak were nominated representatives of Fife Council for Carnegie Dunfermline Trust, and Councillor McCulloch was a nominated representative of Fife Council for Colton Opencast Trust, this would not preclude them from participating in consideration of the items detailed at paragraphs 32 and 33 below.

31. MINUTE

The Committee received the minute of the meeting of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee held on 24th September, 2007. In response to an expression of concern by Councillor Sullivan over the state of the surface of the road at Sinclair Gardens, Dunfermline, Ian Jones undertook to meet with Councillor Sullivan to discuss this matter.

Decision

The Committee approved the Minute, subject to the deletion of the words "(or their nominees)" following the words "local members" at paragraph 23 (Remembrance Sunday - Laying of Wreaths), and the inclusion of the sentence "Members were supportive of the principle of a contribution being sought towards local education facilities" at the end of the third paragraph for item para.28 (Development Management), and the inclusion of the words "and confirmed support for the principle of a contribution being sought towards local education facilities" under the first paragraph of the Decision for that item.

32. FUTURE OF THE TIFFANY WINDOW

Previous Minute Reference - paragraph 26 of 2007.C.D.A.C. 10

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Community Services on further investigation of the Tiffany Window and its future.

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In response to a suggestion by Councillor David Mogg that sources of funding necessary to replicate the window in the new Dunfermline Museum, when constructed, be investigated, the Chair and Councillor Lizz Mogg agreed to take this matter up with the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust.

Decision

The Committee:-

(a) noted:-

- (1) the background and history associated with the Tiffany Window;
- (2) that the Tiffany Window appeared to be owned by the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust;
- (3) the positive role which the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust had played in meeting the costs of the restoration of the Tiffany Window; and
- (4) the 'significant' value of the Window when considering its future siting; and

(b) authorised the Head of Community Services, in conjunction with the Chair and other consultees, to negotiate with the Carnegie Trust with a view to the Tiffany Window being sited in a place which maximised opportunities for public access to this important artwork.

33. MINERAL ROYALTY TRUSTS IN THE CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA - COLTON OPENCAST TRUST

Previous Minute Reference - paragraph 25 of 2007.C.D.A.C.10

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Law & Administration, advising regarding the Mineral Royalty Trust operational in the area covered by the Committee, namely the Colton Opencast Trust, as well as notification of an undertaking by Development Services to promote the Trust's existence more widely.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report, and the balance of funds remaining net of commitments in the sum of £180,160, as detailed in the Income and Expenditure Statement as at 31st August, 2007.

34. FIFE EDUCATIONAL TRUST SCHEME 1958 - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE WEST FIFE COMMITTEE

Previous Minute Reference - paragraph 60 of 2007.E.C.h.S.30

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Law & Administration, advising that elected member representatives on the West Fife Trust Committee of the re-constituted Educational Trust Committees would comprise four Members each appointed by the Kirkcaldy Area Committee and by the City of Dunfermline Area Committee, and one Member from the South West Fife Area Committee, and suggesting that this Committee now appoint four of its Members to the West Fife Trust Committee.

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The Committee appointed Councillors David Mogg, Joe Rosiejak, Willie Sullivan and Dave Walker to the West Fife Trust Committee.

35. **FIFE HOUSING TENANTS SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Previous Minute Reference - paragraph 26 of 2007.H.C.13

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing referring to a satisfaction survey of its tenants undertaken in May, 2007, and updating the Committee on the results of the survey. David Robertson answered questions by Members on the methodology of the sample of the survey; the percentage of those completing the survey who felt that the housing offered them had been 'poor'; procedures for dealing with those on the housing waiting list, and housing repairs, including the time taken to deal with housing repairs in the first instance, prior to the repairs being attended to. It was noted that specific items relating to repairs should be taken up with Locality Managers, and that a report on Housing Repairs would be submitted to the Housing & Communities Committee by the end of 2007.

Decision

The Committee noted the survey and agreed that any specific comments thereon would be fed back to the Housing & Communities Committee.

36. **STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING - REDEVELOPMENT OF WARDLAW CRESCENT, DUNFERMLINE**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Development Services, suggesting that Wardlaw Crescent, Dunfermline be renamed 'Leishman Drive'.

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the naming of the street to enable the four Ward members to carry out local consultation and for a report back to this Committee.

37. **DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT -**

Applications for Determination:-

The Committee considered Applications for planning permission under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as detailed in reports by the Head of Development Services. The Committee determined the Applications as follow:-

- (a) **07/01332/WFULL - 6 Hill Street, Dunfermline - Erection of a two and a half storey block containing six flats, associated access and parking (Tuscan Developments)**

Stuart Wilson confirmed that no commuted sum had been requested by the Education Service, and responded to a query by Councillor Walker on the potential accommodation of recycling points for Applications of this nature. Stuart Knowles clarified the situation with regard to commuted sums which sums, taken together, enabled parking places to be provided within town centres and, in response to Councillor Walker, Stuart Wilson undertook to provide a written explanation of commuted sums, particularly in respect of the Education Service.

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The Committee approved the Application, subject to an appropriate legal agreement to secure (i) a commuted sum of £5,000 to offset a shortfall in off-street car parking, and (ii) a commuted sum of £17,500 in respect of affordable housing contributions, and subject also to the 6 conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

- (b) **07/02218/WFULL - Plot R3/S4, Greenshank Drive, Dunfermline - Amendment to Application No. 06/03964/WFULL and the substitution of house and flat types (Stewart Milne Homes Central Scotland)**

Some discussion took place over the fact that this site had been originally identified within the overall masterplan for the Dunfermline Eastern Expansion Area as part of a site for a new primary school under the original plans to provide three primary schools for the Dunfermline Eastern expansion area.

Decision

The Committee approved the Application, subject to an appropriate legal agreement to secure (i) an education contribution of £15,000; and (ii) an affordable housing contribution of £26,250, and subject also to the 13 conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

- (c) **07/02328/WFULL - 90 Campbell Street, Dunfermline - Erection of 2 blocks of three storey flats comprising 24 flatted dwellings, car parking and associated landscaping (Tuscan Developments)**

Some discussion took place over the request by Transportation Services for a commuted sum, and Stuart Knowles advised that requests of this nature were made where shortfalls in car parking provision occurred. In response to Councillor David Mogg, Stuart undertook to provide written confirmation of relevant details, and Mary McLean clarified the situation with regard to town centre applications.

Decision

It was agreed to approve the Application, subject to the 15 conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

- (d) **07/02351/WFULL - 2 Broomieknowe, Dunfermline - Two storey extension to the side of a dwellinghouse (Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allan)**

Some discussion took place over the proposals to remove five trees within the locus, and Stuart Wilson confirmed that, while the trees were not in a dangerous condition, the suggestion to fell them was in order to facilitate the extension due to their poor specimen value. In response to a query by Councillor Goodall on the impact of the felling of the trees on biodiversity, Stuart Wilson confirmed that he was in consultation with Community Services on the scheme to be approved.

Decision

It was agreed to approve the Application, subject to the 6 conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

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- (e) **07/02644/WFULL - 11 Thistle Street, Dunfermline - Variation of Condition No. 3 of Planning Permission 03/03723/WFULL (John McLean)**

Decision

It was agreed to continue consideration of the Application to the next meeting of this Committee to allow submission of suitable audio-visual representation of the site.

- (f) **07/02679/WFULL - 29 Elgin Street, Dunfermline - Sub-Division of Existing Single Flatted Unit to Provide Two Flatted Units (Gordon Wood)**

Stuart Knowles explained the nature of the Transportation Service's objection to the Application on the grounds of lack of off-street parking.

Decision

It was agreed to approve the Application, subject to the 2 conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

- (g) **06/01658/WLBC - Victoria Works, Pilmuir Street, Dunfermline - Listed Building Consent Application for Partial Demolition; Internal and External Alterations, and Re-roofing and Conversion to Form 24 Residential Units (Thomas Mitchell Homes Limited)**

Decision

It was agreed to approve the Application, subject to the 12 conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

- (h) **Section 42 Planning Applications, Masterton Park, Dunfermline (Redrow Homes)**

Stuart Wilson advised that the Committee's approval was sought for five Applications submitted by Redrow Homes, all of which sought the amendment of existing planning conditions set out in the planning decision notice for the development of land for housing, open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure which formed part of the wider eastern expansion area of Dunfermline known as Kingdom Gateway. In particular, the Applications related to the development of land and the provision of supporting infrastructure to the east of Lapwing Drive and South of Aberdour Road. Councillor Rumney expressed the hope that stringent monitoring of the revised conditions would take place, particularly those relating to the provision of tree belts and landscaping.

Decision

The Committee approved Applications Nos. 05/01571/WFULL, 05/01584/WFULL, 05/01585/WFULL, 05/01586/WFULL and 05/01590/WFULL, subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

38. **CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA TRANSPORTATION WORKS PROGRAMME 2007/2008**

The Committee considered a progress report by the Head of Transportation Services highlighting the projects forming the Area Transportation Works Programme in the City of Dunfermline Area for implementation in the 2007/2008 financial year and providing an update on programme implementation.

Decision

The Committee noted:-

- (1) progress with projects which formed the City of Dunfermline Area Transportation Works Programme (ATWP) for 2007/08 as detailed in the report and Appendices 1-8:
- (2) that further ATWP progress reports would be submitted on a regular basis; and
- (3) that consultation on the proposed ATWP 2008/09 would commence later in the year.

39. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Monday, 19th November, 2007 at 9.30 a.m. and that the regular starting time for meetings of the Committee would continue to be 9.30 a.m.

Note: At the conclusion of business, members entered into an informal workshop session with the Head of Community Services and the other interested officials to consider matters relevant to the City of Dunfermline Area.
