

Planning Committee
19 March 2014

IRVINE, 19 March 2014 - At a Meeting of the Planning Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Matthew Brown, John Ferguson, Robert Barr, John Bell, John Bruce, Joe Cullinane, Tom Marshall, Jim Montgomerie and Robert Steel.

In Attendance

J. Miller, Senior Manager (Planning, Transportation and Regeneration) (Development and Environment); and A. Craig, Team Manager (Litigation) and M. Anderson, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor Brown in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Ronnie McNicol,

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 16 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 February 2014 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. North Coast and Cumbraes

14/00087/PP : 9 Union Street, Largs

Childcare Scotland, 24 Kilwinning Road, Irvine have applied for an amendment to Planning Permission (ref. 03/00986/PP) to increase the number of children served by the nursery at 9 Union Street, Largs, from 35 to 48.

The Senior Manager (Planning, Transportation and Regeneration) advised on the receipt of a further consultation response, which raised no objections.

The Committee agreed to grant the application.

4. Irvine/Kilwinning

14/00002/TPO : 2 Shewalton Moss, Drybridge, Irvine

Mr John Ferris, 2 Shewalton Moss, Drybridge, Irvine has applied for permission for the felling of sycamore tree within an area covered by Irvine No 1 Tree Preservation Order.

The Committee agreed to refuse the application on the following ground:-

1. That the applicant has failed to provide sound arboricultural reasons for the felling of the tree which would therefore constitute unnecessary tree works which would (i) detract from the character and amenity of the surrounding area; and (ii) set an undesirable precedent for other unnecessary works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders.

5. Notice under Section 14 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, Montgreenan Mansion House Hotel, Montgreenan, Kilwinning

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Development and Environment) on a Notice under Section 14 (2) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 to remove the signs which have the purpose of preventing or deterring persons entitled to exercise the right of responsible access under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, at Montgreenan Mansion House Hotel, Montgreenan, Kilwinning.

With reference to the "Background" section of Appendix 1 to the report, the two public places linked to the main driveway to the property, were the C126 and C120.

The Committee agreed to approve the serving of the Notice under Section 14 (2) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 to remove the signs which have the purpose of preventing or deterring persons entitled to exercise the right of responsible access under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, at Montgreenan Mansion House Hotel, Montgreenan, Kilwinning.

6. Planning Performance Framework

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Development and Environment) on feedback from the Scottish Government on the Planning Performance Framework 2 (PPF2).

Appendix 1 to the report contained a letter dated 11 December 2013 from the Minister for Local Government and Planning on feedback in relation to the Council's second annual Planning Performance Framework report. The Feedback Report itself was set out at Appendix 2 to the report and forms the basis of the proposed action programme arising from comments on PPF2. Section 2 of the report summarised the main areas of feedback received.

The action points arising from the feedback report will be addressed within the next PPF and through the pending adoption of the North Ayrshire Council Local Development Plan.

The Committee agreed to (a) note the feedback; and (b) approve the action programme contained within Appendix 2 to the report.

The Meeting ended at 2.25 p.m.