

Planning Committee
3 December 2014

IRVINE, 3 December 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 Bruce, Ronnie McNicol and Robert Steel.

Also Present

John Hunter.

In Attendance

A. Hume and R. Middleton, Senior Development Management Officers (Planning, Transportation and Regeneration); J. Law, Solicitor (Contracts and Licensing) and M. Anderson, Acting Committee and Member Services Manager (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor Brown in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

John Bell, Joe Cullinane, Tom Marshall and Jim Montgomerie.

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 Committee held on 12 November 2014 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

2.1 Matter Arising

The Senior Development Management Officer reported verbally on an issue highlighted by Councillor Bell with regard to objections received in respect of Item 3.2 (14/00467/PPM: Willowyard Road, Beith).

The Committee was advised that, although a letter of objection had been received from Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Community Council, its heading referred to two previous applications at Willowyard rather than to planning application 14/00467/PPM and, for that reason, it had not been included in the committee report. In the circumstances, however, given that the matters raised by the community council had been addressed in response to other objections referred to in the report, there had been no detriment in terms of the information available to Members in determining the application.

Noted.

3. Irvine

14/00640/ADC: Sainsbury's Stores Limited, Ayr Road, IRVINE

Sainsbury's Supermarkets Limited, per Turley, 115 George Street, Edinburgh has applied for planning permission for the erection of signage to the external retail unit at Sainsbury's Stores Limited, Ayr Road, Irvine.

Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor Bruce, moved that the application be refused for the reasons set out in the report. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed to refuse the application on the following ground:-

1. That the advertisement displays are contrary to both Policy A3 of the approved Local Development Plan and the approved Control of Advertisements Policy of North Ayrshire Council by reason of their location, prominence and visual clutter to the detriment of the visual amenity of the area.

4. Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Stevenston

14/00509/PPP: Ardrossan Rugby Football Club , Sorbie Road, Ardrossan

Ardrossan Academy Memorial Field Trust, Memorial Field Pavilion, Sorbie Road, Ardrossan has applied for planning permission in principle for the erection of a clubhouse pavilion, including the formation of car parking at the erection of a flatted development at Ardrossan Rugby Football Club, Sorbie Road, Ardrossan. Ten letters of objection have been received, as detailed in the report.

Councillor Hunter addressed the Committee and intimated concerns regarding the incremental loss of open space in this area, traffic management, issues relating to noise, and the appropriateness of such development on a war memorial field.

Councillor McNicol, seconded by Councillor Bruce, moved that the application be refused as contrary to Policy ENV12 of the Local Development Plan as it would set a precedent for the incremental loss of open space. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee, having considered the terms of the objections, agreed to refuse the application on the following ground:-

1. That the proposed development would be contrary to Policy ENV 12 of the Local Development Plan in that it is for a use other than outdoor recreational or physical activity purposes which would set an undesirable precedent for the incremental loss of open space in the wider Laighdykes area.

5. 14/00643/ADC: Kilbirnie Dental Surgery, 1 Bridgend, Kilbirnie

Kilbirnie Dental Surgery, 1 Bridgend, Kilbirnie has applied for planning permission for the erection of two externally illuminated fascia signs to the side elevations of the dental surgery at that address.

Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved that the application be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed to grant the application, subject to the following conditions:-

1. That the display shall be for a period of 5 years from the date of this consent.
2. That the unauthorised signage on the gables shall be removed within two months of the date of this consent, to the satisfaction of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.

The Meeting ended at 2.40 p.m.