Planning Committee 4 October 2013

IRVINE, 4 October 2013 - At a Special Meeting of the Planning Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 1.30 p.m.

Present

Matthew Brown, John Ferguson, Robert Barr, John Bruce and Ronnie McNicol.

In Attendance

J. Miller, Senior Manager (Planning, Transportation and Regeneration) (Development and Environment); J. Law, Solicitor (Contracts and Licensing) and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor Brown in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

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

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. Call In Request: 13/00558/PP Site to West of 35 Margnaheglish Road Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a call in request in relation to an application for Planning Permission for the erection of a detached dwellinghouse on a site to the west of 35 Margnaheglish Road, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran.

The request, submitted in accordance with the approved call in procedure, has been made by Councillors Barr, Bruce and McNicol that the application for Planning Permission should be determined by the Planning Committee and not by Officers under delegated powers. The stated reason for the call in request was as follows:-

"It raises significant public interest insofar as a decision on the application would decidedly impact on the social and economic structure, namely

(a) of the immediate community and the Isle of Arran

(Lamlash Golf Club is integral to the social life and economy of the community. It contributes to the recreational, social and tourist focus within Lamlash and the wider economic well-being of the island)

(b) on sustainable employment

(Lamlash Golf Club provides employment and training for up to 12 local people, a not inconsiderable number for Arran)".

Councillor Bruce addressed the Committee in support of the call in request. Councillor Bruce expressed the view that the application raised a significant public interest issue insofar as any decision would affect the social and economic structure of the wider community.

Councillor Ferguson addressed the Committee and intimated that as the planning application was for the erection of a detached dwellinghouse, then, in his opinion, part (a) of the call in request would not apply. In relation to part (b) of the call in request, with regard to sustainable employment, he would be against supporting the call in on that basis.

Councillor Bruce, seconded by Councillor McNicol, moved, in terms of Section 43A(6) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and in accordance with the approved call in procedure, that the Committee agree that the application be called in and determined by the Planning Committee and not by officers under delegated powers.

As an amendment, Councillor Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Brown, moved that the Committee agree not to call in the application and that instead it be determined by officers under delegated powers. Councillor Brown requested a roll call vote.

On a division and roll call vote, there voted for the amendment Councillors Brown and Ferguson (two), and for the motion Councillors Barr, Bruce and McNicol (three), and the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed that the application be determined by the Planning Committee at their next meeting to be held on 23 October 2013.

The meeting ended at 1.40 p.m.