

Planning Committee
22 August 2014

IRVINE, 22 August 2014 - At a Special Meeting of the Planning Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

Present

Matthew Brown, John Ferguson, Robert Barr, Tom Marshall, Jim Montgomerie and Robert Steel.

Also Present

Alex Gallagher.

In Attendance

J. Miller, Senior Manager (Planning, Transportation and Regeneration); J. Law, Solicitor (Contracts and Licensing) and Melanie Anderson, Acting Committee and Member Services Manager (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor Brown in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

John Bell, John Bruce, Joe Cullinane and 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. Call In Request: 14/00477/PP: Largs: The Promenade: Escape Amusement Complex

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a call in request, in accordance with the approved call in procedure, in relation to an application for planning permission which would otherwise be determined by Officers under delegated powers.

The request, submitted in accordance with the approved call in procedure, has been made by Councillors Gallagher, Hill and Marshall 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:-

"There is sufficient concern locally, including possible over-supply of pubs, for this application to be fully considered [by the Planning Committee]."

Councillor Gallagher addressed the Committee in support of the call in request. Councillor Gallagher referred to the level of public interest in the application locally and to concerns expressed about a potential over-concentration of this type of provision within Largs town centre. Councillor Gallagher also commented on the scale of the proposed development in close proximity to the site of local festival and fair events and to licensing considerations which would be require to be determined

separately by the Licensing Committee.

Councillor Marshall then addressed the Committee, concurring that the significant level of public interest in the application would merit its consideration and determination at a public meeting of the Planning Committee, rather than by officers under delegated powers. Councillor Marshall made reference to the local planning history of the site and to the change in the scale of operation which is proposed by the application.

Thereafter, Members debated the merits of the call in request.

The Committee agreed, Councillor Marshall dissenting, not to call in the application and that it instead be determined by officers under delegated powers.

The Meeting ended at 10.50 a.m.