

Local Review Body 29 September 2021

At a Meeting of the Local Review Body of North Ayrshire Council at 3.00 p.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Tom Marshall, Timothy Billings, Robert Barr, Ian Clarkson, Robert Foster, Christina Larsen, Shaun Macaulay, Ellen McMaster, Ronnie McNicol and Donald Reid.

In Attendance

I. Davies, Planning Adviser to the LRB, L. Dempster, Technician, K. Gee, Technician (Place); J. Law, Legal Adviser to the LRB (Legal Services); and A. Little and C. Stewart, Committee Services Officers (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor Marshall in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Local Review Body held on 19 May 2021 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Notice of Review: 21/00293- 8 Gray Crescent, Irvine

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Democratic) on a Notice of Review by the applicant in respect of a planning application refused by officers under delegated powers.

The Notice of Review documentation, Planning Officer's Report of Handling, Location Plan, and Planning Decision Notice were provided as appendices to the report.

The Planning Adviser to the Local Review Body summarised the Notice of Review submitted by the applicant and the Report of Handling submitted by the appointed officer. Photographs and plans of the site were displayed. The Planning Adviser referred to the applicant's request for a hearing.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor McNicol, moved that enough information had been provided to determine the review request without a hearing.

As an amendment, Councillor Larsen, seconded by Councillor Barr, moved that the applicant's request for a hearing be granted.

On a division and a roll call vote, there voted for the amendment, Councillors Billings, Barr, Foster, Larsen, Macauley, McMaster (6) and for the motion, Councillors Marshall, Clarkson, McNicol and Reid (4) and the amendment was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Local Review Body agreed that a hearing be held before the review request was determined, on the basis that there had only been one objection to the application and to provide the applicant an opportunity to outline their circumstances of home working as a result of the pandemic. The hearing would also allow the applicant to explain their view on why the application would not be overdevelopment of the site and the reasons why a rear extension to property would not be suitable.

Councillors Clarkson and Foster left the meeting at this point.

4. Notice of Review: 21/00419/PP 33 Blairlands Drive, Dalry

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Democratic) on a Notice of Review by the applicant in respect of a planning application refused by officers under delegated powers.

The Notice of Review documentation, Planning Officer's Report of Handling, Location Plan, and Planning Decision Notice were provided as appendices to the report. Further comparison information, provided by the applicant, had also been circulated to the Committee

The Planning Adviser to the Local Review Body summarised the Notice of Review submitted by the applicant and the Report of Handling submitted by the appointed officer. Photographs and plans of the site were displayed. The Planning Adviser referred to the applicant's request for a site visit.

Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor Larsen, moved that a site visit should be undertaken before the review request was determined.

As an amendment, Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor McMaster, moved that a site visit was not required prior to the review request being determined.

On a division and a roll call vote, there voted for the amendment, Councillors Marshall, McMaster and Reid (3) and for the motion, Councillors Billings, Barr, Larsen, Macauley and McNicol (5) and the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Local Review Body agreed that a site visit should be undertaken before the review request was determined.

The Meeting ended at 3.40 p.m.