

Planning Committee
24 April 2019

Irvine, 24 April 2019 - At a Special Meeting of the Planning Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

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

In Attendance

I. Davies, Planning Officer, (Economy and Communities); A. Craig, Senior Manager (Legal Services); and E. Gray, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor Marshall in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Shaun Macaulay.

1. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct, Councillor Billings, as the Chair of Lamlash Improvements, declared an indirect, non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 3.1 (19/00199/PP: Lamlash Public Toilet, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran) and left the room during consideration of this item.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 March 2019 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3.1 19/00199/PP: Lamlash Public Toilet, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran

Lamlash Improvements have applied for planning permission for the replacement of an existing toilet block with new toilet facilities, shelter and "Geo-park" information board at Lamlash Public Toilets, Lamlash, Brodick. No objections to the application were received.

The Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application subject to the following condition:-

1. That the external walls shall be finished in white vitreous enamel cladding panels, as indicated in the drawings hereby approved unless any variation has been approved in writing by North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.

4. Notice under Section 127 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997: Land to North East of Birchbrae, Corrie, Isle of Arran

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) proposing that a Notice under Section of 127 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 be served requiring that soil and aggregate placed on the land be removed and the land reinstated to its former condition on land to north east of Birchbrae, Corrie, Isle of Arran.

The Planning Officer informed the Committee that information had been received which suggested that the work set out in the proposed Notice had been carried out and that an officer would carry out a site inspection.

The Committee unanimously agreed to continue consideration of the item to a future meeting pending an inspection of the site.

5. Notice under Section 179 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997: 9-15 Bath Street, Largs

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) proposing that a Notice under Section of 179 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 be served to abate the adverse impact on the local area at 9-15 Bath Street, Largs.

The Planning Officer provided the Committee with information on the site which is currently vacant and is used as an informal car park and contains an accumulation of litter and a number of fly-tipped items. Details of several complaints which have been received and previous investigations which resulted in the owner clearing refuse from the site were also given. It was confirmed that since this work was carried out further complaints have been lodged and attempts to contact the owner have failed.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information on:-

- ownership of the site and attempts which have been made to contact the owner;
- the steps which would be taken if enforcement notice were served and no further action was taken as well as issues around reclaiming costs from owners;
- current use of the site as a carpark and the fact that is done on an informal basis; and
- other sites across North Ayrshire which are in a similar state of disrepair with owners who are reluctant to act and actions which can be taken by Planning and Members to combat this.

The Committee unanimously agreed to grant authority for the service of a Notice under Section 179 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to abate the adverse impact on the local area at 9-15 Bath Street, Largs.

The Meeting ended at 2:20 p.m.