

Planning Committee  
9 March 2016

**Irvine, 9 March 2016** - At a Special Meeting of the Planning Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 1.30 p.m.

**Present**

Matthew Brown, John Bruce, Robert Barr, Ian Clarkson, Ronnie McNicol.

**Also Present**

Alex Gallagher.

**In Attendance**

J. Miller, Senior Manager (Planning) and R. Middleton, Senior Development Management Officer (Economy and Communities); A. Craig, Team Manager (Litigation) and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's).

**Chair**

Councillor Brown 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. Call In Request: 16/00124/PP - site to the north east of Wee Minnemoer, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae**

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, Reid, Hill, McLean and McNamara 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:-

"The application raises issues of significant Public Interest and also that the area is of environmental interest being within a Local Nature Conservation Area."

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 the location within a Local Nature Conservation Area. He also commented on the proposed scale of the application in relation to the size of the island. Given the level of public interest, the application would merit consideration and determination at a public meeting of the Planning Committee, rather than by officers under delegated powers.

Thereafter, Members asked questions in relation to the call in request.

Councillor Bruce, seconded by Councillor Brown, 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, in the interests of transparency and openness, that the application be called in and determined by the Planning Committee and not by officers under delegated powers.

As an amendment, Councillor Barr moved that the Committee agree not to call in the application and that instead it be determined by officers under delegated powers. There being no seconder, the amendment fell. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

The Committee agreed that the application be called in and determined by the Planning Committee and not by officers under delegated powers.

The Meeting ended at 1.40 p.m.