

Planning Committee 24 January 2024

At a Meeting of the Planning Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m. involving a combination of participation by remote electronic means and physical attendance within the Council Chambers, Irvine.

Present (Physical Participation)

Robert Foster, Stewart Ferguson, Cameron Inglis and Chloe Robertson.

Present (Remote Participation)

Timothy Billings, Scott Davidson, Amanda Kerr and Ian Murdoch.

In Attendance (Physical Participation)

A. Finlayson, Chief Planning Officer, and A. Gemmell, Strategic Planning Manager (Place); R. Lynch, Senior Manager and L. Ingram, Solicitor (Legal Services), J. Hutcheson, Communications Officer, C. Stewart and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officers (Democratic Services) (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor Foster in the Chair.

Apologies

Davina McTiernan and Jim Montgomerie.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 11 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2023 were confirmed and signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. West Kilbride Local Place Plan

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the preparation and submission of a Local Place Plan (LPP) for West Kilbride, Seamill and Portencross by West Kilbride Community Council. Appendix 1 to the report detailed the Local Place Plan in full, with the proposals for the development and use of land summarised at Appendix 2.

The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 introduced a new right to produce community-led LPPs setting out proposals for the development and use of land and buildings. The aim of LPPs would be to enhance engagement in development planning by empowering communities to play a more proactive role in defining the future of their places. Planning Authorities must take account of registered LPPs when preparing a Local Development Plan. The report noted that the LPP submitted by West Kilbride Community Council, met the requirements in terms of legislation, regulations, form and content and was considered valid.

Members asked questions and were provided with information in relation to:

- the role of registered LPPs as a material consideration in determination of any future planning applications;
- guidance in relation to engagement to organisations planning a future LPP submission;
- the position in terms of LPPs contributing to the preparation of the next Local Development Plan (LDP3); and
- the process for feedback to local areas with registered LPPs during the LDP3 process.

The Committee agreed to (a) approve the registration of the LPP for West Kilbride, Seamill and Portencross, submitted by West Kilbride Community Council, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and (b) note the requirement to take account of the Plan in the preparation of North Ayrshire's third Local Development Plan (LDP3).

The meeting ended at 2.15 p.m.