Local Review Body 22 May 2019

Irvine, 22 May 2019 - At a Meeting of the Local Review Body of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

Present

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

In Attendance

A. Hume, Planning Adviser to the LRB (Economy and Communities); A. Craig, Legal Adviser to the LRB (Legal Services); and E. Gray, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor Marshall in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

None.

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 special meeting of the Local Review Body held on 24 April 2019 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: 18/00992/PP – Kirkton Caravan Park, Golf Road, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae, KA28 0HB

Submitted a report by the Head of Service (Democratic Services) on a Notice of Review submitted by the applicant in respect of an application for planning permission refused by officers under delegated powers for the variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission CH/87/746/S to allow the land to be used to store touring caravans between 1 November and 28/29 February at Kirkton Caravan Park, Golf Road, Millport.

The Notice of Review documentation, Planning Officer's Report of Handling, Planning decision notice, location plan, further representations by interested parties and the applicant's response to the further representations were provided as appendices to the report.

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

The Local Review Body unanimously agreed that enough information had been provided to determine the review request without a site visit.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information on condition 1 of planning permission CH/87/746/S and the reasons why this was included. Members also discussed the touring caravans which would be stored on the site and whether these were essentially being used as static caravans and the state of repair of a boundary fence at the site.

Councillor Foster, seconded by Councillor McMaster, moved that the Local Review Body uphold the decision taken by the Planning Officer to refuse the application for planning permission. There being no amendment the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Local Review Body agreed to uphold the Planning Officer's decision to refuse planning permission on the following grounds:

1. That the proposed development would be contrary to criterion (a) and (b) of the General Policy and part (d) of TOU1 in the adopted North Ayrshire Council Local Development Plan, on the grounds that the year-round use would have a negative impact on the visual amenity of the area, with the loss of a visual buffer between residential properties and the larger caravan park beyond. The year-round use would also impact on the amenity of nearby residential properties by virtue of proximity to residential windows, and disturbance from traffic movements.

The Meeting ended at 2:55 p.m.