

**Motherwell, 18 October 2004 at 11.40 am.**

A Special Meeting of the **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor J. Coyle, Convener; Councillor Wilson, Vice-Convener; Councillors Brooks, Gordon, Gorman, Gormill, Gray, Hogg, Homer, McGhee, J. McGuigan, McKendrick, Maginnis, W. Martin, M. Murray, Pentland, Shaw and Smith.

**CHAIR**

Councillor J. Coyle (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Committee Services Manager, Development Control Manager and Service Manager, Roads and Transportation.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

In respect of item 1

Representing the Applicant - Mr. King and Mr. Cook

Representing the Objectors - Mr. Miller, Mrs. Breen and Mrs. Duff.

In respect of item 2

Representing the Applicant - Mr. Tonner, Mr. Templeton, Mr. Black, Mr. Gallacher and Mr. Martin.

Representing the Objectors - Mr. Corbett and Mrs. Corbett.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Griffin, Holloway, Irvine, McCabe, McKenna, Moran and Wallace.

**PLANNING APPLICATION S/04/00153/OUT - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (TWO HOUSE PLOTS) - LAND EAST OF 94-116 DIMSDALE CRESCENT, WISHAW**

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 28 July 2004 in so far as it related to planning application S/04/00153/OUT for a residential development (two house plots) at land east of 94-116 Dimsdale Crescent, Wishaw, the Committee considered a report (docketed) by the Director of Planning and Environment and thereafter proceeded to hold a hearing.

Consideration was also given to oral representations made by the applicant and objectors who were in attendance for this item.

**Decided:** that the application be refused in accordance with the Director's recommendation for the reasons outlined in the report.

**PLANNING APPLICATION N/03/01920/OUT - GOLF ACADEMY, HOTEL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - SITE SOUTH EAST AND WEST OF THE STABLES, WATERHEAD ROAD, PALACERIGG, CUMBERNAULD**

2. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 18 August 2004 in so far as it related to planning application N/03/01920/OUT for the construction of a Golf Academy, Hotel and Residential Development at the site south east and west of The Stables, Waterhead Road, Palacerigg, Cumbernauld, the Committee considered a report (docketed) by the Director of Planning and Environment and thereafter proceeded to hold a hearing.

Consideration was also given to oral representations made by the applicants and objectors who were in attendance for this item.

Thereafter the Convener read out the contents of a letter received from Mr. and Mrs. Marshall in relation to their concerns.

Councillor Gray, seconded by Councillor Coyle, moved that the application be refused in accordance with the Director's recommendation for the reasons outlined in the report.

Councillor Brooks, seconded by Councillor M. Murray, moved, as an amendment, that the application be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that the application be subject to a Section 75 agreement to limit the number of houses to be constructed and that no further or additional houses be built;
- (2) that the developer meet with objectors to ensure any detailed submission addresses their concerns, and
- (3) that subject to the non-resolution of (2) above the matter be remitted back to this Committee for further consideration.

On a vote being taken, 5 Members voted for the amendment and 9 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

**Decided:** that the application be refused in accordance with the Director's recommendations for the reasons outlined in the report.

**PLANNING APPLICATION S/03/01553/FUL - ERECTION OF EXTENSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF FORMING A TRAVEL AGENCY - STRATHCLYDE PARK, HAMILTON ROAD, MOTHERWELL**

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 September 2004 in so far as it related to planning application S/03/01553/FUL for the erection of an extension for the purposes of forming a Travel Agency at Strathclyde Park, Hamilton Road, Motherwell, the Committee considered a report (docketed) by the Director of Planning and Environment.

**Decided:** that the application be refused in accordance with the Director's recommendation for the reasons outlined in the report.

**WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURE 2004/2005**

4. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 19 November 2004 there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 20 September 2004 by the Director of Planning and Environment regarding the Winter Maintenance Policy and Procedure for 2004/2005 (1) outlining the background relative thereto; (2) advising that the decision to initiate Winter Maintenance operations is based on the weather forecast provided by PA Weather Centre, with the forecast being

provided at 0700 hours, 1200 hours and 1900 hours; (3) indicating that arrangements are in place for forecasts to be provided to the Council from early October to late April; (4) confirming that the Winter Maintenance function has been assigned to Amey Roads (North Lanarkshire) as part of the Roads Maintenance Contract; (5) attaching as an Appendix to the report the Winter Maintenance Policy and Procedure 2004/2005 document, which formalises arrangements for delivery; (6) summarising the contents of the document, and (7) reporting that the use of new technology and new equipment will help to minimise waste and the adverse implications on the environment from the use of salt.

**Decided:**

- (1) that approval be given to the issue of the 2004/2005 Winter Maintenance document, and
- (2) that it be noted that during the period of Winter Maintenance arrangements, the contractual responsibility for the provision of the service has been assigned to Amey Roads (North Lanarkshire) Limited.

**TOWNHEAD, COATBRIDGE - TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME**

5. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 2004 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising the Committee of tenders received in respect of the contract for a traffic calming scheme at Townhead, Coatbridge; (2) indicating that the lowest tender for the work, which was that submitted by McGarvey Construction Limited in the sum of £209,545.31, had been consistently and competitively priced and was recommended for acceptance.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Director of Administration be authorised to accept the offer from McGarvey Construction Limited in the sum of £209,545.31 to carry out a traffic calming scheme in Townhead, Coatbridge, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

**GARTLEA ROAD RAILWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

6. With reference to paragraph 26 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 22 January 2003, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 6 October 2004 by the Director of Planning and Environment regarding the Gartlea Road Railway Bridge replacement (1) outlining the background relative thereto; (2) reporting that the target date for the works had not been met because the feasibility design stage had incurred delays and the remaining programme will require to be extended; (3) outlining the factors which resulted in the delay; (4) containing his observations thereon; (5) confirming that works were now scheduled to commence in March 2006, and (6) reporting that the costs for this project based on the feasibility design is £1.25m and would be funded from the capital budget.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the up-to-date cost estimates and programme be noted and that approval be given to the continuation of the procurement process;
- (2) that it be noted that the feasibility study has now been completed;
- (3) that it be noted that a programme for implementation of the project has now been drawn up;

- (4) that it be noted that the detailed design phase will commence as soon as the Bridge Agreement has been concluded;
- (5) that it be noted that the Bridge Agreement will be subject to separate Committee approval, and
- (6) that the Director of Planning and Environment be authorised to negotiate with Network Rail to determine if there are options for accelerating the project and to determine the extent of associated costs.

**The Chair being of the opinion that the following item of business was relevant, competent and urgent, authorised its consideration.**

**PLANNING APPLICATION N/04/01542/OUT - CONSTRUCTION OF A DWELLINGHOUSE - MITCHELL HOUSE, THE LANE, DULLATUR**

7. The Convener orally proposed that planning application N/04/01542/OUT for the construction of a dwellinghouse at Mitchell House, The Lane, Dullatur be subject to a site visit and hearing at a future date.

**Decided:** that a site visit and hearing be arranged in due course.