

**Motherwell, 14 March 2005 at 10.30 am**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor McKenna, Vice-Convener; Provost Connelly; Councillors Barrie, Brooks, Cameron, Cassidy, Devine, Gemmell, Gordon, Gormill, Gray, Hogg, Holloway, Irvine, McGhee, J. McGuigan, W. Martin and Saunders.

**ALSO PRESENT**

In respect of item 1 – Councillor D. Fagan, Local Member.

**CHAIR**

Councillor McKenna, (Vice-Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Chief Committee Services Manager, Head of Policy and Economic Development, Development Control Manager, Transport Team Leader and Trading Standards Manager.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

In respect of item 2

Representing the Applicants

Ms. Caroline Liu  
Mr. William Yip

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Burns, Coyle, Griffin, McKendrick, Moran, Murray, Shaw and Wilson.

**PLANNING APPLICATION C/04/0371/FUL - ERECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSE - LAND WEST OF SPRINGFIELD ROAD AND CRAIGENS ROAD, NEWHOUSE, MOTHERWELL**

1. Under reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 2 March 2005 in so far as it related to planning application C/04/01371/FUL for the erection of a dwellinghouse on land to the west of the junction of Springfield Road and Craigens Road, Newhouse, Motherwell, the Committee considered a report (docketed) by the Director of Planning and Environment.

Consideration was also given to oral representations made by the local Member, Councillor Fagan who was in attendance for this item.

**Decided:** that the application be granted subject to conditions to be determined by the Director of Planning and Environment to include conditions requiring the provision of a footpath, and prohibiting the siting of caravans on the site.

**PLANNING APPLICATION C/04/01797/AMD - NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITION 3 OF APPLICATION NO. C/03/01018/FUL TO EXTEND OPENING HOURS OF HOT FOOD TAKEAWAY - 241 FOREST STREET, AIRDRIE**

2. Under reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 2 February 2005 in so far as it related to planning application C/04/01797/AMD for non compliance with Condition (3) of Application No. C/03/01018/FUL to extend the opening hours of a hot food takeaway at 241 Forest Street, Airdrie, the Committee considered a report (docketed) by the Director of Planning and Environment and thereafter proceeded to hold a hearing.

Consideration was given to the applicant, Ms. C. Liu and Mr. W. Yip who were in attendance for this item.

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

Councillor Gray, seconded by Councillor Barrie, moved, as an amendment, that the application be granted for a period of one year subject to conditions to be determined by the Director of Planning and Environment.

On a vote being taken 12 Members voted for the amendment and 5 Members voted for the motion.

The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

**Decided:** that the application be granted for a period of one year subject to conditions to be determined by the Director of Planning and Environment, including the condition that the hours of operation be restricted to 4.30 pm to midnight Monday to Sunday.

**PLANNING APPLICATION S/04/02067/OUT - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (IN OUTLINE) - LAND AT HILL STREET AND RUSSELL STREET, WISHAW**

3. There was submitted a report (docketed) by the Director of Planning and Environment on an application for planning permission by Wilson Developments Limited in respect of a residential development, in outline, on land at Hill Street and Russell Street, Wishaw.

**Decided:** that the application be granted in accordance with the Director's recommendations subject to the conditions contained within the report.

**PLANNING APPLICATION S/05/00218/FUL - CONSTRUCTION OF HOTEL AND CLASS IV OFFICES - LAND AT TRITAX (FORMER CHUNGHWA PICTURE TUBES (UK) LIMITED) - UNIT 1, TOWNHEAD AVENUE, EUROCENTRAL, HOLYTOWN, MOTHERWELL**

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) by the Director of Planning and Environment on application for planning permission by Tritax Assets Limited for the construction of Hotel and Class IV Offices on land at Tritax, the site of the former Chunghwa Picture Tubes UK Limited, Unit 1, Townhead Avenue, Eurocentral, Holytown.

**Decided:** that the application be granted in accordance with the Director's recommendation subject to the conditions contained within the report.

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL (ST. FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL, WESTFIELD DRIVE, CUMBERNAULD) (20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2005**

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 March 2005 by the Director of Administration (1) seeking approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order for a 20 mph speed limit on Westfield Drive, Cumbernauld; (2) outlining the background relative thereto; (3) indicating that the Council had advertised the proposal to introduce the Order by way of public advertisement, to which no objections had been received, and (4) recommending that the Order be approved.

**Decided:** that the Council approve the introduction of the (St. Francis Primary School and Westfield Primary School, Westfield Drive, Cumbernauld) (20 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2005, as detailed in the report.

**ANNUAL GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

6. There as submitted a report (docketed) dated 14 March 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising the Committee of seven applications received from voluntary or community organisations for funding from the annual Community Grants award; (2) seeking approval for payment of these awards; (3) indicating that the Director of Planning and Environment had responsibility for administering certain grants from that Scheme to those organisations and funding totalling £368,929 had been awarded in 2004/2005; (4) containing in an Appendix to the report, details of applications which had been received from Airdrie, Bellshill and District, Coatbridge, Cumbernauld and Kilsyth, Motherwell and Wishaw, Citizens Advice Bureau, together with the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Unemployed Worker's Centre and Routes to Work Limited; (5) recommending that the Committee (a) approve funding recommendations as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, and (b) otherwise note the content of the report, and (6) advising that the recommended grant funding, totalled £379,998, representing an increase of 3% from the previous year to take account of inflation, which would be met from within the Planning and Environment Department budget for the financial year 2005/2006 approved as part of the Council's budget process.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the funding recommendations as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved, and  
(2) that the report be otherwise noted.

**FOOTPATH UPGRADE BETWEEN CAIRNTOUL COURT, BALLOCH AND THE B8048**

7. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising of the action taken by the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Convener, in accepting the tender from Diack and MacAulay Limited to undertake the footpath upgrade contract between Cairntoul Court, Balloch, Cumbernauld and the B8048 road; (2) intimating that the lowest tender for the works, which was, after checking, that submitted by Diack and MacAulay in the sum of £52,188 had been consistently and competitively priced and had been recommended for acceptance, and (3) recommending that the Committee note the acceptance of the tender submitted by Diack and MacAulay by the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Convener of the Planning and Environment Committee.

**Decided:** that the action taken by the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Convener, in accepting the tender submitted by Diack and MacAulay in the sum of £52,188 to undertake the footpath upgrade contract between Cairntoul Court, Balloch, Cumbernauld and the B8048 be noted.

**UPGRADE OF FOOTPATHS TO CYCLE PATHS, GREENFAULDS, CUMBERNAULD**

8. There was submitted a report dated 4 March 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising the Committee of four tenders received in respect of the contract for upgrading of footpaths to cycle paths at Greenfaulds, Cumbernauld, and (2) indicating that the lowest tender for the works, which was, after checking, that submitted by Stone 3 in the sum of £71,687.90 had been consistently and competitively priced and was recommended for acceptance.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Director of Administration accept the offer from Stone 3 Contracts in the sum of £71,687.90 to carry out the upgrade of footpaths to cycle ways at Greenfaulds, Cumbernauld, Contract, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

**BRIDGE PARAPET REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

9. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising the Committee of tenders received in respect of the bridge parapet replacement project, and (2) indicating that the lowest tender for the works, which was after checking, that submitted by McGarvey Construction Limited in the amended sum of £401,469.12, had been consistently and competitively priced and was recommended for acceptance.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Director of Administration accept the offer from McGarvey Construction Limited in the amended sum of £401,469.12 to carry out the bridge parapet replacement project, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

**POLICY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTS TEAM - CONTRACT EXTENSIONS**

10. Under reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 3 March 2004 there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 March 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) seeking approval to extend, for a further three months, the employment period for the Contracts Team established within the Policy and Economic Development Service for the delivery of the Environment Task Force Option of New Deal Initiative across Lanarkshire; (2) indicating that the existing contracts of employment for staff within the Team were due to terminate on 3 April 2005; (3) outlining the current staffing structure, viz:-

Contracts Manager (PO6)  
ETF Development Co-ordinator (AP5/PO2)  
ETF Project Co-ordinator (AP5/PO2) vacant  
ETF Project Assistant (AP1/3) 0.5 vacant  
Safer Homes Development Officer (PO2);

- (4) indicating that all staff costs were met in full from the surplus generated from the contract income and, as a result, that there would be no impact on the Department's staffing budget, and (5) recommending that the Committee (a) approve the extension of the Contracts of Employment for staff in the Contracts Team within the Policy and Economic Development Service in the Planning and Environment Department as outlined in the report; (b) note that the staffing costs will be met from income derived from the delivery of the ETF option of the New Deal Initiative, and (c) remit the report to the Policy and Resources (Personnel) Sub-Committee for approval.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee, for its interest, approve the extension of the Contracts for Employment for staff employed in the Contracts Team within the Policy and Economic Development Service, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that it be noted that staffing costs will be met from the income derived from the delivery of the ETF option in terms of the New Deal Initiative, and
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Personnel) Sub-Committee for approval.

**GARTLEA ROAD RAILWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

11. Under reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 18 October 2004, there was submitted a report dated 1 March 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) updating the Committee with regard to the Gartlea Road Railway Bridge replacement; (2) outlining the background relative thereto, and (3) recommending that the Committee note the position.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the report be noted, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Airdrie Area Committee for its interest.