

SPECIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT – 28 June 1999

Motherwell, 28 June 1999 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Coyle, Convener; Councillors Maginnis and Wilson, Vice-Conveners; Councillors Barrie, Brooks, Connelly, Cox, Gordon, Gorman, Gormill, Heberton, Hogg, McGhee, W. Martin, Moran, M. Murray, Scott and Shaw.

CHAIR

Councillor Coyle (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Officer, Head of Protective Services, Divisional Manager, Central Division, Acting Divisional Manager, Southern Division, Planning Team Manager, Cumbernauld, Planning Team Manager, Kilsyth, Gartcosh, Moodiesburn and Stepps, Planning Service Manager, Assistant Service Manager (Operations) and Group Leader, Engineering, Construction Services Department.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Donnelly, Holloway and McCabe.

PLANNING APPLICATION S/99/00471/FUL - PROPOSED TEMPORARY EXTENSION TO OFFICE BUILDINGS - 10 DALZIEL DRIVE, MOTHERWELL

1. Under reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 2 June, 1999 in so far as it related to Planning Application S/99/00471/FUL for the proposed temporary extension to an office building at 10 Dalziel Drive, Motherwell, the Committee visited and inspected the site and thereafter considered a report (docketed) by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment.

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

PLANNING APPLICATION C/99/00139/FUL - CREATION OF VEHICLE PARKING AREA - LAND SOUTH OF KIRKSTYLE, OLD MONKLAND, WOODSIDE STREET, COATBRIDGE

2. Under reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the then Planning and Development Committee held on 29 April 1999 in so far as it related to Planning Application C/99/00139/FUL for the creation of a vehicle parking area on land to the south of Kirkstyle, Old Monkland, Woodside Street, Coatbridge, the Committee visited and inspected the site and thereafter considered a report (docketed) by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment.

The Chief Committee Services Officer reported that a late representation by way of a petition containing 27 signatories had been received objecting to the planning application.

Decided: that the application be refused for the following reason:-

that the traffic associated with the proposed development would affect adversely public safety and local amenity.

PLANNING APPLICATION C/99/00138/FUL - USE OF BUILDING FOR STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION, INCLUDING THE ERECTION OF BUILDINGS FOR USE AS ANCILLARY OFFICE ACCOMMODATION - LAND TO THE WEST OF CEMETERY, VIEWFIELD ROAD, COATBRIDGE

3. Under reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 2 June 1999 in so far as it related to Planning Application C/99/00138/FUL for the use of a building for storage and distribution, including the erection of buildings for use as ancillary office accommodation on land to the west of the Cemetery, Viewfield Road, Coatbridge, the Committee visited and inspected the site and thereafter considered a report (docketed) by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment.

Decided: that the application be refused for the following reason:-

that the traffic associated with the proposed development would affect adversely public safety and local amenity.

PLANNING APPLICATION C/99/00476/FUL - CHANGE OF USE OF VACANT UPPER FLOOR PREMISES TO PUBLIC HOUSE - FIRST FLOOR 46A MAIN STREET, COATBRIDGE

4. Under reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 2 June 1999 in so far as it related to Planning Application C/99/00476/FUL for the change of use of vacant upper floor premises to a public house on the first floor, 46A Main Street, Coatbridge, the Committee visited and inspected the site and thereafter considered a report (docketed) by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment.

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

PLANNING APPLICATION C/98/01717/FUL - CONVERSION OF FARM OUTBUILDINGS TO FORM 3 HOUSES AND THE ERECTION OF 4 HOUSES - CROFTFOOT FARM, GLENBOIG

5. Under reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of the then Planning and Development Committee held on 29 April 1999 in so far as it related to Planning Application C/98/01717/FUL for the conversion of farm outbuildings to form 3 houses and the erection of 4 houses at Croftfoot Farm, Glenboig, the Committee visited and inspected the site and thereafter considered a report (docketed) by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment.

Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Maginnis, moved that the application be refused in accordance with the Acting Director's recommendation.

Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Barrie, moved as an amendment that the application be granted, subject to conditions.

On a vote being taken, 5 Members voted for the motion and 12 Members voted for the amendment which was accordingly declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that the application be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(a) that the development hereby permitted shall be started within five years of the date of this permission;

- (b) that before any construction work starts on the houses and garages hereby permitted the access road, including the hammerhead, and footpaths shown on the approved plans shall be constructed to base course standard for the first 55 metres. Thereafter, on occupation of the last house the roadway and footpath shall be completed to a standard suitable for adoption by the Council as a publicly maintained highway;
- (c) that before construction work starts on site the applicant shall provide details for the written approval of the Planning Authority of the means of access to the houses beyond the limit of the roadway provided as part of condition No. 2. This shall either be in the form of a fully adoptable road with 5.5 metre wide carriageways and 2 metre wide footpaths either side, or by private driveways which will not be adopted for maintenance by the Council and will generally be 5.5 metres wide over its entire length but may have pinch points which shall have a minimum width of 3.5 metres. The private driveways shall also have a 2 metre wide service strip running alongside. Once approved this access shall be formed to its final wearing condition within one month of the occupation of the last house on site;
- (d) that for the avoidance of doubt the proposed footpath connection to Glenboig shown on the approved plans and highlighted in orange is not approved as part of this planning permission;
- (e) that the houses hereby permitted shall not be occupied until a public footpath to adoptable standard has been constructed between the access of the application site and the adjoining housing development to the south east;
- (f) that before the first house within the development hereby permitted is occupied, all parking and manoeuvring areas shown on the approved plans and approved under condition 3 above, shall be levelled, properly drained, surfaced in a material which the Planning Authority has approved in writing before the start of surfacing work and clearly marked out, and shall, thereafter, be maintained as parking and manoeuvring areas;
- (g) that no construction work shall begin on the new build houses and garages hereby permitted until the renovation and conversion of the existing farm buildings to houses is completed, ie. following the issuing of a Completion Certificate or Temporary Habitation Certificate under the Building (Scotland) Regulations;
- (h) that the exterior walls of the proposed houses and garages shall be finished using a traditional wet dash render and blockwork or where appropriate natural sandstone. The use of facing brick is not appropriate in this instance. The details of the render and the blockwork shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority before construction work starts on the houses;
- (i) that the roofs of the houses and garages hereby permitted shall be finished in natural slate or a slate substitute, either Marley Monarch or Redland Cambrian with traditional lead or zinc flashings and ridges. The details of the roofing materials shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority before construction works starts on the houses;
- (j) that the windows and the exterior doors of the houses and garages hereby permitted shall be constructed from timber and be finished using a wood stain, the colour and type of which shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority before construction work starts on the houses;
- (k) that the proposed chimneys on the houses hereby permitted shall be topped with traditional clay chimney cans;
- (l) that no trees within the application site shall be lopped, topped, felled and no shrubs or hedges, shall be removed from the application site, without the approval in writing of the Planning Authority;

- (m) that before the development hereby permitted starts tree protection measures in accordance with British Standards BS5837 shall be erected along the drip line of the trees, as shown on the approved plans, and shall not be removed without the approval in writing of the Planning Authority;
 - (n) that before the development hereby permitted starts, a scheme of landscaping, including boundary treatment, shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, including any modifications as may be required, and it shall include:-
 - (i) details of any earth moulding and hard landscaping, grass seeding and turfing;
 - (ii) a scheme of tree and shrub planting, incorporating details of the location, number, variety and size of trees and shrubs to be planted;
 - (iii) an indication of all existing trees and hedgerows, plus details of those to be retained, and measures for their protection in the course of development, as outlined in condition No. 11 above, and
 - (iv) details of the phasing of these works;
 - (o) that within one year of the occupation of the last house hereby permitted, all planting, seeding, turfing and earth moulding included in the scheme of landscaping and planting, approved under the terms of condition No. 12 above, shall be completed and any trees, shrubs or areas of grass which die, are removed, damaged, or become diseased, within two years of the completion of the development, shall be replaced within the following year with others of a similar size and species;
 - (p) that before the development hereby permitted starts, full details of the design and location of all fences and walls to be erected on the site shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, including any modifications as may be required, and
- (2) that it be noted that the application would require to be referred to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

PLANNING APPLICATION C/98/00128/NID - CHANGE OF USE FROM HOUSING TO CARE OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION AT REDBRIDGE COURT, COATBRIDGE

6. Under reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of the then Planning and Development Committee held on 17 March 1999 in so far as it related to Planning Application C/98/00128/NID for the change of use from housing to a care office and residential accommodation at Redbridge Court, Coatbridge, the Committee visited and inspected the site and thereafter considered a report (docketed) by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment.

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

PLANNING APPLICATION N/99/00427/FUL - ERECTION OF DWELLING AT MOSSIDE COTTAGE, 155 STATION ROAD, MUIRHEAD

7. Under reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 2 June 1999 insofar as it related to planning application N/99/00427/FUL for the erection of a dwelling at Mosside
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Cottage, 155 Station Road, Muirhead, the Committee visited and inspected the site and thereafter considered a report (docketed) by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment.

Decided: that the application be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) That the development hereby permitted shall be started within five years of the date of this permission.
- (2) That the existing dwelling must be demolished and materials wholly removed from the site prior to the commencement of construction works on the new replacement dwelling.
- (3) That the unauthorised caravans and steel bulk containers shall be removed from the site prior to the occupation of the new replacement dwelling.
- (4) That before the development hereby permitted starts proposals for the garden area shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, including any modifications as may be required.
- (5) That before the development hereby permitted starts, full details of all external materials to be used in construction, including walls, roofs, windows, doors, gutters and downpipes, shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, including any modifications as may be required.
- (6) That the proposed windows must be timber framed.
- (7) That before the dwellinghouse hereby permitted is occupied, a private vehicular access shall be constructed in the position shown on the approved plans, including a dropped kerb, the first 12 metres of which shall be surfaced in an impervious material, to be approved by the Planning Authority.
- (8) That before the development hereby permitted starts, full details of the design and location of all boundary fencing to be erected on site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority.
- (9) That before the new replacement dwellinghouse hereby permitted is occupied, the fencing approved under Condition 8 shall be erected.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment on applications submitted for planning permission.

Decided: that the applications be dealt with in accordance with the relevant recommendations listed in the Annex to this Minute and subject to the conditions contained in the report by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment.

PLANNING CONSULTATION - STIRLING COUNCIL - FORMATION OF TROUT FISHERY WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING AND MANAGER'S HOUSE/ANGLERS' SHELTER AT BUCKIE BURN, NORTH OF CARRON BRIDGE

9. There was submitted a report dated 28 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising that Stirling Council had consulted North Lanarkshire Council as a neighbouring planning authority on a planning application for the formation of a Trout Fishery with Associated Car Parking and Manager's House/Anglers' Shelter at Buckie Burn, North of Carron
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Bridge; (2) intimating that in order to meet the consultation timescale set by Stirling Council, the Acting Director of Planning and Environment had provisionally lodged an objection on behalf of the Council, expressing concerns relative to the erection of a dwellinghouse in the greenbelt in association with a proposed business venture; (3) intimating that although there is a sustainability advantage in making use of this rural environment for outdoor recreation, this required to be balanced against the disadvantage of a potentially obtrusive dwelling which may detract from the environment; (4) outlining the background, and (5) recommending appropriate action.

Decided: that North Lanarkshire Council formally object to the proposal on the grounds that the erection of a dwellinghouse may set an undesirable precedent which may result in pressure being put on this Authority to approve inappropriate dwellings in rural locations.

ERECTION OF DWELLING IN OUTLINE - SITE ADJACENT TO 65 MOUNT HARRIET DRIVE, STEPPS - REFERRAL OF APPLICATION TO SECRETARY OF STATE

10. Under reference to paragraph 3 of the meeting of the then Planning and Development Committee held on 29 March 1999 when that Committee having visited and inspected the site at 65 Mount Harriet Drive, Stepps and considered a report by the Acting Director of Planning and Development, had agreed that the application be granted subject to conditions, there was submitted a report dated 28 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment (1) informing Members (a) that as a result of the application being referred to the Secretary of State for Scotland as a significant departure from the Local Plan, the Secretary of State had decided to call in the application for its determination; (b) that the Secretary of State had confirmed his direction that the application be referred to him for determination under Section 46 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, and (c) that the applicants had been informed of the Secretary of State's decision to call in the application; (2) advising that the Council were required to indicate whether they wished the opportunity to be heard or proceed on the basis of written submissions and that it was considered that written submissions would be appropriate in this instance due to the nature of the application, and (3) recommending appropriate action.

Decided: that the Committee note the report and agree to the written submissions procedure.

PLANNING APPEAL - LAND TO THE SOUTH OF B757 LINDSAYBEG ROAD AT PEATHILL AVENUE, CHRYSTON

11. Under reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the then Planning and Development Committee held on 17 March 1999, there was submitted a report dated 28 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising the Committee of the outcome of an appeal against the Council's decision to refuse planning permission for a residential development on part of a site granted planning permission in 1967, the site in question, bounded by the B757 Lindsaybeg Road, Chryston being considered a green field site inappropriate for residential development; (2) intimating that following consideration of the Council's Statement of Observations, and a site visit, the Reporter had concluded that the appeal should be dismissed, accepting the Council argument that physical and land ownership changes and amendments approved by Lanark County Council since 1967 meant that permission could not now be implemented even if it had been realistic in terms of ground conditions and that the Garnkirk Burn formed a logical and supportable green belt boundary; (3) advising (a) that the appellant had submitted a claim for the award of expenses which he had claimed was justified due to the Council's actions in both registering and then refusing an application for housing on a site where there was a long standing valid planning permission, and (b) that the Reporter had concluded that the evidence submitted by the Council showed that for all practical purposes it was physically impossible for the appellant to implement the 1967 permission and, in the circumstances, the Reporter considered it perfectly reasonable and normal for the planning authority to have registered and processed the application in the usual manner and, in its decision, to have

taken into account adverse material considerations as well as the old planning permission and the outdated local plan policy which reflected it; (4) intimating that the Reporter had therefore declined to make the award sought by the appellants, and (5) recommending that the Committee note the decision.

Decided: that the report be noted.

KILSYTH LOCAL PLAN MODIFICATIONS DOCUMENT - REPORT ON PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION

12. Under reference to paragraph 24 of the Minute of the meeting of the then Planning and Development Committee held on 7 April 1999, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment (1) informing the Committee of responses received on the content of the Kilsyth Local Plan modification document; (2) outlining the sustainability implications and background; (3) intimating that an analysis of the number and nature of comments received on the modifications document indicated that there is broad agreement with the content of the plan, its policies and proposals and that there was, therefore, no need to undertake a further Local Plan Public Inquiry to resolve any outstanding issues on the plan, and (4) recommending appropriate action.

Decided:

- (1) that the report on the publicity of and consultation on the Kilsyth Local Plan Modification Document be noted and approved;
- (2) that the production of a Deposit Version of the Plan to combine into one document the information contained in the Finalised Draft, the Modifications Document and the Publicity and Consultation Report on the Modifications Document of the Plan be approved, and
- (3) that the Deposit Version of the Plan be presented to Committee for formal adoption at a later date.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Coyle declared an interest as a Director of the Board of Campsies Centre Cumbernauld Limited, demitted the chair in favour of Councillor Maginnis and took no part in the consideration of this item of business.

Councillors Barrie and Brooks similarly declared an interest as Directors of the Company and took no part in consideration of the matter.

CUMBERNAULD TOWN CENTRE - ROAD CLOSURES AND FOOTPATH CLOSURE AND DIVERSIONS

13. Under reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the then Planning and Development Committee held on 30 September 1998, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising the Committee of the current position with regard to the road and footway closures and diversions required in connection with planning permission granted in May 1998 for the extension of Cumbernauld Town Centre; (2) intimating that a number of objections had been received in relation to the closure of Tryst Road and Central Way in Cumbernauld, a summary of these and other representations being contained within an appendix to the report; (3) advising (a) that the comments had been relayed to the Scottish Office together with copies of the Orders and all correspondence received; (b) that the Scottish Office have now decided to convene a conjoined public inquiry to consider both Orders, and that the Secretary of State for

Scotland will thereafter determine whether or not they can be confirmed, and (c) that the conjoined public inquiry will be held within the Town Hall, Cumbernauld commencing 31 August 1999, and (4) recommending that the Committee note the position.

Decided: that the report be noted.

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL - LOWER CLYDESDALE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATIVE DRAFT WRITTEN STATEMENT

14. There was submitted a report dated 28 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment (1) informing Members of the publication by South Lanarkshire Council of the Consultative Draft, Lower Clydesdale Local Plan, its broad scope and possible implications for North Lanarkshire; (2) intimating that the Consultative Draft Local Plan performed well against sustainability criteria and that the plan's policy framework effectively protected the area's quality environment by promoting a sustainable and integrated development pattern for Lower Clydesdale; (3) outlining the background to the draft local plan draft written statement; (4) advising that the issues identified in the Area Local Plan had no significant implications for North Lanarkshire Council; (5) recommending in the circumstances that this Authority offer no objections to the local plan, and (6) recommending that the Committee otherwise note the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the publication of the Lower Clydesdale Consultative Draft Local Plan Written Statement by South Lanarkshire Council be noted, and
- (2) that South Lanarkshire Council be advised that this Council have no objection to the Lower Clydesdale Local Plan Consultative Draft Written Statement.

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL - CAMBUSLANG/RUTHERGLEN LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATIVE DRAFT WRITTEN STATEMENT

15. There was submitted a report dated 28 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising Members of the publication by South Lanarkshire Council of the Consultative Draft Cambuslang and Rutherglen Local Plan, its broad scope and possible implications for North Lanarkshire; (2) intimating that the Consultative Draft Local Plan performed well against sustainability criteria, the policies contained in the Plan effectively balancing the two aims of achieving regeneration and investment with the core strategy which is to promote sustainable development for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area; (3) outlining the background to the draft local plan draft written statement; (4) intimating that the issues identified in the Area Local Plan had no significant implications for North Lanarkshire Council; (5) recommending that in the circumstances the Authority offer no objectives to the Local Plan Consultative draft Written Statement, and (6) recommending that the Committee otherwise note the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the publication of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Consultative Draft Local Plan written statement by South Lanarkshire Council be noted, and
- (2) that South Lanarkshire Council be advised that this Council has no objection to the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Local Plan Consultative Draft Written Statement.

REVIEW OF THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCOTTISH TRUNK ROADS

16. There was submitted a report dated 28 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising of the impending review by the Scottish Office of the management and maintenance arrangements for Scottish Trunk Roads; (2) outlining the background relative to the review, and (3) advising that North Lanarkshire Council was involved in both the Clyde and Forth Local Authority Consortia which provided both management and professional services and maintenance works on the A8/M8, A80/M80, M73 and A725 within North Lanarkshire; (4) intimating that the existing contracts were due to end in March 2001 and that any new contracts after that date could result in a rationalisation of Council involvement; (5) intimating that given the significant impact that trunk road works have on Local Authority Consultancy and Direct Labour staffing and work levels, a report was also being prepared for submission to the Scottish Office by the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities and the Society of Chief Officers for Transport in Scotland (SCOTS), and (6) recommending that the Committee note the report.

Decided: that the report be noted.

NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY GUIDELINE 18 - UPDATE ON ASPECTS OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

17. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising Members of recent developments in the field of the quality of the built environment and in the way it is protected, enhanced and improved in terms of NPPG18; (2) outlining the sustainability implications and background; (3) indicating the Acting Director's comments in relation to the guidance; (4) detailing in an Appendix to the report a list of the range of actions which were required to be implemented under NPPG18 which Local Authorities are now expected to comply with, and (5) recommending appropriate action.

Decided:

- (1) that the publication of NPPG18 and the opportunity for partnership be noted;
- (2) that it be recognised that the protection and enhancement of the fragile built heritage must be given higher priority with a view to avoid losing it altogether;
- (3) that the commissioning of townscape audits which address urban design, landscape design, urban conservation, transportation and natural heritage issues be approved;
- (4) that a review and update of listed buildings be approved;
- (5) that a review of Conservation Areas including Article 4 Directions be approved;
- (6) that preparation of Development Briefs and Design Guides for vacant buildings, land and other sites within the historic environment in order to facilitate high quality and well designed new development be approved, and
- (7) that it be noted that there are staff and financial resource implications to this work and the ability to carry out the work will depend on the continued availability of these resources.

PROVISION OF DROPPED KERB ACCESS ON REQUEST BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

18. There was submitted a report dated 28 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising Members of the proposed continuation of the service providing dropped
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kerb accesses to the general public; (2) intimating that under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, permission is required from the Roads Authority for any individual to carry out works in a public road and similarly permission is required for the formation of a vehicular access crossing the footway for an individual dwelling; (3) advising that the former Strathclyde Regional Council provided a similar service to instal dropped kerb accesses, using their Direct Labour Organisation, on request from members of the public, as an alternative to the public arranging the works themselves; (4) proposing that the Council continue this service and that the cost for an individual dropped kerb be set at £299 with the cost of a double dropped kerb being set at £450, and (5) recommending that the Council approve the report.

Decided:

- (1) that North Lanarkshire Council continue to provide dropped kerb accesses to the general public on request;
- (2) that the cost for an individual vehicular dropped kerb be set at £299 and that the cost of a double kerb be £450, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

BRITISH RAILWAYS BOARD BRIDGE ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

19. Under reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the then Planning and Development (Transport and Development) Sub-Committee meeting held on 20 May 1998, when it had been agreed to approve an agreement whereby British Railways Board owned bridges would be assessed by Council staff, there was submitted a report dated 28 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment (1) updating the position with regard to progress which has been made in respect of the arrangement with British Railways Board (BRB); (2) intimating that the agreement had been reviewed by the Head of Legal Services and in order to avoid delay had been signed by the Head of Legal Services; (3) intimating that the agreement would require the assessment of 22 load carrying bridges within North Lanarkshire on a programme scheduled over two years; (4) outlining the implications for the Council, and (5) recommending appropriate action.

Decided:

- (1) that the signing the agreement with British Railways Board in respect of the Bridge Assessment Programme by the Head of Legal Services be homologated;
- (2) that it be noted that additional funding may be required for future strengthening/replacement or infilling of bridges as a result of these assessments and in this respect future reports will be submitted to the Council as necessary, and
- (3) that representatives of the bridge owners be invited to address a future meeting of the Committee with regard to the Bridge Assessment Programme.

SCOTTISH OFFICE RURAL TRANSPORT FUNDING PACKAGE

20. There was submitted a report dated 28 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment (1) informing the Committee of the contents of the Special Grant Report (Scotland) on Grant in Aid of Expenditure on Rural Public Passenger Transport for 1999/2000 which was laid before the House of Commons by the Secretary of State for Scotland; (2) outlining the background and indicating the grants which will be made available to local authorities or through Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority; (3) indicating that the grant available to North Lanarkshire Council for

1999/2000 is £39,000; (4) outlining the services which received grant approval during 1998/99, and (5) recommending appropriate action.

Decided:

- (1) that the allocation of £39,000 to this Authority be noted,
- (2) that it be noted that being wholly within Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority area, the North Lanarkshire funding has to be dispensed through SPT, and
- (3) that the list of projects subsidised in 1998/99 be noted.

NATIONAL WASTE STRATEGY FOR SCOTLAND - SEPA CONSULTATION

21. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 14 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising that the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) are required by the Government to introduce a National Waste Strategy for Scotland and have prepared a draft Strategy for consultation purposes; (2) outlining the reasons for the establishment of a National Waste Strategy; (3) summarising the main points of the consultative document; (4) submitting the comments of the Acting Director of Planning and Environment on specific points identified in the consultative document, and (5) recommending appropriate action.

Decided: that the Director of Administration respond to SEPA in terms of the comments in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the report.

A803 INNS BRIDGE STRENGTHENING

22. There was submitted a report dated 14 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Construction Services (1) advising of the outcome of the tendering exercise undertaken in respect of the A803 Inns Bridge Strengthening Programme, and (2) intimating that the tender submitted by Diack and MacAulay Limited in the sum of £94,695 had been consistently and competitively priced and was recommended for acceptance.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Administration be authorised to accept the tender submitted by Diack and MacAulay Limited in the sum of £94,695, and
- (2) that project management arrangements be introduced to achieve a cost effective and project completion of the work.

PETITION - AIRDRIE MARKET

23. There was submitted a report dated 16 June 1999 by the Director of Administration (1) advising of the submission of a petition from market traders and Airdrie residents requesting that the Council provide a site for an Airdrie market.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted, and

- (2) that the Acting Director of Planning and Environment submit a report on the matter to a future meeting of the Committee;

PETITION - REQUEST FOR INTRODUCTION OF A SPEED LIMIT AT BOWHOUSEBOG ROAD, SHOTTS

24. There was submitted a report dated 16 June 1999 by the Director of Administration advising Members of the submission of a petition from local residents requesting the introduction of a speed limit on Bowhousebog Road, Shotts.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted, and
(2) that the Acting Director of Planning and Environment submit a report on the matter to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Convener being of the opinion that the following item of business was competent, relevant and urgent, authorised its consideration to facilitate a timeous commencement of the works.

LADESIDE DEVELOPMENT - COMPLETION OF ROADS AND FOOTPATH

25. There was submitted a report (tabled) dated 25 June 1999 by the Acting Director of Construction Services (1) advising of the outcome of the tendering exercise undertaken in respect of the completion of roads and footpaths at the Ladeside Development in Kilsyth, and (2) intimating that the tender submitted by Tough Construction Limited, Glasgow, in the sum of £96,064.76 had been consistently and competitively priced and was recommended for acceptance.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Administration be authorised to accept the tender submitted by Tough Construction Limited, Glasgow in the sum of £96,064.76, and
(2) that project management arrangements be introduced to achieve a cost effecting and project completion of the work.

ANNEX

Application No. N/99/00687/FUL

Applicant: Mr. Campbell Gordon

Development/Locus: Erection of a garage and carport and formation of driveway - 5 Belmont Street, Kilsyth

Decision: Grant

Application No. N/99/00702/FUL

Applicant: Mr. and Mrs. Copeland

Development/Locus: Erection of lean-to conservatory - 22 Myvot Avenue, Condorrat, Cumbernauld

Decision: Grant

Application No. C/99/00481/FUL

Applicant: Mr. and Mrs. Brown

Development/Locus: Change of use from dwellinghouse to dwellinghouse and children's nursery - 109 Dunbeth Road, Coatbridge

Decision: Refuse

Application No. C/99/00499/FUL

Applicant: The Noble Organisation Limited

Development/Locus: Use of first floor premises as Class 3 Restaurant - 46A Main Street, Coatbridge

Decision: Grant

Application No. C/99/00588/AMD

Applicant: Messrs. W. and J. McGonnell

Development/Locus: Erection of two semi-detached houses and garages (amendment to planning permission 98/00492/FUL) - Plot 52, Home Farm, Caldercruix

Decision: Grant