

THE FIFE COUNCIL - WEST AND CENTRAL PLANNING COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

10th May, 2023

2.00 p.m. – 3.40 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors David Barratt (Convener), David Alexander, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, John Beare, James Calder, Dave Dempsey, Derek Glen, James Leslie, Julie MacDougall, Lea McLelland, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, Sam Steele and Andrew Verrecchia.

ATTENDING: Mary Stewart, Service Manager - Major Business & Customer Service, Bryan Reid, Lead Professional and Emma Baxter, Graduate Planner, Planning Services; Mary McLean, Legal Services Manager and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Colin Davidson.

86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor David Barratt declared an interest in Para. 89 below - 22/03990/FULL - Land Site, 1 Fulmar Way, Donibristle Industrial Estate - as he had expressed a view on a previous proposal for the site.

87. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the West and Central Planning Committee of 12th April, 2023.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

88. 23/00480/CON - ECU00003469 DEVILLA FOREST, KINCARDINE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services relating to a consultation under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for installation of 500MW battery energy storage facility and associated infrastructure.

Decision

The Committee agreed the conclusions set out in the report as the formal position of Fife Council to Scottish Ministers.

Councillor Barratt left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item, having earlier declared an interest. Councillor Glen, Depute Convener took the Chair.

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89. 22/03990/FULL - LAND SITE, 1 FULMAR WAY, DONIBRISTLE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services relating to an application for the erection of 35 residential units (Class 9) including affordable housing, formation of access and associated infrastructure and landscaping.

Councillor Backhouse moved that the application be approved against officer recommendation due to the noise mitigation measures in the proposal and that there was already a mix of traffic through the area. However, having failed to find a seconder the motion fell.

Councillor Backhouse requested that her dissent be noted.

Decision

The Committee refused the application for the two reasons detailed in the report.

Councillor Barratt rejoined the meeting following consideration of the above item.

90. 22/03598/FULL - BLAIRSGREEN FARM, SALINE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services relating to an application for change of use from agricultural land to dog exercise facility (including the erection of field shelters, boundary fences, directional floodlighting, gate and formation of parking).

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the application subject to:-

- (1) the nine conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report; and
- (2) an amendment to the Operating Statement to include an assessment of flood lighting pollution.

91. 22/03587/FULL - OAKLEY LODGE, CHURCH ROAD, LEVEN

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services relating to an application for erection of dwellinghouse and formation of driveway.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the application subject to the five conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

92. 23/00227/FULL - 7 BEECHWOOD DRIVE, GLENROTHES

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services relating to a revised application for two storey extension to rear and installation of window to side of dwellinghouse.

Decision/

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the application subject to an amendment to the condition to remove 'unless otherwise agreed in writing with this Planning Authority' and for the reason detailed in the report.

93. 23/00305/FULL - 36 ST JAMES BLACK ROAD, COWDENBEATH

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services relating to a retrospective revised application for erection of detached domestic garage/ outbuilding to rear of dwellinghouse.

Decision

The Committee agreed that the application be approved unconditionally.

94. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Decision

The Committee noted the list of applications dealt with under delegated powers for the period 20th March to 16th April, 2023.