

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - NORTH EAST PLANNING COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING**

**JP Court Room, County Buildings, Cupar**

**31 May 2023**

**1.00 pm – 1.45 pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jonny Tepp (Convener), Al Clark, Fiona Corps, Sean Dillon, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Gary Holt, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jane Ann Liston, David MacDiarmid and Ann Verner.

**ATTENDING:** Chris Smith, Lead Officer – Development Management, Planning Services; Steven Paterson, Solicitor, Planning and Environment and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors Margaret Kennedy and Donald Lothian.

**88. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Dillon declared an interest in Paras 92 and 93 - 6 Mid Shore, Pittenweem, Anstruther – as he had expressed an opinion on the application and had close family members who had objected.

**89. MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of the North East Planning Committee of 3 May 2023.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

**90. 23/00084/FULL - RUSSELL HOTEL, 26 THE SCORES, ST ANDREWS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services relating to an application for alterations and extension to allow for change of use from Hotel (Class 7) to 6 flatted dwellings and associated works (partial demolition of existing building) (Amendment to planning reference 22/01675/FULL) to allow external alterations to the east elevation and installation of 6 no. air source heat pumps and erection of a smoke shaft.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the application subject to the 5 conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

**91. 23/00412/CAC - RUSSELL HOTEL, 26 THE SCORES, ST ANDREWS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services relating to an application for Conservation Area Consent for substantial demolition of part of former hotel.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the application subject to the 2 conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

*Prior to consideration of the following item, Councillor Dillon, having declared an interest, left the meeting at this point.*

**92. 23/00117/FULL - 6 MID SHORE, PITTENWEEM, ANSTRUTHER**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services relating to an application for the installation of a mural (retrospective).

The Committee were advised that the building relating to this application, and the associated application for Listed Building Consent, was a Category C Listed Building and not a Category B Listed Building as stated in the report.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to refuse the application for the reason set out in the report; and
- (2) that the appropriate enforcement action be taken with respect to the unauthorised activity and that this action be agreed under the Head of Planning Services delegated powers.

*Councillor Liston joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

**93. 23/00528/LBC - 6 MID SHORE, PITTENWEEM, ANSTRUTHER**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services relating to an application for Listed Building Consent for a painted mural to the side of a building (retrospective).

**Decision**

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to refuse the application for the reasons set out in the report; and
- (2) that the appropriate enforcement action be taken with respect to the unauthorised activity and that this action be agreed under the Head of Planning Services delegated powers.

**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 17 April to 14 May 2023.

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