



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held in the Council Chamber at Arms Everytne House, Blyth on Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillors:

G T Knox (Chair in the chair), J R Potts (Vice-Chair), A Cartie, K Nisbet, O Potts and J Reid

Members of the Public: None

Also present:

Stephen Rickitt – Town Clerk (Democratic Services)

Martyn Kendall – Conservation Officer

149/14/01: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor A Gibbs-Barton

150/14/02: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & THE GRANT OF ANY DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Reid declared he was a member of the South-East Area Planning Committee and in relation to application 14/02455/DEMGDO that he was also a member of the ARCH Board

151/14/03: MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 24th JULY 2014.

The Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on the 24th July 2014 were **AGREED** and signed by the Chair.

152/14/04: MATTERS ARISING

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) advised the Committee that the Council Council's Policy Board were to consider the review of traffic issues on Cowpen Road on 9 September 2014. The Committee agreed to write to the Leader of the County Council endorsing the recommendation of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee supporting the need for a more strategic view of traffic management issues in and around the Blyth area.

153/14/05: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 The Committee resolved to comment as shown on the following applications

14/02455/DEMGDO	Prior notification for demolition of vacant industrial units - Blyth Valley Venture Workshops, Plessey Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 4BN <i>To welcome this application and hope to see affordable housing on this site as soon as possible [See also item 2 above]</i>
14/01635/FUL	Re-surfacing and extension of existing Multi Use Games Area (including installation of floodlighting and provision of boundary fence) and construction of single storey extension to existing clubhouse to provide function room (description amended, 29 August 2014) - South Newsham Recreation Ground And Pavilion, South Newsham Road, Blyth, Northumberland <i>To seek an extension of time for comments, to enable investigation as to the public rights to use this site. Councillors recalled it was public open space. The Committee noted that it was possible that the full Council meeting on 18 September may need to give the Council's response.</i>

14/02364/FUL	Single storey rear extension and Conversion of integral garage to study (retaining garage door to frontage) - 100 Chase Meadows, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 4LB <i>Whilst not objecting, the Committee ask that the County Council assure themselves there will be sufficient off-road parking.</i>
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5.2 The Committee considered the following applications but considered that no comments should be made

14/02327/FUL	Conversion of garage and storage space to habitable rooms and new hipped roof installed to replace existing flat roof - 4 Wolmer Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3HD
14/02373/FUL	Proposed single storey extension to front of property - 14 Aspen Way, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3XP
14/02376/FUL	Proposed rear extension to form garden room and additional bedroom - 56 Hallside Road, Cowpen, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5PF
14/02518/FUL	Proposed single storey rear sunroom and utility extension - 9 Thorntree Way, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 4LS
14/02234/CCD	Construction of separate new building to the front of the existing school for the provision of early years learning - New Delaval County First School, Beatrice Avenue, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 4DA
14/02324/FUL	Resubmission: Demolish existing conservatory, build dining room and bedroom extension on rear of the house. - 11 Rayburn Court, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 4GZ
14/02638/FUL	Proposed all weather covered play area and equipment store to side of inn. - The Shoes Inn, Hathery Lane, Bebside, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 4HF
14/02145/FUL	Proposed garage rebuild and rear extension to kitchen/utility – 141 Plessey Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3JN

14/01591/FUL	Extension to dining room to end at current extension of kitchen into rear garden - 56 Curlew Way, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3SD
14/02288/FUL	First floor side extension - 38 Bromley Gardens, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3TR
14/02367/FUL	Demolish existing detached garage. Build two storey side extension. - 5 Princes Gardens, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5HJ
14/02378/FUL	Replacement of existing security shutters - Asda Supermarket, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5TS
14/02517/FUL	Removal of existing detached garage and carport. Erection of two storey side extension with garage and kitchen to ground floor, and bedrooms above. - 3 Eider Close, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3QD
14/02639/FUL	Change of use of No.5 Sextant House (Ground Floor) from B1 to D1. - Sextant House, 5 Freehold Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2BA

154/14/06: CONSERVATION

[This item was taken at the start of the meeting]

6.1 The Chair welcomed Martyn Kendall to the Committee and explained the general areas within which it was hoped Mr Kendall would assist the Council and the Community.

6.2 The Committee gave preliminary consideration to the potential revisions to the Conservation Area Boundaries. It was agreed that walking tours of the three areas would be arranged so that Mr Kendall could explain his thinking. Following those tours, the matter would be reconsidered by the Committee prior to potentially recommending that the full Town Council formally request the County Council to amend the boundaries.

6.3 The Committee endorsed the draft style guides on Sash Windows and Damp in Period Buildings. [Copies are attached to the signed minutes]

156/14/07: LOCAL TRANSPORT POLICY PORGRAMME 2015/2016

The Committee considered the submission made in September 2013 and resolved to make broadly the same submission, but with some rewording to reflect potential new development at Laverock Hall Road. The revision is shown in italics for ease of reference.

The Submission

In considering their response, Blyth Town Council wish to emphasise their continuing wish for the following three strategic transport issues to be implemented as soon as possible

- Re-introduction of passenger traffic on the Ashington, Blyth & Tyne Railway,
- Measures to improve road access into Blyth, thus easing the pressure on Cowpen Road,
- 20 mph zones on roads near schools.

The Town Council also identified the following three projects, which are not ranked

- The provision of traffic lights at the junction of Cowpen Road/Briardale Road, to include the repositioning of the existing nearby(pelican) pedestrian crossing into the traffic signals. This would aid the buses exiting the junction,
- The reintroduction of lighting on the Spine Road within the parish,
- The provision of a proper light controlled crossing for cyclists/bridleway users on the A1061 Laverock Hall Road, at the point where the cyclist/rider provision changes from one side of the road to the other. *This may change to another type of crossing if a roundabout is inserted at that location because of future housing development.*

157/14/08: CORE STRATEGY

Councillors considered the County Council's Consultation on the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and resolved to make no comments.

158/14/09: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND URGENT MATTERS

The Clerk reported that a report on funding the next step in the return of passenger traffic to the Ashington, Blyth and Tyne Line was to be considered by the County Council's Policy Board on 7 October 2014 according to a recent entry on their forward plan.

159/4/10: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was **AGREED** that the Next Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee is scheduled for 25th September 2014 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber at Arms Everytne House. Officers are in the process of arranging a special training event.

Meeting Closed: 8.00 pm.

Date:

Signed:

Members of the Committee:

Councillor G T Knox (Chair)
Councillor J R Potts (Vice-Chair)
Councillor A Cartie
Councillor A Gibbs-Barton
Councillor K Nisbet
Councillor O Potts
Councillor J Reid
Councillor G Thompson
Councillor A Turnbull.