



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development

Committee held in the Council Chamber at Arms Everytne House on Thursday 11th March 2014 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillors: G T Knox (Chair), J R Potts (Vice-Chair), A Cartie, B W Elliott, A Gibbs-Barton, K Nisbet and A Turnbull.

Other Councillors present:

Councillor O Potts.

Members of the Public: 8

Also present:

Liam Forsyth – Committee Clerk

Invited Guests:

Mr P Wood – UK Coal.

104/14/01: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

105/14/02: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & THE GRANT OF ANY DISPENSATIONS

None.

106/14/03: MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 30TH JANUARY 2014.

Councillor J R Potts wished to draw attention to an area which has occurred, arising from the last Minutes concerning planning application 13/03835/COU. It was noted that Blyth Town Council posted a formal objection however this application was dealt with and agreed via an officer delegated decision.

Councillor J R Potts also provided a contextual background, noting that this was a reoccurring theme from meetings of the Northumberland Association of Local Councils.

Councillor G T Knox, proposed that a formal complaint be lodged to Northumberland County Council on the basis of maladministration.

The Committee Clerk also provided an update regarding this item. It was commented that potentially he could approach Liam Hall who had been assisting with planning related concerns.

It was **AGREED** that a formal complaint is to be submitted to Northumberland County Council to the Leader, and the Chair of Planning.

Councillor A Gibbs-Barton wished to comment of the news that the Biomass Development is not to proceed in North Blyth. Councillor A Gibbs-Barton proposed that a representative be asked to provide a presentation to the Committee as the response received via letter and online is not adequate. This was **AGREED** by the Committee. **Action: LF.**

The Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on the 30th January 2014 were **AGREED** and signed by the Chair.

107/14/04: MATTERS ARISING

None.

108/14/05: PRE – APPLICATION PRESENTATION FROM UK COAL

(Please find the application presentation from UK Coal attached)

After delivering the report, Mr P Wood from UK Coal opened up the floor to questions from Councillors, reminded those present that a Public information exercise is to take place at Horton Grange School on Tuesday 18th March 2014 between 4-8pm and Wednesday 19th March 2014 between 4 and 8pm.

Councillor G T Knox commented that he would reserve comments for when the application was to be considered at this Committee, however enquired as to what benefits are envisaged for the Community. Mr P Wood responded that this would allow for closure and also would allow for the land to be developed in the future. It was also commented that it is sought that the majority of transport is hoped to make use of the Ashington, Blyth and Tyne Line.

It was also noted that it would be expected that this site would represent 80 jobs being provided.

Councillor G T Knox also sought assurances that this site would not be used for landfill. Mr P Wood responded that there had been no talks of this use nor was it something being investigated by UK Coal.

Councillor A Gibbs-Barton wished to thank Mr Wood for his presentation and commented that if Councillors are present at the PIE sessions next week that it is solely for gathering of information.

Councillor B W Elliott enquired as to whether these jobs will be new jobs. Mr P Wood responded that it was hoped that there would be a mixture with people from the South East area who are currently working on the site at Ashington, which is coming to close, remaining in employment.

Mr P Wood also commented that the development would also have a Community Trust fund should it receive planning permission which would put an agreed percentage back in to projects in the local area.

109/14/06: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6.1 From the Weekly Lists issued by Northumberland County Council

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

WEEKLY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3rd February 2014

14/00213/HPA

Proposed single storey conservatory extension to the rear – 14 Glenford Place, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3HQ. **It was noted that this application has already been accepted and a decision made at the last Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee.**

- 14/00211/CCD Proposed new changing facility and improvements to drainage of 3No. existing football pitches – Former Wensleydale Middle School, Dent Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3ED. **It was noted that this application has already been accepted and a decision made at the last Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee.**
- 14/0221/FUL Demolition of existing substation structure. Erection of dual substation to replace existing substation and serve development 13/01351/FUL – Land East of 9 and 11 Bath Lane, Quay Road, Blyth, Northumberland – **No comment.**
- 14/00252/HPA Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey extension to the rear with pitched roof – 12 Hadrian Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3XA – **No comment.**
- 14/00317/HPA Single storey rear extension to garage – 9 Farnham Grove, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3HN – **No comment.**
- 10th February 2014**
- 14/00323/PA Conversion of Dinsdale House from B1 office to C3 residential and erection of two new storey dwellings either side – Blyth Valley Borough Council, Dinsdale House, Marine Terrace, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2LN – **No comment.**
- 14/00312/FUL Proposed alterations to front and rear entrances to improve disabled access into premises – Blyth Community Church, Oxford Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2EJ – **No comment.**
- 14/00315/FUL Proposed kitchen Extension – 12 Horton Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 4HJ – **No comment.**

Subject to ratification

- 14/00369/FUL Side extension to from kitchen, utility and garage. Front bay window extension – 11 Sidney Gardens, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5NJ – **No comment.**
- 14/00379/FUL Two storey side extension to provide play room, study and dining room with bedroom and bathroom above – 54 Trident Drive, South Shore, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3RL – **No comment.**

17th February 2014

- 14/00421/FUL Insertion of new windows, door and rooflights following approval of notification of a proposed change of use to dwelling – Northumberland Childrens Fund, Laverock Hall Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2HE – **No comment.**
- 14/00428/FUL Refurbishment of retail unit, including minor shopfront alterations, new signage and installation of air conditioning – 5 Church Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 1BA – **No comment.**
- 14/00429/ADE Advertisement Consent: Installation of 2no. fascia signs and 2no. projecting signs – 5 Church Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 1BA – **No comment.**

25th February 2014

- 14/00495/FUL Proposed canopy on front of house – 62 Leanholme Crescent, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5SG – **No comment.**

4th March 2014

- 14/00605/SCOPE Scoping request for surface mining and restoration – Bebside Surface Mine, Horton Road, Blyth, Northumberland – **No comment.**

10th March 2014

14/00773/HPA

Proposed rear extension to property
(amendment to 13/03077/HPA) – 5 Larch
Grove, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3XU –
No comment.

6.2 Other applications which have to be considered before next scheduled meeting of this Committee

None.

110/14/07: GYPSY ROMA TRAVELLER TRANSIT SITE

There were no updates to be provided regarding the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Transit site.

111/14/08: CENTRAL LINK ROAD

There were no updates regarding the Central Link Road.

112/14/09: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND URGENT MATTERS

Councillor B W Elliott sought to raise an item under this Agenda item. The Chair, Councillor G T Knox responded items for this section should be received in advance of the Meeting.

Councillor G T Knox commented that regarding the planning application for a 300 seater stadium at Blyth Town FC that he understood that there had been a resubmission. It was noted that there may have to be a special meeting of the Planning and Development Committee to determine for this application and sought that the Committee Clerk kept Councillors update with this item.

Councillor B W Elliott wished to suggest a re-writing of this item in order to avoid confusion.

113/14/10: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was **AGREED** that the Next Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee is to take place on the 3rd April 2014 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber at Arms Evertyne House.

Meeting Closed: 7.30pm.

Subject to ratification

Date:

Signed:

Members of the Committee:

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



