



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held in the Council Chamber at Arms Everytne House on Thursday 5th September 2013 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillors: J Potts (Vice-Chair), B W Elliott and A Gibbs-Barton.

Also Present:

S E Rickitt - Town Clerk (Democratic Services)

L Forsyth – Committee Clerk

Members of the Public: 1

032/13/01: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G T Knox.

033/13/02: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & THE GRANT OF ANY DISPENSATIONS

Councillor B W Elliott declared an interest in the following Planning Application:

13/02447/VARYCO

034/13/03: MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25th JULY 2013

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that the temporary blocks were now in place at the Horton Grange Primary School and that

he would be seeking clarification from Northumberland County Council as to the start date.

Councillor J R Potts enquired as to whether a meeting had been arranged with the Port of Blyth as outlined on page 5 of the Minutes. The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that he was to chase this up.

Action: SER

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) also commented regarding the car parking facilities at Ridley Park. It was noted that enquiries had been made to Northumberland County Council regarding this matter and it was outlined that this site may represent an unofficial Northumberland County Council car park. Confirmation and a response are still awaited and will be circulated to Committee Members as and when received. **Action: SER**

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) further noted that he was awaiting a response from Northumberland County Council regarding Section 106 funds allocated for Toucan crossings.

The Committee was also informed by the Town Clerk (Democratic Services) that he had received correspondence from Northumberland County Council regarding the perimeter fence at the former Wensleydale Middle School. It was noted that the County Council were against the removal of the fence.

The Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on the 25th July 2013 were **AGREED** as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chair, Councillor J R Potts.

035/13/04: MATTERS ARISING

Date and Minute reference	Action	By & Target Time
16 Aug – P125/12.6.1	Arrange a meeting with ARCH and NCC Heritage & Conservation officers	SER – on-going.

036/13/05: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 From the Weekly Lists issued by Northumberland County Council for the weeks of 29th July, 5th, 12th, 19th, 27th August and 2nd September 2013.

29th July 2013

- 13/01797/FUL Retrospective application for erection of 1.9m fence to one side of garden area – Tweed House, 72 Middleton Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2LS – *It was commented that this application had been refused permission by Northumberland County Council and the Committee noted that it was in support of the decision.* **Action: SER**
- 13/01836/FUL Dismantle existing lobby and rebuild a brick entrance lobby on same footprint with a pitched roof – 1 St Mary's Drive, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 4QU – *It was noted that this application had been approved by the Planning Authority.*

5th August 2013

- 13/02164/FUL Proposed 2 storey extension – 60 Blackthorn Drive, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3XW – *No comments.*
- 13/00016/LIC Variations of premises license – Last Orders, 42 Regent Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 1LS – *It was commented that the Officers are to chase up why licensing applications are appearing in our lists. It was noted that these are not to be included in future lists using Officer discretion.*
Action: SER/LF
- 13/02254/HPA Single storey rear extension – 91 Ingram Drive, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5EE – *No comments*

12th August 2013

- 13/02140/FUL Minor external alterations to Dinsdale House and erection of 2 no. Two storey detached dwellings either side with associated landscaping – Blyth Valley Borough Council, Dinsdale House, 75 Marine Terrace, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2LN – *No comments.*

- 13/02328/FUL Ground Floor extension to front and side of property – 24 Kingfisher, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3QP – *No comments.*
- 13/02330/FUL Proposed alterations and extension to existing Crematorium Chapel building, comprising new single storey extension; internal alteration to incorporate new cremators; associated abatement equipment; provision of replacement staff welfare facilities; internal alterations to provide access to meet DDA requirements – Crematorium, Cowpen Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5SZ – *No comments.*
- 13/02331/LBC Listed Building Consent for proposed alterations and extension to existing Crematorium Chapel building, comprising new single storey extension; internal alteration to incorporate new cremators; associated abatement equipment; provision of replacement staff welfare facilities; internal alterations to provide access to meet DDA requirements – Crematorium, Cowpen Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5SZ – *No comments.*

19th August 2013

- 13/02377/ELEGDO Rebuild approximately 1km of 20kv overhead line – Land North of Bebside Hall, Horton Road, Blyth, Northumberland – *No comments*

27th August 2013

- 13/02259/COU Change of use from shop to ground floor flat – 32 Coomassie Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2HD – *No comments.*

Councillor B W Elliott left the room for the consideration of the following application.

- 13/02447/VARYCO Variation of condition 2 relating to 12/03705/VARYCO (Variation of condition 2 relating to planning permission 12/1990/FUL – Resubmission: Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings to build 3no. New detached dwellings

– Wayside, Beachway, Blyth, Northumberland,
NE24 3PG – *No comments.*

Councillor B W Elliott returned to the Council Chamber.

Action: SER to investigate if quorum was still met due to Cllr B W Elliott's interest in the previous application.

13/02476/HPA Single Storey extension, mono pitch roof – 19
Patterdale Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5JX
– *concerns were expressed regarding the length of
the extensions. It was **AGREED** that a site
inspection and investigations regarding what is
permitted is to be pursued.*

13/02510/COU Retrospective – Change of use from a former car
sales showroom to a second hand furniture shop –
158 Plessey Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24
3JA – *No comments.*

13/02570/FUL Orangery extension to rear ground floor and porch
to front – 17 Kings Gardens, Blyth,
Northumberland, NE24 5HE – *No comments.*

2nd September 2013

13/02566/FUL Proposed installation of an ATM through the glazed
shop front; introduction of new matching vertical
glazing mullion; and security shutter to be
modified to allow constant use of ATM – North
East Convenience Stores, 19 Brierly Road, Blyth,
Northumberland, NE24 5PP – *No comments.*

13/02567/ADE Advertisement Consent for integral illumination
and screen to the ATM fascia; internally
illuminated Free Cash Withdrawals lettering to black
surround, above the ATM fascia; Blue LED halo
illumination to ATM surround – North East
Convenience Stores, 19 Brierly Road, Blyth,
Northumberland, NE24 5PP – *No comments.*

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

13/0235/FUL Alterations to shop front and construction of 2no apartments to first floor with garage to rear - Black Diamond, Phoenix Street, Blyth , Northumberland, NE24 4NP – *It was **AGREED** that enquiries are to be made regarding the effects on the bus shelter. **Action: SER** – No objections*

037/13/06: LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN – PRIORITIES FOR 2014/2015

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) provided an outline of the report circulated to all Councillors. It was noted that the County Council was seeking the Town Councils top 3 priorities.

Councillor J R Potts outlined that he believed the correspondence was confusing and not in the previously received format. Questions were therefore raised regarding the procedure.

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that the proposal was in the early stages and that he would seek further clarification.

Councillor J R Potts noted for the suggestion of Union Street in the town that a traffic survey had already been conducted.

Councillor B W Elliott enquired as to the timescale for a decision, it was noted that this is to be investigated also. **Action: SER**

Differing levels of projects from the Cowpen Road, Blyth and Tyne Line, general resurfacing to bus shelter and crossings were discussed. It was noted that enquiries were to be made in order to clarify the response required.

Councillor J R Potts also wished to comment that as bus shelters were the responsibility of the Town Council, that Blyth Town Council should experience a greater level of consultation in the process involving bus shelters.

It was commented that all Councillors are to be re-sent the report seeking opinion and that the Town Clerk (Democratic Services) is to seek further information prior to the meeting of the Full Council. **Action: SER/LF**

038/13/07: CONSERVATION ISSUES IN BLYTH

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) provided an outline of the report.

The role and other examples of Conservation Area Advisory Groups were discussed. It was outlined that such a group would meet quarterly and would provide a forum to focus and drive conservation in the Town.

It was outlined that following the Meeting with County Council that the discussion of a future support for a conservation officer who could help with seeking grants was discussed and proposed.

It was **AGREED** that follow up investigations were to be conducted regarding the setting up of a CAAG and the Council would seek to arrange a set day for a dedicated Conservation Officer as outlined in the report.

It was **AGREED** that the Committee Clerk is to seek to arrange a date for a Conservation Walking Meeting around the Town.

Future joint working with County Council in order to develop and enhance the Military Heritage of the Town was also **AGREED**.

It was also **AGREED** that this proposal would go to full Council following support from this Committee.

039/13/08: GYPSY ROMA TRAVELLER TRANSIT SITE.

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that he had received no update regarding the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller transit site.

040/13/09: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor J R Potts commented that Bedlington had begun the early processes of conducting a neighbourhood plan and that the Town Council should seek communication in order to best understand the required procedure.

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) outlined that he had held a meeting with a Mr G Garnham and that Mr G Garnham was interested in conducting a planning audit for the Council.

The costs of the project were outlined and it was noted that the audit would be conducted over 60 hours work.

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that he was seeking authorisation to proceed using the budget allocated for the Planning and Development Committee whilst noting that grant funding would also be investigated. **Action: SER**

Councillor J R Potts commented that he supported the plan in order to draw up the initial document whilst acknowledging that a neighbourhood plan was a large project that would also require a large referendum. It was again reiterated that other local areas were undertaking such a procedure and that the Committee should seek contact in order to learn from others experiences.

It was **AGREED** that this proposal was to go through to the Meeting of the Full Council.

The Committee also discussed potential for planning training. Councillor J R Potts expressed disappointment that Northumberland County Council hadn't provided support training for planning and development issues.

041/13/10: CENTRAL LINK ROAD

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) noted that no further information had been received.

The Committee **AGREED** that this item is to be kept on the Agenda.

042/13/11: THE NORTH BLYTH BIOMASS POWER STATION

The issue of development consent as set out in the attached letter dated 24th July 2013 from the planning inspectorate was noted by the Committee.

Councillor J R Potts expressed approval for the scheme.

043/13/12: DCLG CONSULTATION

Councillor J R Potts provided an outline of the document. The Committee held a discussion regarding the effects of the document on Blyth.

The Committee **AGREED** that it had no objections or comments to make.

044/13/13 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND URGENT MATTERS

A discussion was held regarding the ARCH development at Commissioners Quay in Blyth. It was noted that the Town Clerk (Corporate Services) had attended the Area Planning Committee meeting at Northumberland County Council and that the application was approved.

Councillor B W Elliot enquired as to the process of the land transfer to Arch. Concerns were also raised about the aesthetics of the building.

The Committee Clerk noted that at present, the Minutes from this Meeting were unavailable and that updated plans were not available on Northumberland County Council's planning website.

The correspondence received regarding the Amersham Road and plans for a new crossing were also discussed by the Committee.

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) also commented that regarding the addition of Blyth on road signs as a primary destination that he had received correspondence outlining the criteria and why Blyth was not considered such a destination. It was noted that the Department of Transport has the final decision and a strong case would have to be built prior to a further application being submitted.

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) also noted that the 'Core Strategy' housing document was now expected in late October which represents a disappointing set back in the wider process.

045/13/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **AGREED** that the next Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee is to be held on Thursday 26th September 2013 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber at Arms Evertyne House.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.10pm

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

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