



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held at Arms Everytne House on Thursday 23rd May 2013.

Present:

Councillors: A Cartie, B W Elliott, G T Knox (Chair), K Nisbet, R Parker, J R Potts and A Turnbull

Also Present:

S E Rickitt - Town Clerk (Democratic Services)

L Forsyth – Committee Clerk

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, a minutes silence was held for Mike Dungworth (the former Leader of Blyth Valley Borough Council).

P001/1: Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor A Gibbs-Barton.

P002/2: Disclosure of Interests & the grant of any Dispensations.

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) provided a briefing for all Councillors on the disclosure of interests and the granting of dispensations. The Chair emphasised that if a councillor was in doubt about a possible interest, they should seek advice before the meeting.

Councillor B W Elliott declared an interest for the planning applications 13/01000/FUL and 13/01220/LBC.

P003/3: A brief Overview of the current Town & Country Planning System

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) provided an outline of the current planning system and the recent changes that have been made and how they affect Blyth. He also discussed the key areas which are likely to be addressed by the Committee including the Local Development Plan and the Central Link Road.

Cllr J R Potts discussed accessibility of the planning applications list and how best to consider the applications for Blyth using the Northumberland County Council Planning departments website.

Cllr B W Elliott asked whether the Blyth Valley Plan from 1999 was still used and whether comments are taken account of if they are made out with the 21 day period. The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) stated that a late comment is still taken into account but there is the danger that the decision will have already been made.. The Plan is still given some weight but only where it does not conflict with the National Planning Policy Framework issued in March 2012 (The NPPF). **Action – SER to forward link to NPPF to all Members.**

P004/4 Minutes from the Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4th April 2013

Councillor J R Potts moved these minutes as a true record. This was resolved by the Committee.

P005/5 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.
18 Oct – P150/8.2	Community Right to Bid	It was agreed to keep this under review following an update from the Town Clerk (Democratic Services).

20 Dec – P169/9	Street Names	Ongoing - All Town Councillors to consider names for future use.
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Regarding P125/12.6.1 It was confirmed that the Town Clerk (Democratic Services) was continuing to press for a meeting. Councillor J R Potts also noted that a Northumberland County Council leaflet concerning Blyth is to be produced in the summer and that the Town Council will be consulted and may be asked to contribute to the wider process.

Regarding the proposals for Street Names it was agreed that the new Committee would continue to provide a list of names to be compiled for future use.

P006/6: Planning Applications for the Following Weekly Lists:

7th May 2013

13/01000/FUL Proposed development of 28 No. New residential bungalows on land previously designated for educational use and as agricultural land prior to that – Land North of Windsor Drive, Blyth, Northumberland - *The Councillors wished to seek clarity on the work conducted by Northumberland County Council in order to address concerns regarding the site being situated on a flood plain.*
Action SER

13/01220/LBC Change of use from former cinema to public house and external alterations including formation of an external drinking area, kitchen extract, ducts and condensers – Former Wallaw Cinema Ltd, Union Street Blyth, Northumberland NE24 2DX – *No Comments.*

13th May 2013

13/01177/ADE Advertisement Consent: Non illuminated site sign displaying project description, project partners, funder, contractors and design consultants – Land

North West of 101 Hodgsons Road, Blyth,
Northumberland – *No Comments.*

13/00002/LIC

Application for grant of premises license –
McDonalds, Cowpen Road, Blyth, Northumberland,
NE24 5TR – *No Comments.*

20th May 2013

13/01371/CCD

Proposed placing of modular building onto the playground area at the front of the school – Horton Grange First School – Cowpen Road, Blyth, Northumberland NE24 4RE – *The Councillors wished to lodge a FORMAL OBJECTION to the proposed placing of modular buildings onto the playground. Councillor Parker expressed concerns regarding the placement of the buildings and their affect on the frontage of the building and aesthetic concerns regarding the buildings proximity to the Cowpen Road and nearby ASDA roundabout. Councillors did indicate that if a proposal was made for a less prominent location they would be unlikely to object. The Committee also authorised future attendance by a Member or Officer at the relevant Committees for the application at Northumberland County Council.*

13/01382/FUL

Proposed conservatory to rear – 7 Horton Park, Blyth, Northumberland NE24 4JD – *No Comments.*

13/00004/LIC

License to use premises for holding events – Blyth Quayside – *No Comments.*

ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS

13/01351/FUL

Erection of an office building (Use Class B1) with associated access, car parking and landscaping – Land North of Bath Lane, Quay Road, Blyth, Northumberland – *No Comments. (The Committee was reminded that the Architect and a representative from ARCH would be present at the upcoming Town Meeting).*

P007/7 Gypsy Roma Traveller Transit Site

An update was provided by the Town Clerk (Democratic Services) regarding the Gypsy Roma Traveller Transit Site. It was outlined that the Committee will need to be reactive concerning developments and Cllr G T Knox outlined that the Committee may seek to hold an extraordinary meeting of the Committee. Action - SER to remind NCC of the need to have a meeting with interested organisations and bodies.

P008/8: Neighbourhood Plan

The progress made concerning a Neighbourhood Plan was discussed by the Committee. It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan would remain under consideration whilst acknowledging that at present it was too soon for full consideration.

P009/9 Items for Information and Urgent Matters.

None.

P010/10 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th June 2013 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chair.....*G.T. Knox*.....

Date.....*13/6/13*.....