

## **PLANNING PANEL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2008**

Councillors M McVeigh (Chairman); W Southward (Deputy Chairman); A Carroll; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs J Hully; J Jackson; A Jacob; H Wormstrup; G Garrity and D Wilson.

Apologies for absence: Councillor E Brenan.

Officers: T Pomfret, Development Services Manager; H Morrison, Senior Planning Officer; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; D James, Member Services Officer and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

#### **PP42 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2008 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **PP43 Schedule of Planning Applications**

Due to members of the public being present the following applications were dealt with at this point of the meeting.

(Note: Councillors Mrs J Hully and Mrs M Docherty declared a Personal Interest in application 4/07/2758/0 – Conversion Of Barn to Form One Dwelling, Including Installation of New Septic Tank, New Oil Storage Tank and Parking Area. Barn, Bottom Arnaby Farm, The Green, Millom, Cumbria due to family members having been taught by the Applicant)

4/07/2761/0 – Four Detached Dormer Bungalows with Integral Garages. Land Adjacent to Cross House Farm, Millom, Cumbria – by a vote of 7 Members to 3, the Panel were Minded to Refuse.

4/07/2758/0 – Conversion of Barn to Form One Dwelling, Including Installation of New Septic Tank, New Oil Storage Tank and Parking Area. Barn, Bottom Arnaby Farm, The Green, Millom, Cumbria - Approve.

The Panel considered the report of the Development Services Manager on the remainder of the applications for planning permission.

**RESOLVED** – that applications for planning permission be determined as shown on the schedule hereto subject to the detailed conditions of approval and reasons for refusal set out in the schedule of the Development Services Manager dated 6 February 2008 and subject to

4/07/2753/0 – Change of Use of Barn and Extension to Provide One 3 Bedroomed Dwelling at Coney Garth Barn, Mill Lane, Beckermot, Cumbria – Approve subject to the addition of a further condition: -

8."Before development is commenced an expert approved by Natural England shall survey the barn for the presence of barn owls and/or bats. The findings of the survey shall be confirmed in writing to the Local Planning Authority and appropriate measures undertaken to protect and relocate any species found to be in the buildings."

Reason for the condition "To ascertain the presence of protected species prior to conversion works commencing in the interests of the protection and conservation of existing wildlife on the site"

4/07/2761/0 – Four Detached Dormer Bungalows with Integral Garages. Land adjacent to Cross House Farm, Millom, Cumbria – Minded to Refuse.

**PP 44**      **Street Naming and Numbering, New Housing Development – Site adjacent to Ghyll Bank, Lowca.**

Consideration was given to the Naming and Numbering of a Housing Development – Site Adjacent to Ghyll Bank, Lowca.

**RESOLVED** – that the street name Copperas Close be adopted for the housing development and all the relevant bodies be notified.

**PP 45**      **Planning Appeal Decision.**

Members were informed of the outcome of a recent Planning Appeal in respect of an outline application for one dwelling, Scallow Farm, Lamplugh.

**RESOLVED** – that the decision to DISMISS the appeal be noted in the context of the Council's Local Plan policies and also in relation to performance monitoring.

**PP 46**      **Planning Application Ref: 4/07/2598/0. Demolition of Existing Offices/Workshops; Redevelopment of Site for A1 Retail, A3 Restaurant/Café and 35 Mixed Density Apartments. Pears House, Quayside, Whitehaven**

Members were informed of the determination of the above planning application following the Secretary of State's decision not to call-in the application for determination.

**RESOLVED** – that the Secretary of State's decision not to call-in the application for determination be noted.

**PP 47**      **Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No 431023, Parish of Whitehaven.**

Members were informed of the proposed diversion of Public Footpath No. 431023 in the Parish of Whitehaven.

**RESOLVED** – that no objections to the proposal be made.

**PP 48**      **Non-Operation of Turbine No 6, Lowca Windfarm, Parkhouse Farm, Lowca.**

(Note: a) Councillor Mrs J Hully declared a personal interest in this item due to having climbed the Wind Turbine during her Mayoral year)

b) Councillor M Docherty left the meeting during consideration of this item)

Consideration was given to a report proposing a way forward to a concern raised at the meeting of the Panel held on 9 January 2008 (PP41 refers). The concern identified a breach in a planning condition applied to application 4/98/0486/F01- Erection of 7 Wind Turbine at Lowca Windfarm, Parkhouse Farm, Lowca which stated that

“if any turbine ceases to be operational for a continuous period of 6 month it shall be dismantled and removed from the site and that part of the site restored in accordance with a scheme which shall have the prior written approval of the Local Planning Authority”.

It was noted that although one turbine had been inactive for in excess of the six month period progress had been made and it was anticipated that the turbine would be operational by the end of February 2008

**RESOLVED** – That

(a) no enforcement action be taken in light of E-on UK’s proposed course of action,

(b) a letter be sent to E-on UK expressing the views of the Planning Panel that future compliance to planning conditions must be adhered to; and

(c) a further update be brought to the next meeting of this Panel.

**PP 49      Validation of Planning Applications: Local List Adoption.**

Consideration was given to a recommendation to enter into consultation on a proposed “Local List” of requirements for the validation of planning applications prior to formal adoption.

**RESOLVED** – that consultation be commenced on the proposed “Local List” of requirements for validating planning applications.

The Meeting Closed at 4:10pm

Chairman