

## PLANNING PANEL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 JANUARY 2012 AT 5:00PM IN THE BAINBRIDGE ROOM, THE COPELAND CENTRE.

**Present:** Councillors Geoff Blackwell (Chairman); Jackie Bowman; Geoff Garrity; Keith Hitchen; Joan Hully; Alan Jacob and Michael McVeigh.

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors Margarita Docherty; Stephen Haraldsen and John Jackson.

**Officers:** Tony Pomfret, Development Control Manager; Heather Morrison, Senior Development Control Officer; Rachel Carrol, Development Control Officer, Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer and David Wright, Planning Enforcement Officer (Item 9 only).

**PP64/11**

#### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**PP65/11**

#### **Declarations of Interest**

None.

**PP66/11**

#### **Planning Applications**

Due to a member of the public being present the following application was dealt with at this point of the meeting.

**4/11/2563/OF1** – Demolition of Existing Showroom and Offices, Re-Modelling of remainder to form Showroom at Central Motor Company, Lillyhall, Distington, Cumbria.

**RESOLVED** – That the application be Approved.

The remaining Planning Applications were dealt with at this point of the meeting.

**RESOLVED** – That applications for planning permission be determined as shown on the schedule hereto, subject to conditions of approval and reasons for refusal as set out in the report of the Development Control Manager dated 4 January 2012.

**PP67/11**

**Development Management Customer Satisfaction Survey**

Members were informed of the findings of a customer satisfaction survey of users of the Development Control service for the period 1 July – 31 December 2011 (Quarters 2 & 3).

During the discussion that followed, Members welcomed the report and were pleased to learn that users of the Planning Service were satisfied with the service being provided and that it was continually improving. However, it was also noted that improvements in IT systems were suggested by respondents and it was requested that this request be forwarded to the Resource Planning Working Group and via the Chairman's update to Full Council.

**RESOLVED** – That

- a) the report be noted, and
- b) a request for improvements to the IT systems be forwarded to the Resource Planning Working Group and via the Chairman's update to Full Council.

**PP68/11**

**The Localism Act 2011**

Members were provided with a summary of the main planning changes arising from the Localism Act, which received Royal Assent on 15 November 2011.

It was stated that more detailed reports would be presented to Members as resultant legislative changes came into force.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

**PP69/11**

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

It was proposed by Councillor Joan Hully, seconded and duly

**RESOLVED** - That pursuant to Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**PP70/11**      **Proposed Tree Preservation Order (TPO)**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval to revoke the existing and designate a replacement Tree Preservation Order (TPO) at Beck Brow, Haile, Egremont, Cumbria.

**RESOLVED** – That the revocation of Tree Preservation Order No.60 Beck Brow Farm, Haile dated 9 October 1966 and the designation of a Tree Preservation Order on seven trees (T1-T7) at Beck Brow, Haile, Cumbria be agreed.

**In Public**

**PP71/11**      **Planning Enforcement Update**

Members received a report on current planning enforcement issues and a presentation from the Planning Enforcement Officer, including photographs of specific examples.

During discussion of this item, Members expressed their appreciation of the work being undertaken by the Planning Enforcement Officer and expressed a request that the results of enforcement action be publicised in the local press and Council's own literature.

**RESOLVED** – that

- a) the report be noted,
- b) the results of enforcement action be publicised, and
- c) the Planning Enforcement Officer be thanked for his continued good work.

**PP72/11**      **Planning Panel Meeting Times**

Members stated that since May 2011, the meeting times for this Panel had alternated between 2:00pm and 5:00pm. It was clear that the 5:00pm start time had not been popular with the Public or Members and it was requested that when the Meeting Calendar for the next Municipal Year is prepared, the earlier start time be used.

**PP73/11      Planning Panel Site Visits**

Members were reminded that Site Visits at Links Crescent, Seascale and Steel Brow Road, Arlecdon, Frizington had been arranged for Wednesday 11 January 2012. Members to depart the Copeland Centre at 10:00am.

The meeting closed at 6:10 pm

Chairman .....

Date .....

**LIST OF DECISIONS MADE AT**

**PLANNING PANEL ON 4.1.12**

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| <b>Application Number</b> | 4/11/2531/0F1                                     |
| <b>Applicant</b>          | Millom Recreation Centre                          |
| <b>Location</b>           | MILLOM RECREATION CENTRE, LANCASHIRE ROAD, MILLOM |
| <b>Proposal</b>           | SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION                           |
| <b>Decision</b>           | Approve (commence within 3 years)                 |
| <b>Decision Date</b>      | 5 January 2012                                    |

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| <b>Application Number</b> | 4/11/2534/0F1                     |
| <b>Applicant</b>          | Kinetica Energy Ltd               |
| <b>Location</b>           | LAND AT WHANGS FARM, EGREMONT     |
| <b>Proposal</b>           | ERECTION OF 2 SMALL WIND TURBINES |
| <b>Decision</b>           | Approve (commence within 3 years) |
| <b>Decision Date</b>      | 5 January 2012                    |

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| <b>Application Number</b> | 4/11/2558/0G1   |
| <b>Applicant</b>          | Mrs J Cummings  |
| <b>Location</b>           | HAZEL LODGE, UNDERHILL, THE HILL, MILLOM  |
| <b>Proposal</b>           | REMOVAL OF CONDITION FOLLOWING GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION.(RESTRICTING OCCUPANCY) |
| <b>Decision</b>           | Approve removal of condition  |
| <b>Decision Date</b>      | 5 January 2012  |

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| <b>Application Number</b> | 4/11/2561/0F1  |
| <b>Applicant</b>          | Mr M and Mrs G Hewitson  |
| <b>Location</b>           | 8 THE CRESCENT, THORNHILL, EGREMONT                                |
| <b>Proposal</b>           | CONVERSION/CHANGE OF USE OF GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL TO RESIDENTIAL |
| <b>Decision</b>           | Approve (commence within 3 years)                                  |
| <b>Decision Date</b>      | 5 January 2012   |

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| <b>Application Number</b> | 4/11/2563/0F1   |
| <b>Applicant</b>          | Mr I Ellis, Central Motor Company   |
| <b>Location</b>           | CENTRAL MOTOR COMPANY, LILLYHALL, DISTINGTON  |
| <b>Proposal</b>           | DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SHOWROOM & OFFICES, RE-MODELLING OF REMAINDER TO FORM SHOWROOM |
| <b>Decision</b>           | Approve (commence within 3 years)   |
| <b>Decision Date</b>      | 5 January 2012  |