

PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 2:00PM IN THE BAINBRIDGE ROOM, THE COPELAND CENTRE.

Present: Councillors Geoff Blackwell (Chair); Margarita Docherty; Joan Hully; John Jackson; Alan Jacob; Michael McVeigh and William Southward.

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Jackie Bowman; Stephen Haraldsen; Ian Hill and John Park.

Officers: John Groves, Strategic Nuclear and Planning Manager; Heather Morrison, Senior Development Control Officer and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also Present: Councillor Geoff Garrity

PP23/14

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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Declarations of Interest

Councillor William Southward declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application 4/12/2251/OF1. Application for Five Turbines with maximum height of 120.5m, New Access Track, Temporary Construction Compound, Hardstandings, Control Buildings & Substation, Cabling, Met Mast, Settlement Ponds and Associated Works at Land to West and South of HMP Haverigg, off North Lane, Haverigg, Millom. due to being approached by a Member of the public wanting to discuss this application.

Councillors Joan Hully and William Southward declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application 4/14/2327/001. Outline application for the erection of 6 No. detached Dwellings at Land at Cleator Gate, Cleator, Due to being Cleator Moor Town Councillors and also knowing an interested party, Mr R Mulholland.

PP25/14

Planning Applications

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

4/12/2251/0F1 – application for Five Turbines with maximum height of 120.5m, New Access Track, Temporary Construction Compound, Hardstandings, Control Buildings & Substation, Cabling, Met Mast, Settlement Ponds and Associated Works at Land to West and South of HMP Haverigg, off North Lane, Haverigg, Millom.

This application was considered at the 16 July 2014 meeting when the Panel was ‘minded to refuse’ and brought back for final determination in accordance with paragraph 9.2 of the Council’s Planning Code of Conduct.

Members were advised on the legal and financial implications of their decision.

During discussion of this item Mr P Unsworth, Mr D Amos, Mr R Ellershaw, Mr T Holmes and Mr J Hawdon spoke in objection to the application.

This was followed by Councillors Douglas Wilson and Felicity Wilson who spoke in support of the application.

Mr Ainger, representing the Applicant, then exercised his right to respond.

RESOLVED – That the application be Refused contrary to the Planning Officer’s recommendation on the grounds that the proposal would result in significant local and visual impact which would be detrimental to the character and visual amenity of the area. These adverse impacts would not be outweighed by the benefits that would result from the proposal.

4/14/2327/001 – Outline application for the erection of 6 No. detached Dwellings at Land at Cleator Gate, Cleator.

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 Strategic Nuclear and Planning Manager dated 10 September 2014.

PP26/14 Planning Panel Site Visit

There was one Site Visit resulting from the meeting, being at The Energy Coast Business Park, Haile, Egremont.

RESOLVED – that the Site Visit be arranged, together with the Quality Review, for Thursday 25 September 2014, departing the Copeland Centre at 10:00am.

The meeting closed at 3:50pm

Chairman

Date