

PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2007

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Brenan and D Wilson

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.

PP30 Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 14 November 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PP31 Order of Agenda Items

The Chairman agreed to consider an additional item – Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No. 415012, Parish of Millom on grounds of urgency due to the need for a decision to be made before the Panel's next meeting.

PP32 Planning Applications

(Note: Councillor H Wormstrup declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in application 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, Cumbria due to having had discussion with the developer, and left the room during its consideration; Councillors Mrs J Hully and W Southward declared a Personal Interest in this item due to knowing the objector.

Councillor M McVeigh declared a personal interest in application 4/07/2657/0 – New dwelling. Plot 2 Blythe Place Gardens, Seamill Lane, St Bees, Cumbria due to knowing the applicant and vacated the Chair during its consideration and took no part in the debate. Councillor W Southward took the chair.

Councillor H Wormstrup declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in application 4/07/2661/0 – Conservation area consent for demolition. Pears House, Quayside, Whitehaven, Cumbria, due to having had discussions with the developer, and left the room during its consideration)

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

The Panel also heard representations from an Objector and Applicant's Agent in respect of the following application:

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, Cumbria.

Government Office North West (GONW) served an Article 14 Direction on the Council preventing favourable determination of the application. Members therefore resolved to be "Minded to Approve" which GONW will take into consideration in deciding whether or not to call in the application for determination by the Secretary of State.

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 12 December 2007.

PP 33 Non Confirmation of a Proposed Tree Preservation Order at Rose Gardens, Gilgarran.

Consideration was given to a report recommending the non confirmation of a tree preservation Order No. 1:2007.

RESOLVED – that Tree Preservation Order No.1:2007 at Rose Gardens, Gilgarran not be confirmed.

PP 34 Planning Appeal Decision.

Members were informed of the outcome of a recent Public Inquiry in respect of 3 appeals for the extension of opening times for hot food take away businesses in Duke Street, Whitehaven

RESOLVED – that the decision to dismiss all three appeals be noted in the context of future similar applications and also in relation to performance monitoring.

PP 35

Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No. 415012, Parish of Millom.

(Note this item was considered on grounds of urgency due to the timescale for a response from the Panel)

Members were informed of the proposed diversion of Public Footpath No. 415012 in the Parish of Millom.

RESOLVED – that no objections to the proposal be made.

The Meeting Closed at 3:35pm

Chairman