

MINUTE
of
PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minute of special Meeting held at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock, on 13 December 2013.

Present:

Councillor Kenny Hay (Chair)
Councillor Barbara Grant

Councillor Stewart Miller
Councillor Paul O'Kane

Councillor Hay in the Chair

Attending:

Gillian McCarney, Planning and Building Standards Manager; Ian Walker, Principal Planner; and Paul O'Neil, Committee Services Officer.

Apologies:

Provost Alastair Carmichael and Councillor Gordon McCaskill.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

880. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

881. The committee considered a report by the Director of Environment, on an application for planning permission requiring consideration which had been continued from the meeting on 27 November 2013.

It was agreed that the application be determined as indicated at Appendix 1 accompanying this Minute, particular reference being made to the following:-

- (i) 2013/0373/TP – Erection of 24.8 metre high (to hub height) wind turbine and formation of access track at South Moorhouse Farm, Muirhead Road, Newton Mearns, by BM Contracts

Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of 27 November 2013 (Page 785, Item 824 (iii) refers), when it was agreed that consideration of the application be continued to allow a site visit to take place, the committee resumed consideration of the application.

The site visit had taken place on 6 December 2013.

Councillor Miller referred to the terms of a further representation that one of the objectors had circulated to Members of the committee which raised concerns about the potential damage to Langlee Road (i.e. the access road to the application site) as a result of the wind turbine being delivered to the site by an articulated lorry.

In reply, the Principal Planner advised that the Roads and Transportation service had been consulted about the proposed development and had not offered any objections to the application.

Councillor Grant sought clarification about the differences between the application previously refused and the current proposal.

In reply, the Principal Planner explained that the application previously refused was for the erection of 19 No 126 metre high wind turbines whereas the current application had been submitted by a different applicant, and was for the erection of one 24.8 metre high wind turbine. The applications differed completely both in their nature and scale. He also emphasised in reply to further question that should the committee decide to grant the application, it would not be setting a precedent as each application was considered on its own merits.

Councillor Hay stated that having visited the site earlier in the day with Councillor O'Kane accompanied by planning officers, he did not share the concerns that had been raised given that the access road was used by farm machinery on a daily basis.

In reply to a question by Councillor O'Kane, the Principal Planner explained that the cumulative impact of wind turbines in the area would be taken into consideration in the assessment of applications that might be submitted in the future for similar developments in the future.

The committee agreed that the application be approved, subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

CHAIR

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Index of applications under the above acts considered by a Special Meeting of the Planning Applications Committee on 13.12.13

Applications continued from Planning Applications Committee dated 27.11.2013

Reference No: 2013/0373/TP

Ward: 5

Applicant:

BM Contracts
South Moorhouse Farm
Muirshield Road
Newton Mearns
East Renfrewshire
G77 6SD

Agent:

Scaled Energy Limited
11 Stafford Street
Edinburgh
EH3 7BR

Site: South Moorhouse Farm Muirshield Road Newton Mearns East Renfrewshire G77 6SD

Description: Erection of 24.8 metre high (to hub height) wind turbine and formation of access track

Decision: Approved Subject to conditions
